

Statutory plates and VIN

Legislation

EC directive: 76/114/EEC &
Regulation(EU) 19/2011 as amended by Regulation(EU) 249/2012

Objective

That vehicles and trailers are fitted with a statutory plate and VIN to identify the vehicle and provide information as to its maximum laden mass

Requirement

Statutory plate

Each vehicle or trailer shall be fitted with the manufacturer's statutory plate as described below.

The manufacturer's statutory plate shall consist either of:

- (a) a rectangular sheet of metal;
- (b) a rectangular self-adhesive label.

Metallic plates shall be fastened with rivets.

Labels shall be tamper evident, fraud resistant and self destructive in case there is an attempt to remove the label

The following information shall be printed indelibly on the manufacturer's statutory plate in the order listed:

- (a) the manufacturer's company name;
- (b) the type-approval number;
- (c) the vehicle identification number;
- (d) the technically permissible maximum laden mass;
- (e) the technically permissible maximum mass on each axle listed in order from front to rear

The height of the characters shall not be less than 4 mm

VIN

A VIN (17 characters long) shall be marked on each vehicle or trailer

The height of the characters of the VIN stamped on the chassis shall be no less than 7 mm

There shall be no space between the characters.

The use of the letters 'I', 'O' or 'Q' shall not be permitted

The VIN shall consist of three sections:

- (a) the world manufacturer identifier (WMI);
- (b) the vehicle descriptor section (VDS);
- (c) the vehicle indicator section (VIS).