

Full title of law or regulation

The Passenger Car (Fuel Consumption and CO2 Emissions Information) Regulations 2001 (SI 2001/3523). Entry into force 21/11/2001. These regulations implemented Directive [1999/94/EC](#) relating to the availability of consumer information on fuel economy and CO2 emissions in respect of the marketing of new passenger cars. The Regulations place requirements on the information available at points of sale and the content of promotional literature. The requirements do not apply to sales made via the Internet or to promotional websites. Schedules 1 to 4 contain the key requirements.

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2001/3523/pdfs/uksi_20013523_en.pdf

The Passenger Car (Fuel Consumption and CO2 Emissions Information) (Amendment) Regulations 2004 (SI 2004/1661) Entry into force 24/07/2004. This Regulation implemented Commission Directive 2003/73/EC (which amends Annex III to Directive 1999/94/EC) by amending the Passenger Car (Fuel Consumption and CO2 Emissions Information) Regulations 2001. Regulations 4 and 5 introduce a new Schedule 3, which allows for the information required in car showrooms under the 2001 regulations to be displayed on an electronic screen. It also changed requirements relating to the updating of posters and displays (Point 6, Sch. 3)

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2004/1661/pdfs/uksi_20041661_en.pdf

The Passenger Car (Fuel Consumption & CO2 Emissions Information) (Amendment) Regulations 2013. (SI 2013/65) Entry into force 11/02/2013. This amendment extends the scope of the 2001 Regulations to include passenger cars that do not emit CO2, hydrocarbons or carbon monoxide. Regulation 6 amends the size requirement for text in labels containing information on passenger car fuel consumption and CO2 emissions (from 125mm to 80mm).

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2013/65/pdfs/uksi_20130065_en.pdf

Title of relevant section

Schedules 1 to 4

Context

POINTS OF SALE/ SHOWROOMS

- The Passenger Car (Fuel Consumption and CO2 Emissions Information) Regulations 2001 require fuel consumption and CO2 data to be displayed on A) labels B) posters/ displays and in C) guides against the description of the model (Regs. 6,7,8). Requirements for A and B are set out below; the guide is separately available
- A recent amendment to the Passenger Car Regulations 2001 (Reg. 3 SI 2013/65) extended the application of the Regulations to vehicles that don't emit CO2, hydrocarbons or carbon monoxide (encompassing pure electric cars and plug-in electric cars)
- "Point of sale" is defined as a location where new passenger cars are displayed or offered for sale or lease and includes a car showroom or forecourt and a trade fair where new cars are presented to the public
- "Models" and the data required for them are defined in the VCA Guidance:
<http://www.dft.gov.uk/vca/additional/files/fcb--co2/enforcement-on-advertising/vca061.pdf>

A. LABELS

Clauses

- A dealer must ensure that a fuel economy label (for the model to which the car belongs) is displayed in a clearly visible manner on or near each new passenger car displayed or offered for sale or lease by that dealer (Reg. 6 Regs 2001)
- Requirements for the Fuel Economy Label (Schedule 2, Regs 2001)

1. In order to allow for ease of recognition by consumers:

(1) The label must be easily legible and must contain the wording and the relevant data in the categories specified in Figure 1 (below); and

(2) The label must be printed on A4 size (210 x 297 mm) material and must contain text set out in the format specified in figure 1 (below) which shall occupy an area of no less than 180 x 80 mm.

2. The official fuel consumption figures shall be quoted to one decimal place

3. The official specific emissions of CO2 shall be quoted to the nearest whole number

Figure 1

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION A guide on fuel economy and CO2 emissions, which contains data for all new passenger car models, is available at any point of sale free of charge. In addition to the fuel efficiency of a car, driving behaviour as well as other non-technical factors play a role in determining a car's fuel consumption and CO2 emissions. CO2 is the main greenhouse gas responsible for global warming		
Make/Model:		Engine Capacity (cc):
Fuel Type:		Transmission:
Fuel Consumption:		
Drive cycle	Litres/100km	Mpg
Urban		
Extra-urban		
Combined		
Carbon dioxide emissions (g/km):		
Important note: some specifications of this make/model may have lower CO2 emissions than this. Check with your dealer.		

Above available in PDF form here:

<http://www.g-regs.com/downloads/UKCarsPOSLabelContent.pdf>

- VCA Guidance states that the information in Figure 1 should be reproduced on each label without:
 - Reducing the font size of text
 - Changing the content of the text
 - Altering the positions of the various items of data
 - Changing the use of bold and standard text
 - A larger font size may be used and the font itself may be changed, provided that the information remains clearly legible. The lines of the Figure 1 table need not be reproduced
 - Since it is not specifically prohibited by the Regulations, logos, additional information
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etc. may be printed on the label outside the text box specified in Figure 1.

- Background colours and graphics are at the discretion of the manufacturer and dealer provided that the text complying with Figure 1 remains clearly legible.

Environmental Label

Manufacturers and dealers will also be aware of the voluntary agreement between stakeholders on the use of a colour coded 'Environmental' label. This A4 sized label is now widely used and includes the mandatory element set out in Figure 1.

Examples of the label can be found on the car fuel data website:

<http://carfueldata.direct.gov.uk/downloads/download.aspx?rg=labels>

Examples of labels for electric and electric plug-in vehicles are available here:

<http://www.dft.gov.uk/vca/fcb/fuel-consumption-labelling.asp>

The VCA's POS (Point of Sale) System enables dealers to produce their own labels. More information is available here: <http://www.dft.gov.uk/vca/fcb/point-of-sale-pos-so.asp>

B. POSTERS/ DISPLAYS

Clauses

- Dealers must exhibit a poster/ display containing information about fuel consumption and CO2 emissions in a prominent position at the point of sale (Reg 8(1) Regs 2001)
- VCA Guidance states that a prominent position should entail a location where the customer is likely to spend sufficient time to notice the poster/display
- A poster or display for the purposes of paragraph (1) shall comply with the requirements specified in Schedule 3 (outlined below) (Reg 8 (2) Regs 2001):

An amendment to Regs 2001 (2004 No 1661) revised the requirements for posters and displays in Schedule 3. As an alternative to a poster or display a dealer may also present the information on an electronic screen, allowing the consumer to scroll through the list

Requirements for Posters and Displays (Schedule 3, Car Regulations 2001)

1. The minimum dimensions of one surface of the poster or display, containing information must be 70cm x 50cm
 2. The information contained in the poster or display must be easy to read
 3. In a display that includes provision of information on an electronic screen, the minimum dimensions of the surface of the screen must be 25cm x 32cm and the information may be shown using scroll techniques
 4.
 - (1) The passenger car models must be grouped according to fuel type and listed separately
 - (2) Within each fuel type, models must be ranked in order of increasing CO2 emissions, with the model with the lowest official fuel consumption placed at the top of the list
 - (3) For each passenger car model in the list, information must be given as to the make, the numerical value of the official fuel consumption and the official specific emissions of CO2
 - (4) The value of the official fuel consumption must be expressed in either litres per 100 km (l/100 km), km per litre (km/l), or an appropriate combination of these, and be quoted to one decimal place
 - (5) The official specific emissions of CO2 must be quoted to the nearest whole number in grams per km (g/km)
 - (6) Values may be expressed in gallons and miles to the extent compatible with the provisions of Directive 80/181/EEC on the approximation of the laws relating to units of measurement (a)
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5. The poster or display must contain the following text–

(a) "A guide on fuel economy and CO₂ emissions which contains data for all new passenger car models is available at any point of sale free of charge."; and

(b) "In addition to the fuel efficiency of a car, driving behaviour as well as other non-technical factors play a role in determining a car's fuel consumption and CO₂ emissions. CO₂ is the main greenhouse gas responsible for global warming." In the case of a display where information is provided on an electronic screen the text must be permanently visible

6.

(1) The poster or display must be updated at least every six months.

(2) Where information is provided on an electronic screen, that information must be updated at least every three months.

7. Where the display is effected entirely by an electronic screen, the screen must be presented in such a way that it attracts the awareness of the consumer at least with the same intensity as a poster or non-electronic display would have achieved
