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In exercise of the power conferred by section 93(1) of the Road Traffic Act, the Minister of Communications, with the approval of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan, hereby makes the following Regulations —

Citation and commencement.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Road Traffic (Identification Marks) Regulations, 2008 and shall commence on such date as the Minister may appoint, with the approval of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan, by notification in the *Gazette*.

Interpretation.

2. In these Regulations, unless the context requires otherwise —

"identification mark" means the letters and figures assigned to a vehicle upon registration;

"plate" means the identification plate of a vehicle referred to in regulation 3.

Identification plates.

- (1) Subject to regulation 5, every vehicle shall be fixed with identification plates as follows —

(a) in the case of a vehicle other than a motor cycle, one plate shall be fixed on the front elevation and the other on the rear elevation thereof. Both plates shall be fixed at right angles to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle;

(b) in the case of a motor cycle, only one plate shall be fixed at the rear at right angles to the longitudinal axis of the motor cycle.

- (2) The plates shall be flat and rectangular in shape and shall be fixed by means of at least one screw or bolt:

Provided that in the case a motor cycle, the plate fixed on the front mudguard may conform to the curvature of the mudguard of the wheel in accordance with diagrams 6 and 8 of the Schedule.

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Owner to provide plates.

4. The owner of a vehicle shall provide the plates therefor.

Plates for dealers.

5. Any plate fixed on a vehicle used under the authority of a dealer's general licence may be suspended on that vehicle.

Dimensions of plates.

6. In the case of —

(a) diagrams 1 and 3 of the Schedule, the length of the plate on a vehicle other than a motor cycle shall be at least 234 millimetres and the width shall be at least 175 millimetres;

(b) diagrams 2 and 4 of the Schedule, the length of the plate on a vehicle other than a motor cycle shall be at least 425 millimetres and the width shall be at least 95 millimetres;

(c) diagrams 5 and 7 of the Schedule, the length of the plate on a motor cycle shall be at least 165 millimetres and the width shall be at least 130 millimetres;

(d) diagrams 6 and 8 of the Schedule, the length of the plate on a motor cycle shall be at least 285 millimetres and the width shall be at least 75 millimetres.

Plates to bear identification mark of prescribed dimension etc.

7. (1) The plates shall bear the vehicle's identification mark, which letters shall be in accordance with the following Table and which dimensions and margins shall be as mentioned in regulations 9 and 10 respectively —

TABLE

B, BA, BB, BC, BE, BF, BH, BJ, BK, BL, BM, BN, BP, BQ, BR, BS, BT, BU, BV, BW, BY, BAA, BAB, BAC, BAE, BAF, BAG, BAH, BAJ, BAK, BAL, BAM, BAN, BAP, BAQ, BAR, BAS, BAT, BAU, BAV, BAW, BAX, BAY, BAZ, BBA, BBB, BBC, BBD, BBE, BBF, BBG, BBH, BBJ, BBK, BBL, BBM, BBN, BBP, BBQ, BBR, BBS, BBT, BBU, BBV, BBW, BBX, BBY, BBZ, BCA, BCB, BCC, BCD, BCE, BCF, BCG,

BCH, BCJ, BCK, BCL, BCM, BCN, BCP, BCQ, BCR, BCS, BCT, BCU, BCV, BCW,
BCX, BCY, BCZ, BDA, BDB, BDC, BDD, BDE, BDF, BDG, BDH, BDJ, BDK,
BDL, BDM, BDN, BDP, BDQ, BDR, BDS, BDT, BDU, BDV, BDW, BDX, BDY,
BDZ, BEA, BEB, BEC, BED, BEE, BEF, BEG, BEH, BEJ, BEK, BEL, BEM, BEN,
BEP, BEQ, BER, BES, BET, BEU, BEV, BEW, BEX, BEY, BEZ, BFA, BFB, BFC,
BFD, BFE, BFF, BFG, BFH, BFJ, BFK, BFL, BFM, BFN, BFP, BFQ, BFR, BFS,
BFT, BFU, BFV, BFW, BFX, BFY, BFZ, BHA, BHB, BHC, BHD, BHE, BHF, BHG,
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BJM, BJN, BJP, BJQ, BJR, BJS, BJT, BJU, BJV, BJW, BJX, BJY, BJZ, BKA, BKB,
BKC, BKD, BKE, BKF, BKG, BKH, BKJ, BKK, BKL, BKM, BKN, BKP, BKQ, BKR,
BKS, BKT, BKU, BKV, BKW, BKX, BKY, BKZ, BLA, BLB, BLC, BLD, BLE, BLF,
BLG, BLH, BLJ, BLK, BLL, BLM, BLN, BLP, BLQ, BLR, BLs, BLT, BLU, BLV,
BLW, BLX, BLY, BLZ, BMA, BMB, BMC, BMD, BME, BMF, BMG, BMH, BMJ,
BMK, BML, BMM, BMN, BMP, BMQ, BMR, BMS, BMT, BMU, BMV, BMW,
BMX, BMY, BMZ, BNA, BNB, BNC, BND, BNE, BNF, BNG, BNH, BNJ, BNK,
BNL, BNM, BNN, BNP, BNQ, BNR, BNS, BNT, BNU, BNV, BNW, BNX, BNY,
BNZ, BPA, BPB, BPC, BPD, BPE, BPF, BPG, BPH, BPJ, BPK, BPL, BPM, BPN,
BPP, BPQ, BPR, BPS, BPT, BPU, BPV, BPW, BPX, BPY, BPZ, BQA, BQB, BQC,
BQD, BQE, BQF, BQG, BQH, BQJ, BQK, BQL, BQM, BQN, BQP, BQQ, BQR,
BQS, BQT, BQU, BQV, BQW, BQX, BQY, BQZ, BRB, BRC, BRD, BRE, BRF,
BRG, BRH, BRJ, BRK, BRL, BRM, BRN, BRP, BRQ, BRR, BRS, BRT, BRU, BRV,
BRW, BRX, BRY, BRZ, BSA, BSB, BSC, BSD, BSE, BSF, BSG, BSH, BSJ, BSK, BSL,
BSM, BSN, BSP, BSQ, BSR, BSS, BST, BSU, BSV, BSW, BSX, BSY, BSZ, BTA,
BTB, BTC, BTd, BTE, BTF, BTG, BTH, BTJ, BTK, BTL, BTM, BTN, BTP, BTQ,
BTR, BTS, BTT, BTU, BTV, BTW, BTX, BTY, BTZ, BUA, BUB, BUC, BUD, BUE,
BUF, BUG, BUH, BUJ, BUK, BUL, BUM, BUN, BUP, BUQ, BUR, BUS, BUT,
BUU, BUV, BUW, BUX, BUY, BUZ, BVA, BVB, BVC, BVD, BVE, BVF, BVG,
BVH, BVJ, BVK, BVL, BVM, BVN, BVP, BVQ, BVR, BVS, BVT, BVU, BVV, BVW,
BVX, BVY, BVZ, BWA, BWB, BWC, BWD, BWE, BWF, BWG, BWH, BWJ, BWK,
BWL, BWM, BWN, BWP, BWQ, BWR, BWS, BWT, BWU, BWV, BWW, BWX,
BWY, BWZ, BXA, BXB, BXC, BXD, BXE, BXF, BXG, BXH, BXJ, BXK, BXL,
BXM, BXN, BXP, BXQ, BXR, BXS, BXT, BXU, BXV, BXW, BXX, BXY, BXZ,
BYA, BYB, BYC, BYD, BYE, BYF, BYG, BYH, BYJ, BYK, BYL, BYM, BYN, BYP,
BYQ, BYR, BYS, BYT, BYU, BYV, BYW, BYX, BYY, BYZ, BZA, BZB, BZC, BZD,
BZE, BZF, BZG, BZH, BZJ, BZK, BZL, BZN, BZP, BZQ, BZR, BZS, BZT,
BZU, BZV, BZW, BZX, BZY, BZZ;

KA, KB, KC, KD, KE, KF, KG, KH, KJ, KK, KL, KM, KN, KP, KR, KS.

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(2) Notwithstanding sub-regulation (1), the plates of any vehicle owned by the Government shall bear the letters BG, BX or BZ.

(3) This regulation does not apply to —

(a) any vehicle of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan, Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Paduka Seri Pengiran Muda Mahkota and any vehicle belonging to the Royal Princes and Princesses;

(b) any vehicle owned by any Consular Post or Foreign Diplomatic mission, in which case the plates shall bear the letters "CC" and "DC" respectively in accordance with such instructions as the Minister may give;

(c) the official vehicle of the Chief Justice, in which case the plates shall bear the words "*KETUA HAKIM*";

(d) the official vehicle of the Chief Syar'ie Judge, in which case the plates shall bear the Arabic script for the words "*KETUA HAKIM SYAR'IE*"; and

(e) any vehicle which has been exempted by His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan by order published in the *Gazzete*.

Letters and figures to be distinguishable.

8. Each plate shall be fixed in an upright position with the upper edge of the letters and figures facing upward so as to be distinguishable.

Dimensions of identification mark.

9. Every letter and figure on a plate shall be 65 millimetres high, every part of every letter and figure shall be 10 millimetres broad and the total width of the space taken by each letter and figure shall be 45 millimetres, except for the figure 1 which shall be 28 millimetres wide:

Provided that, in the case of a motor cycle, every letter and figure on a plate shall be 45 millimetres high, every part of every letter and figure shall be 5 millimetres broad and the total width of the space taken by each letter and figure shall be 30 millimetres, except for the figure 1 which shall be 17 millimetres wide.

Spaces and margins of identification mark.

10. (1) The space between adjoining letters and figures shall be 40 millimetres.
- (2) The margins between the nearest part of each letter and figure and —
 - (a) the nearest part of any other letter or figure shall be at least 8 millimetres;
 - (b) the upper and lower edge of the plate shall be at least 15 millimetres; and
 - (c) each side of the plate shall be at least 15 millimetres.
- (3) In the case of a motor cycle —
 - (a) the space between adjoining letters and figures shall be 20 millimetres;
 - (b) the margins between the nearest part of each letter and figure and —
 - (i) the nearest part of any other letter or figure shall be at least 5 millimetres;
 - (ii) the upper and lower edge of the plate shall be at least 15 millimetres; and
 - (iii) each side of the plate shall be at least 15 millimetres.

Manner of display of identification mark.

11. The identification mark shall be displayed in any manner shown in diagrams 1 to 8 of the Schedule.

Colours of plates and identification mark.

12. (1) Every plate shall be made of aluminium and the identification mark shall be embossed thereon.
- (2) The ground of a plate shall be black, and the identification mark thereon shall be white and shall conform to the diagrams in the Schedule.
- (3) The ground of a plate on a vehicle used under the authority of a dealer's general licence shall be white and the identification mark thereon shall be red.

(4) Notwithstanding sub-regulations (1) and (2), the ground of the front and rear plates on any motor omnibus, taxicab and public service vehicle shall be green and the identification mark thereon shall be white.

Identification mark on trailers.

13. When any trailer is attached to a vehicle at the rear thereof, a duplicate of the vehicle's identification mark shall be exhibited at the rear of the rear-most trailer in the same manner as the identification mark is required to be fixed upon the vehicle drawing the trailer.

Identification mark not to be obscured.

14. No letters and figures other than the vehicle's identification mark and no design advertisement or ornamentation shall be placed on or near the identification mark in such a manner as to render it to become obscured or not distinguishable.

Application for particular identification mark.

15. (1) The Director may by public notice or such other means as he may think fit invite bids, the tender amount being not less than \$100, for a particular identification mark for any class of vehicle.

(2) Every application pursuant to sub-regulation (1) shall be —

(a) made in such form and within such time as may be required by the Director;

(b) accompanied by a fee of \$25; and

(c) subject to such conditions as the Director may impose.

(3) No application shall be withdrawn after it has been received by the Director.

(4) The Director may reject any application without assigning any reason therefor.

(5) The Director shall not be obliged to allot the identification mark applied for to the applicant offering the highest tender amount and the Director's decision to allot the identification mark to any applicant shall be final.

(6) The Director shall notify every applicant of the outcome of his application.

(7) Subject to sub-regulation (8), the applicant to whom the identification mark has been allotted shall, within 6 months of the date of the notification under sub-regulation (6), use that identification mark for the purpose of registering a vehicle in his name.

(8) The Director may, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of 10 per cent of the tender amount, extend the period specified in sub-regulation (7) for a period not exceeding 3 months, except that the total period of extensions granted to that applicant shall not exceed 9 months.

(9) An application for extension of period under sub-regulation (8) shall be given within such time so as to be received by the Director at least 14 days before the expiry of the period specified in sub-regulation (7) or any extension thereof, as the case may be, unless the Director allows otherwise.

(10) Where that applicant fails to comply with the requirement of sub-regulation (7) within the period specified therein or within any extension of such period as may have been granted to him under sub-regulation (8) —

(a) he shall not be entitled to use that identification mark;

(b) the fee which has been paid by him under sub-regulation (2)(b) shall be forfeited; and

(c) the Director may assign that identification mark for the registration of any other vehicle or for further bidding.

(11) An applicant to whom the identification mark has been allotted shall not without prior approval of the Director assign or transfer it to any person.

Offences.

16. (1) Where an identification mark does not comply with these Regulations, the owner of the vehicle is guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000, and in respect of a second or subsequent offence to a fine not exceeding \$2,000 and imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months.

(2) Where an identification mark is in any way obscured, or rendered to become not distinguishable, the owner of the vehicle is guilty of an offence, unless he proves that he has taken all reasonable steps to prevent the identification mark from being obscured, or rendered to become not distinguishable, and he is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000, and in respect of a second or subsequent offence to a fine not exceeding \$2,000 and imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months.

(3) Where the identification plate is in any way damage, whether by negligence, wear and tear or natural causes, the owner or driver of the vehicle or

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motor cycle shall report such damage to a licensing officer within 5 days. Any such driver or owner who fails to report any such damage is guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$500.

Amendment of Rg 1 of Chapter 68.

17. Section II of Part II of the Road Traffic Regulations is repealed.

SCHEDULE

(regulations 3(2), 6, 11
and 12(2))

Diagram 1
(vehicle)

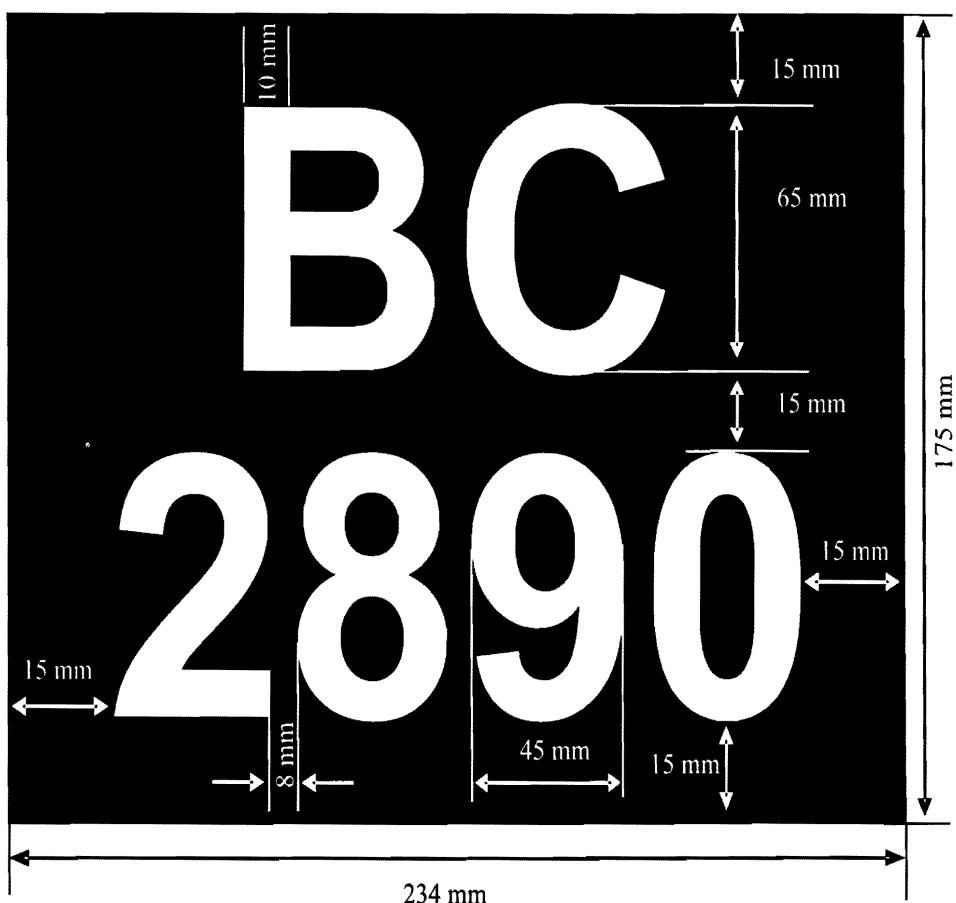


Diagram 2
(vehicle)

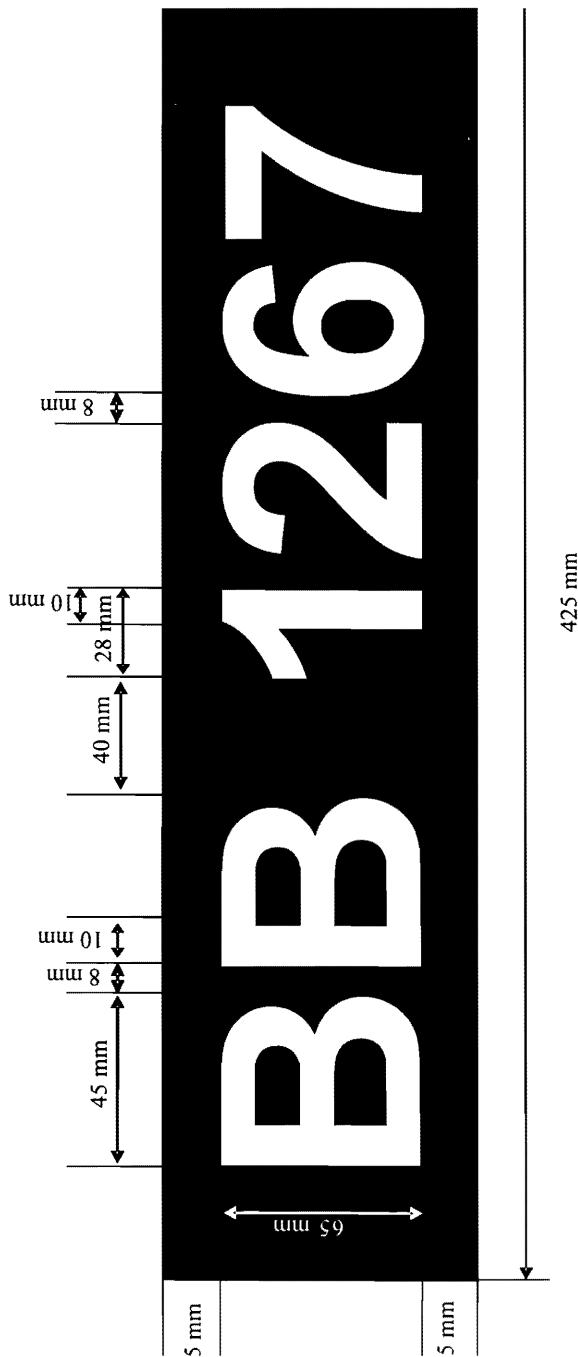


Diagram 3
(vehicle)



Diagram 4
(vehicle)

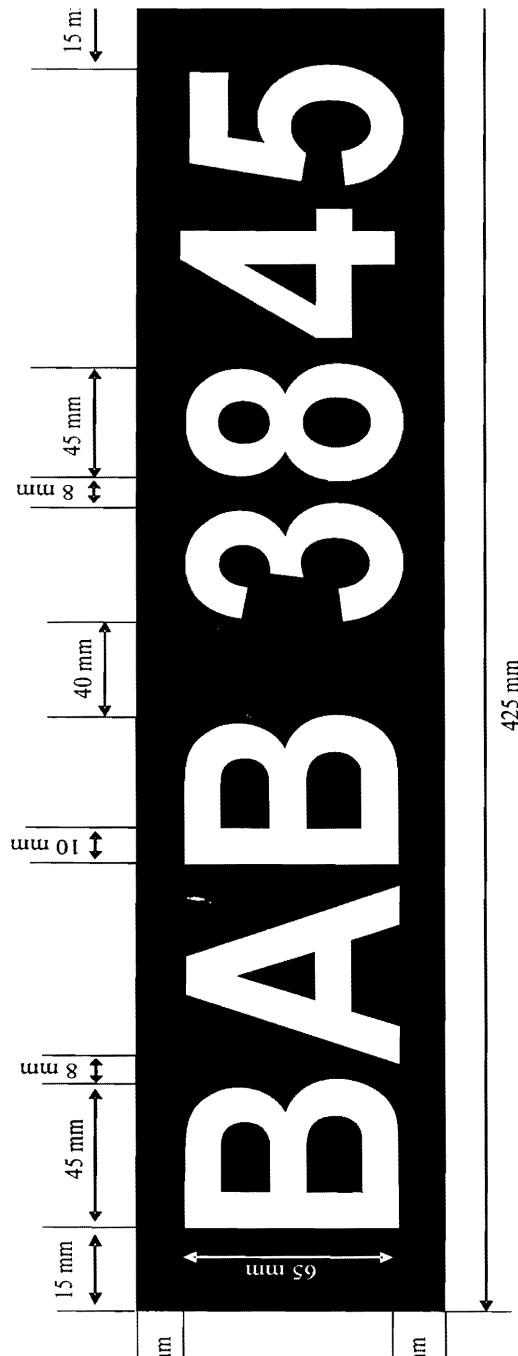


Diagram 5
(motor cycle)

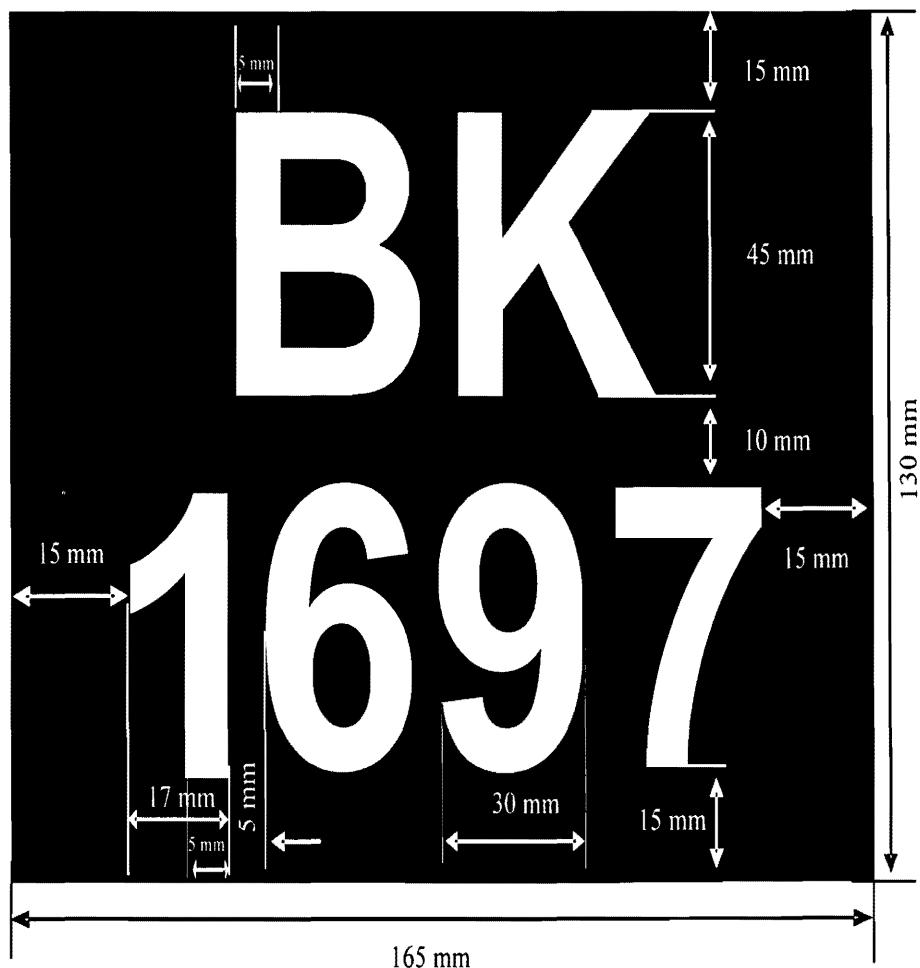


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(motor cycle)

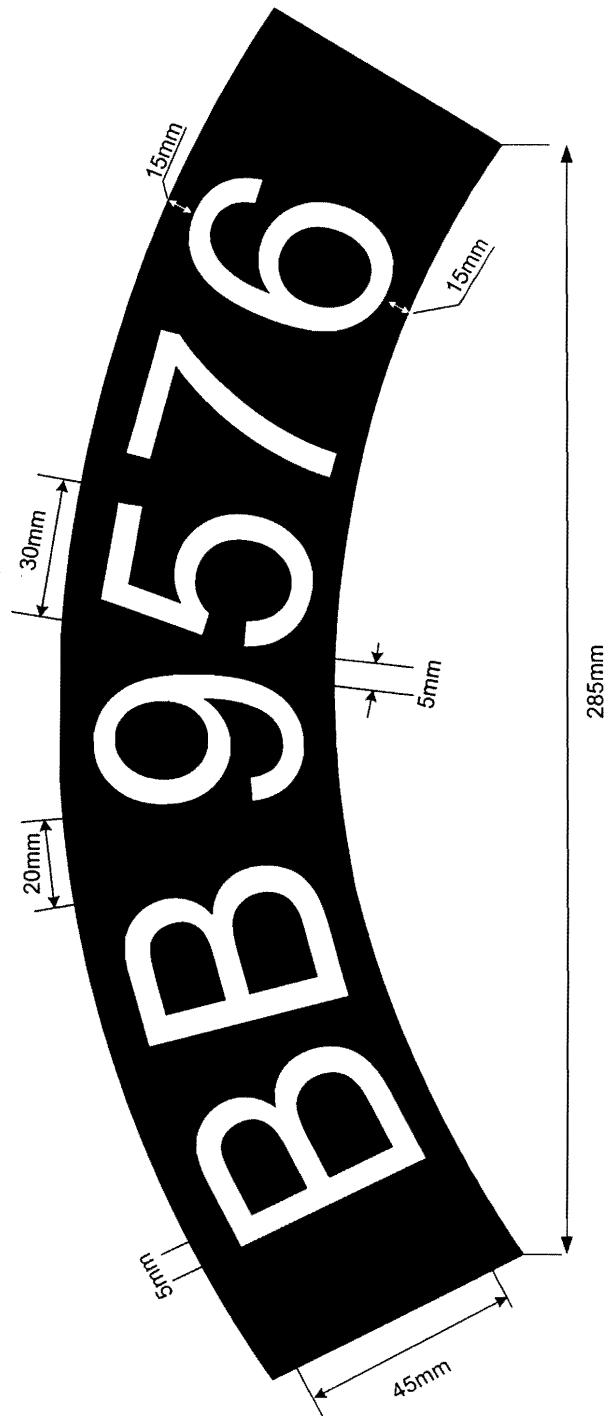
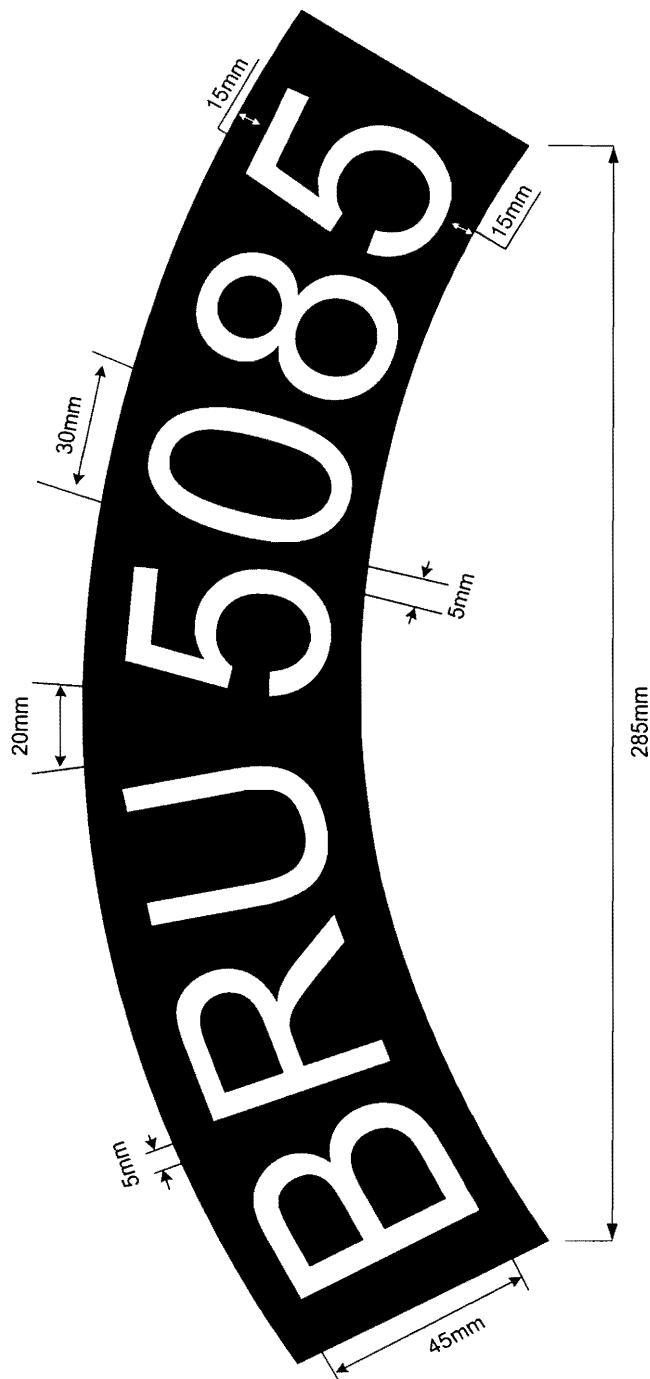


Diagram 7
(motor cycle)



Diagram 8
(motor cycle)



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