

THE FACTS ABOUT UK NUMBER PLATES & THE LAW



THE UK HAS SOME OF THE BUSIEST ROADS AND MOST VARIABLE WEATHER IN EUROPE. AS A RESULT, WE ALREADY HAVE SOME OF THE STRICTEST RULES ON NUMBER PLATE CONSTRUCTION.

THE NEW BRITISH STANDARD RULES GO EVEN FURTHER TO ENSURE PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY THROUGH ANPR CAMERA READINGS AND HARDER, MORE RESILIENT PLATES.

FROM FONTS, TO SUPPLIER AND MANUFACTURER MARKS PLUS REGISTRATIONS WITH SPECIFIC SPACING, THERE ARE STRICT RULES ABOUT HOW A NUMBER PLATE MUST BE DESIGNED.

THE MANDATORY PLATE DESIGN ELEMENTS ARE:

- REGISTRATION MARK (AS ISSUED BY DVLA)
- SUPPLIER'S NAME AND POSTCODE (MATCHING THE RNPS)
- BRITISH STANDARD MARK POSITIONED IN THE BOTTOM RIGHT OF THE PLATE
- RETROREFLECTIVE (YELLOW FOR REAR, WHITE FOR FRONT)

BY LAW, THE PLATES MUST HAVE PASSED THE TESTS FOR BS AU 145E AND THIS STANDARD SHOWN IN THE BOTTOM RIGHT CORNER OF THE PLATE

MOTORISTS CAN BE FINED UP TO £1,000 FOR ILLEGAL NUMBER PLATES