

ARE YOUR NUMBER PLATES LEGAL?

FOR NUMBER PLATES SUPPLIED BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1ST 2021 (VALID EVEN AFTER BS AU 145E STANDARD COMES INTO EFFECT - UNTIL PLATES REQUIRE REPLACEMENT DUE TO DETERIORATION)



1. Charles Wright Typeface

2. Black text or Shades of Grey

3. Correct Spacing

4. Format Type

5. Correct Size of Plate

Permitted Flags:



Permitted Letters:

GREAT BRITAIN, GB
UNITED KINGDOM, UK
ENGLAND, ENG
SCOTLAND, SCO
CYMRU, CYM
WALES



ARE MY PLATES ROAD LEGAL?

- 1. Charles Wright Typeface** (79x50mm)
- 2. Black text or Shades of Grey** (3D Look, Carbon Fibre effect, Hi-line font)
- 3. Correct Spacing** (11mm & 33mm)
- 4. Format Type**
Permanently fixed & not removable (Nothing in the standards referenced below contradicts use of raised characters)
- 5. Correct size of plate** (11mm from text to edge minimum)
- 6. Correct Material** (Tested to BS AU 145d & BS AU 145e standards)
- 7. Supplier Details** (Printed)
- 8. 3D & 4D Characters** (Characters are fixed & not removable as per BS AU 145e 5.2.1)
- 9. British Standard Markings** (Material Supplier & BS AU 145d Displayed)

6. Correct Materials

- The number plate materials must:
- Conform to BS AU 145d testing for the reflective & acrylic
 - White front plate
 - Yellow rear plate
 - No background pattern

7. Supplier Details

The name of the supplying outlet & postcode as registered with the DVLA's Register of Number Plate Suppliers

Supplier Name & postcode 178 x 13 mm (Max)

Isolation area between registration and other elements 7mm (Minimum)

Gap between registration text and border 10mm (Minimum)

8. Permanent 3D & 4D Characters

- BS AU 145e 5.2.1 states "The registration characters shall not be removable"
- The characters are permanently fixed to the plate using a stronger adhesive than that used to permanently affix the reflective to the acrylic
- The effort required to remove the characters is greater than the effort needed to remove the reflective from the acrylic (>30N/cm)

9. Legal Markings

The material supplier's name & BS AU 145d is displayed

REFERENCES:

- (BS) BS AU 145d & BS AU 145e
- Display of Registration Marks for Motor Vehicles V796
- VOSA MOT Special notice 3-2010, section 6.3
- GOV.UK Website

- The Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 Section 59(f)
- The Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 Section 27 - Number Plates

- INF 104 Vehicle Registration Numbers & Number Plates Services

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