

UK Numberplate Legislation & Format



Coachline

An optional 6mm border may be printed in any colour providing it is permanent and passed BS AU 145d. The border must not touch the registration mark or the EU Country Identifier (if featured on the plate).

EU Country Identifier (Optional)

A number of national flags are an optional addition to the plate. The only legal Euro plate option is shown in the example here featuring the 12 stars of the Euro flag and the letters 'GB'.

Acrylic

Bestplate Acrylic exceeds British Standard BS AU145d, which determine the thickness of each number plate as being 3.2mm +/- 0.5mm, as well as setting strict guidelines on the flexibility and impact resistance of materials used.

Area Code

The first of these two letters is a mnemonic standing for the name of the broad area where the local registration office is located.

Age Identifier

A two-digit age identifier, which changes twice a year, in March and September.

3 Random Letters

Three-letters are sequentially issued to uniquely distinguish from each vehicle displaying the same area codes and age identifiers.

Reflective

The reflective material used in number plate manufacture must meet the requirements of BS AU 145d. In addition, Bestplate Reflective lends itself to excellent ink absorption so the registration mark and personalisation details appear ultra-sharp and achieve high contrast against the plate's yellow or white background colour.

Personalisations

Personalisations must include the name of the supplying outlet and its postcode. In the case of dealer groups or other multi-site businesses, a single postcode cannot be used. The personalisation cannot exceed an area of 178mm x 13mm sited centrally at the base of the number plate.

Digits

A space of 33mm is to be set between the digits within the area code/age identifier grouping and the grouping of random letters. Digits must be reproduced in a legal font style and measure 79mm high x 50mm wide

British Standard

The relevant British Standard number and name of the number plate manufacturer/component supplier is contained within a 57mm x 13mm area.

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