

Speed Limiter Legislation

As an operator of goods vehicles, it's your responsibility to ensure that all your vehicles comply with the speed limiter legislation. The tables are a useful guide to speed limiter requirements by vehicle weight, type and power unit.

Goods Vehicles

Vehicle size (gross design weight)	First registered	Use	Diesel/LPG/Natural Gas		Petrol	
			Date	Stabilised speed not to exceed	Date	Stabilised speed not to exceed
3,501 to 7,500kg	1 January 2005 and after	International	1 January 2005	90kph	1 January 2005	90kph
		National only	1 January 2008	90kph	1 January 2008	90kph
	1 October 2001 to 31 December 2004	International National only	1 January 2006 1 January 2007	90kph 90kph	Not required Not required	
	Before 1 October 2001	International National only	Not required Not required		Not required Not required	
7,501 to 12,000 kg	1 January 2005 and after	International	1 January 2005	90kph	1 January 2005	90kph
		National only	1 January 2005	90kph	1 January 2005	90kph
	1 October 2001 to 31 December 2004	International	1 January 2006	90kph	Existing requirement	96kph
		National only	1 January 2007	90kph	Existing requirement	96kph
1 August 1992 to 30 September 2001	International	Existing requirement	96kph	Existing requirement	96kph	
	National only	Existing requirement	96kph	Existing requirement	96kph	
	Before 1 August 1992	International National only	Not required Not required		Not required Not required	
12,001 kg and over	1 January 2005 and after	International	Existing requirement	90kph	1 January 2005	90kph
		National only	Existing requirement	90kph	1 January 2005	90kph
	1 October 2001 to 31 December 2004	International	Existing requirement	90kph	1 January 2005	90kph
		National only	Existing requirement	90kph	1 January 2005	90kph
1 January 1988 to 30 September 2001	International	Existing requirement	90kph	1 January 2005	90kph	
	National only	Existing requirement	90kph	1 January 2005	90kph	
	Before 1 January 1988	International National only	Not required Not required		Not required Not required	

Passenger Vehicles with more than 8 passenger seats (Bus)

Vehicle size (gross design weight)	First registered	Use	Diesel/LPG/Natural Gas		Petrol	
			Date	Stabilised speed not to exceed	Date	Stabilised speed not to exceed
Not exceeding 5,000kg	1 January 2005 and after	International National only	1 January 2005 1 January 2008	100kph 100kph	1 January 2005 1 January 2008	100kph 100kph
	1 October 2001 to 31 December 2004	International National only	1 January 2006 1 January 2007	100kph 100kph	Not required Not required	
	1 January 1988 to 30 September 2001	International National only	Not required Not required		Not required Not required	
	Before 1 January 1988	International National only	Not required Not required		Not required Not required	
5,001 to 7,500kg	1 January 2005 and after	International National only	1 January 2005 1 January 2005	100kph 100kph	1 January 2005 1 January 2005	100kph 100kph
	1 October 2001 to 31 December 2004	International National only	1 January 2006 1 January 2007	100kph 100kph	Not required Not required	
	1 January 1988 to 30 September 2001	International National only	Not required Not required		Not required Not required	
	Before 1 January 1988	International National only	Not required Not required		Not required Not required	
7,501 to 10,000kg	1 January 2005 and after	International National only	1 January 2005 1 January 2005	100kph 100kph	1 January 2005 1 January 2005	100kph 100kph
	1 October 2001 to 31 December 2004	International National only	1 January 2006 1 January 2007	100kph 100kph	1 January 2006 1 January 2007	Set so that speed cannot exceed 100kph
	1 January 1988 to 30 September 2001	International National only	Existing requirement Existing requirement	Speed set at 100kph Speed set at 100kph	Existing requirement Existing requirement	Set so that speed cannot exceed 100kph
10,001kg and over	1 January 2005 and after	International National only	1 January 2005 1 January 2005	100kph 100kph	1 January 2005 1 January 2005	100kph 100kph
	1 October 2001 to 31 December 2004	International National only	Existing requirement Existing requirement	Speed set at 100kph Speed set at 100kph	Existing requirement Existing requirement	Speed set at 100kph Speed set at 100kph
	1 January 1988 to 30 September 2001	International National only	Existing requirement Existing requirement	Speed set at 100kph Speed set at 100kph	Existing requirement Existing requirement	Speed set at 100kph Speed set at 100kph

Passenger Vehicles with more than 16 passenger seats (Coach)

Vehicle size (gross design weight)	First registered	Use	Diesel/LPG/Natural Gas		Petrol	
			Date	Stabilised speed not to exceed	Date	Stabilised speed not to exceed
7,501 to 10,000kg	1 April 1974 to 31 December 1987	International National only	Existing requirement Existing requirement	Speed set at 112kph Speed set at 112kph	Existing requirement Existing requirement	Speed set at 112kph Speed set at 112kph
	Before 1 April 1974	International National only	Not required Not required		Not required Not required	
10,001kg and over	1 April 1974 to 31 December 1987	International National only	Existing requirement Existing requirement	Speed set at 112kph Speed set at 112kph	Existing requirement Existing requirement	Speed set at 112kph Speed set at 112kph
	Before 1 April 1974	International National only	Not required Not required		Not required Not required	

WHAT VEHICLES ARE EXEMPT?

- Vehicles on their way to having a speed limiter installed or calibrated
- Military vehicles
- Blue-light vehicles
- Vehicles travelling less than six miles a week on public roads from one site to another under the same ownership

Further reading

To find out more about speed limiter legislation, visit www.dsa.gov.uk and www.vosa.gov.uk

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