

WoF news

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Check your stock of WoF labels

It has been decided to close off Wickliffe orders for WoF labels from 20 December 2005 until 4 January 2006. Please ensure you place your orders early to cover your needs over this period, since the high demand for orders before Christmas may add a few days to filling your order.

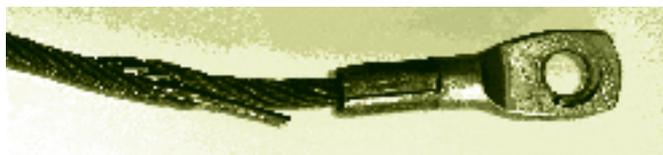
Revised *Get your lights right!* brochure

By now you will have received the revised edition of this brochure (with a red car on the front), but it appears that this version of the brochure continues to cause confusion amongst some of you. This document is aimed solely at operators and lighting retailers, not at WoF agents. When you read the document, be aware that anything in it will not affect your WoF inspections. Lighting equipment on a vehicle must be inspected to the In-service VIRM only and you should be taking the changed rules for dip angles into account.

In the meantime, feel free to hand out copies of the brochure to your customers as it contains useful information on the legalities of fitting and using lighting equipment.

Wire-cable type seatbelt stalks

There have been occasions when vehicle inspectors have failed to detect damaged wire-cable seatbelt stalks. The photo below shows a wire-cable stalk without its plastic sheath to illustrate the damage.



When in good condition, this seatbelt stalk is fairly rigid, but when the wire is damaged, the stalk bends easily. While vehicle inspectors are usually diligent when inspecting seatbelt webbing and locking, the same care needs to be taken when checking the condition of seatbelt stalks.

Mirrored glazing

In VIRM amendment 3 dated July 2005 we have clarified the requirements relating to mirrored effects on glazing. Some vehicles were manufactured with a slight mirrored effect in the glazing, eg on Isuzu Bighorns. In such cases, the vehicle may pass its WoF provided the glazing is OE and has the appropriate standard markings. However, a mirrored overlay is generally not permitted and must fail the inspection (refer to VIRM page 5-1-5 reason for rejection 15).

Missing VINs

Where a VIN cannot be found or read, many inspectors enter the VIN as a meaningless number, such as '12345', before failing the vehicle. It would be easier and more helpful to us if, in future, you enter the words 'not found' into this field and refer the vehicle to a VIN issuing agent as per note 1 of the Vehicle Identification section in the VIRM.

By the way

The current version of the In-service VIRM is Version 2 Amendment 4.

The VCU wishes you all a great Christmas and thanks you for your efforts throughout 2005.

As a small Christmas present to you all we have renegotiated a printing rate for WoF labels. As from 4 January 2006 the price to the agents for a book of 30 WoF labels will reduce from \$28.29 plus GST (current price) to \$26.60 plus GST (new price). This price reduction has resulted from recent contract negotiations between Land Transport NZ and Wickliffe. You should bear this in mind when you order any Christmas stock.



Perforated glazing overlays

We have found that some vehicle inspectors are still not correctly applying the requirements for glazing overlays, especially on MA class vehicles. Table 5-1-7 on VIRM page 5-1-9 specifies what glazing modifications are permitted. Where transparent overlays are permitted, then only overlays that are transparent may be fitted. Transparent overlays are clear and may be tinted. Perforated overlays, such as Contraview and other similar advertising material, are NOT transparent, and you cannot see objects through them clearly. The pictures illustrate the difference between transparent and non-transparent overlays.

In these pictures the top strip is seen without any overlay.

On the right the scene is through transparent overlay with 35% VLT – this may be fitted to all glazing except the windscreen.

On the left the scene is through Contraview (non-transparent) overlay – this may be fitted anywhere where stickers are allowed. Notice that the visibility through the Contraview at an angle is even less than when viewed straight on.



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

TRC – phone 0800 804 580 / fax 06 354 6931
(for problems after you've 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)

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