



Speed Limiters

Business Impact

Commercial vehicles which require speed limiters. This results in retrofitting costs for existing vehicles.

Background

The UK government has now implemented the new EU rules requiring vehicles over 3.5tonnes (gross plated weight) to be fitted with a speed limiting device. This will mean that light vans, minibuses and other light commercial vehicle’s speed will also be restricted.

It is important to note that there is a retrofitting requirement for some categories of vehicles, but it is only for the following vehicles:-

- Euro III diesel goods vehicles between 3.5 and 12 tonnes (gross plated weight) registered between 1/10/2001 and 31/12/2004.
- Euro III diesel passenger vehicles not exceeding 5 tonnes (gross plated weight) registered between 1/10/2001 and 31/12/2004.
- Euro III diesel passenger vehicles between 5 and 10 tonnes (gross plated weight) registered between 1/10/2001 and 31/12/2004.

Please note, **EURO III** diesel vehicles, as set out in Council Directive 88/77/EEC, have the required engine management systems which makes fitting a speed limiter much easier. If you are unsure which Directive your EURO III engine has been approved to we suggest you contact your supplying dealer for clarification.

To assist Members a detailed table is provided below of the requirements for all vehicles. To use this table simply check the weight of your vehicle and when the vehicle was first registered to confirm whether any changes are required. Members will note there are longer lead in times for vehicles which are only used for UK operations, however, if Members take advantage of these lead in times they will have to ensure that these vehicles do not go abroad. Where the table states existing requirement this means that these vehicles may have been previously subject to a retrofit, details can be found in Road Vehicles (Construction & Use) Regulations 1986 by inserting sections 36A, 36B and 36C. (SI 3048/1993).

GOODS Vehicle Size (Maximum Gross Weight) kilograms	First Registered	Country vehicle to be used	Diesel/LPG/Natural Gas		Petrol	
			Date Speed Limiters will be required	Stabilised speed not to exceed	Date Speed Limiters will be required	Stabilised speed not to exceed
3501 to 7500	1 Jan 2005 and after	International	01-Jan-05	90kph/56mph	01-Jan-05	90kph/56mph
		National Only	01-Jan-08	90kph/56mph	01-Jan-08	90kph/56mph

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	1 Oct 2001 to 31 Dec 2004	International	01-Jan-06	90kph/56mph	not required	
		National Only	01-Jan-07	90kph/56mph	not required	
	Before 1 Oct 2001		not required			
7501 to 12000	1 Jan 2005 and after	Any	01-Jan-05	90kph/56mph	01-Jan-05	90kph/56mph
	1 Oct 2001 to 31 Dec 2004	International	01-Jan-06	96kph/60mph	Existing requirement	96kph/60mph
		National Only	01-Jan-07	96kph/60mph	Existing requirement	96kph/60mph
	1 Aug 1992 to 30 Sept 2001	Any	Existing Requirement	96kph/60mph	Existing requirement	96kph/60mph
	Before 1 st August 2002		not required			
12001>	1 Jan 2005 and after	Any	existing req	90kph/56mph	Existing req	90kph/56mph
	1 Oct 2001 to 31 Dec 2004	Any	existing req	90kph/56mph	Existing req	90kph/56mph
	1 Jan 1988 to 30 Sept 2001	Any	existing req	96kph/60mph	Existing req	90kph/56mph
	Before 1 Jan 1988		not required			
PASSENGER VEHICLES WITH MORE THAN 8 PASSENGER SEATS (IN ADDITION TO THE DRIVER)						
Vehicle Size (Maximum Gross Weight) kilograms	First Registered	Country vehicle to be used	Diesel/LPG/Natural Gas Date Speed Limiters will be required		Petrol Date Speed Limiters will be required	
				Stabilised speed not to exceed		Stabilised speed not to exceed
Not exceeding 5000	1 Jan 2005 and after	International	01-Jan-05	100kph/60mph	01-Jan-05	100kph/60mph
		National Only	01-Jan-08	100kph/60mph	01-Jan-08	100kph/60mph
	1 Oct 2001 to 31 Dec 2004	International	01-Jan-06	100kph/60mph	not required	
		National Only	01-Jan-07	100kph/60mph	not required	
	Before 30 Sept 2001		not required			
5001 to 7500	1 Jan 2005 and after	Any	01-Jan-05	100kph/60mph	01-Jan-05	100kph/60mph
	1 Oct 2001 to 31 Dec 2004	International	01-Jan-06	100kph/60mph	not required	
		National Only	01-Jan-07	100kph/60mph	not required	
	Before 30 Sept 2001		not required			
7501 to 10000	1 Jan 2005 and after	Any	01-Jan-05	100kph/60mph	01-Jan-05	100kph/60mph
	1 Oct 2001 to 31 Dec 2004	International	01-Jan-06	100kph/60mph	existing req	set speed of 100kph/60mph
		National Only	01-Jan-07	100kph/60mph	existing req	set speed of 100kph/60mph

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	1 Jan 1988 to 30 September 2001	Any	existing req	set speed of 100kph/60mph	existing req	set speed of 100kph/60mph
10001>	1 Jan 2005 and after	Any	01-Jan-05	100kph/60mph	01-Jan-05	100kph/60mph
	1 Jan 1988 to 31 Dec 2004	Any	existing req	speed set at 100kph/60mph	existing req	speed set at 100kph/60mph

Key

	These vehicles which are EURO III vehicles will need to comply with the diesel settings
	These vehicles will have to have their speed limiters altered
	Speed limiters for these vehicles will not need to be altered

For passenger vehicles with more than sixteen passenger seats registered between 1 April 1974 and 31 December 1987 the requirements have stayed the same and the speed limiter should be set at 112kph/70mph. Passenger vehicle registered after 31 December 1987 should have the speed limiter set at 100kph/60mph.

Vehicles with Speed Limiters on Motorways

Department for Transport have made changes to regulations which will prohibit goods vehicles, over 3.5 tonnes but not exceeding 7.5 tonnes, and all passenger vehicles over 8 seats plus the driver (not exceeding 7.5 tonnes) from using the right hand or off side lane of 3 or more lane motorways as and when they become liable to be fitted with a speed limiter. Members may wish to consider advising their customer of this when they rent these vehicles.

For further information contact the Legal Services Team on: 01494 434747
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