

Vehicle Certification Unit

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WoF*news*

Warning

The WoF online system needs to be kept up-to-date to accommodate new functions and operating systems that will support it and support the systems in use by inspecting organisations. This is becoming ever harder to achieve as there are now many older operating systems in use.

We urge those of you with older systems to update to Windows 2000 or later. From 1 January 2005, a new site or change of ownership cannot be approved on an earlier version.

Tractor towing connections

If you inspect tractors for WoF, please refer to VIRM: Tractors, page 13, section 12, reason for rejection 3, which requires that tractor towbars must display the maximum towed mass and maximum vertical load on or near the tow coupling from 1 July 2004.

This date has been postponed to 1 March 2005. You should continue to advise the operator of this requirement, but don't fail a tractor for not having the display until then.

Time warp

By now you will all know that there is a small error in the latest VIRM update, March 2004. Tables 7-5-2 and 7-5-3 on page 7-5-2, General Vehicles section, mention the years 1902 and 1903. Of course, these should be 2002 and 2003. We apologise for any confusion this may have caused. A letter has been sent to all WoF issuers advising of this error.

Correct mailing addresses

Speaking of letters, we have had a number of these returned to us. Please advise us as soon as possible when any of your details change. This ensures that we can get all the important information to you, including VIRM updates.

Some forms for address changes are available from our website:
<http://www.ltsa.govt.nz/certifiers/certifiers-forms.html>

Checksheet copies

If a member of the public asks for a copy of a checksheet, you are not obliged to supply it if you do not want to. We recommend that you remove information about the owner.

Faults found

In the period from September 2003 to February 2004, the following WoF fails were recorded:

Component	Faults found
Lights	421,670
Tyres	280,807
Steering/suspension	251,544
Brakes	197,349
Other	164,637
Glazing/wipers	135,389
Exhaust	103,923
Structure/rust	80,708
Seatbelts	64,945
Speedometer	3,535
Mirror	3,243

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Contraview overlays (perforated plastic overlays)

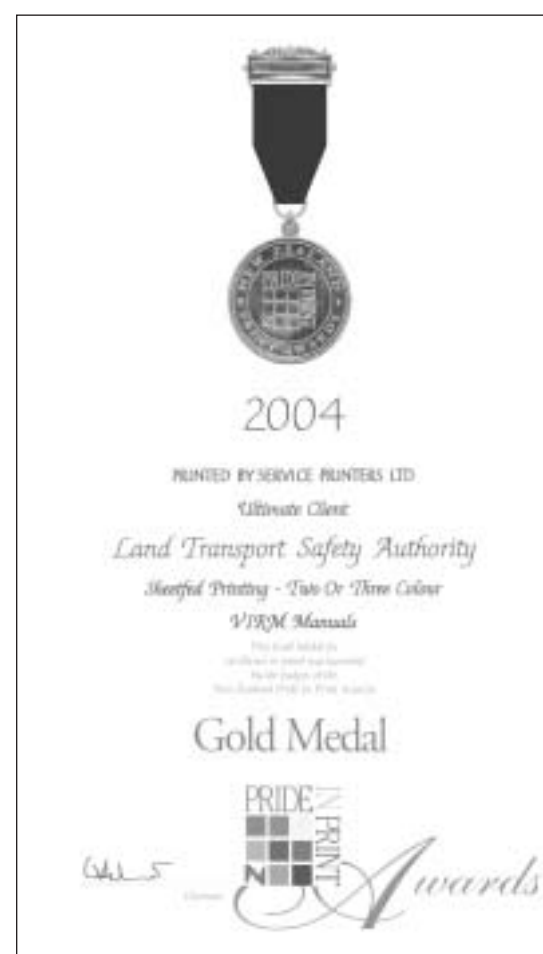
We have had some queries about whether this type of overlay may be applied to vehicles. Firstly, note that contraview overlays are not considered transparent. There is no need to check for VLT as VLT requirements only apply to transparent overlays. Contraview may not be applied to areas where only transparent overlays may be fitted, eg front side windows and rear windows on MA class vehicles. However, it may be applied to areas where stickers are allowed, ie around edges of glazing and anywhere to the rear of the driver on vehicles other than class MA. We'll clarify this issue in the next VIRM amendment.

PRS technical part

With the VIRM amendments, some PRS technical examples are no longer up-to-date. If there is a conflict between the PRS examples and the VIRM, apply the VIRM requirements. The PRS manual will be updated eventually, priorities permitting.

By the way...

Next time you refer to your VIRM, you will be considerably cheered to know that this document has won a gold medal from Pride in Print for its presentation and ease of use. Nothing but the best for you jokers!



WoF online help

XTRA – phone 0800 000 533
(for problems with accessing WoF online)

TRC – phone 0800 804 580/fax 06 354 6931
(for problems after you have accessed WoF online)

UNISYS – phone 0800 243 687
(for problems with user access codes and passwords)

TRC – phone 0800 108 809
(for phone inquiries from members of the public)

VCU – phone 0800 587 287
(for technical assistance and reporting staff movements)

feedback...?

We welcome your feedback. Please send any comments to:
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