

EXAMPLE OF AN ILLEGAL LEGAL PLATE

There are many formats or styles of plate that are illegal, here is an example of some of the most common

Illegal plates can result in a £1,000 fine for the owner



IDENTIFIER

Only the authorised flags and identifiers are legal - they cannot be replaced by alternative images

BORDER

The border can only be up to 6mm wide and cannot touch the identifier

TRADE NAME

Only the name, address and postcode of the supplier is allowed on the plate, and in a space no larger than 178mm x 13mm

REFLECTIVE/SUBSTRATE

Poor quality substrate can result in bleaching. The reflective materials used must meet all the retro-reflective markings and optical requirements of BSAU 145d.

BRITISH STANDARD

A missing British Standard manufacturers' mark on the bottom right side of the plate indicates that the plate doesn't meet the British Standard requirement

BACKGROUND

No patterns or decoration is permitted in the background

CHARACTER SPACING

Spacing is strictly controlled on legal plates, moving the spacing is not allowed

ALTERING LETTERING

Using fixings or other methods to suggest an alternative character is not allowed

CHARACTER FONT

Anything other than the standard authorised font in its original form is not allowed

Full details about the BSAU 145d regulation is available on the DVLA website