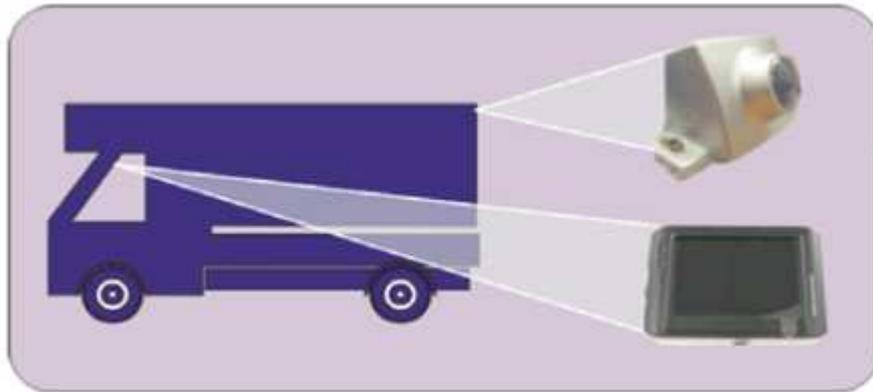


Mandatory Installation of Reversing Video Devices (RVDs) on Goods Vehicles



The new regulation requiring the mandatory installation of reversing video devices (RVDs) will apply to goods vehicles (excluding tractors and trailers) first registered on or after 1st October 2014.

The requirements for RVD are stipulated under regulation 39A “reversing video device” of the Road Traffic (Construction and Maintenance of Vehicles) Regulations. Please refer to the appendix for details.

The Transport Department will examine the applicable vehicles for installation of RVD before they are registered. Vehicle suppliers will normally be responsible for ensuring the new vehicle is fitted with a compliant RVD.

Owners/drivers of goods vehicle covered by the new regulation should keep the RVD maintained in good working order, and promptly arrange to repair the device when it malfunctions. In the event of a malfunctioning RVD, owners/drivers are advised to keep records of remedial action taken, and to take other steps to ensure that the vehicle can be reversed safely before the device is repaired.

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Regulation 39A of the Road Traffic (Construction and Maintenance of Vehicles) Regulations:

Reversing video device

- (1) This regulation applies to a goods vehicle that—
 - (a) is first registered on or after 1 October 2014; and
 - (b) is neither—
 - (i) a tractor unit designed primarily to form part of an articulated vehicle; nor
 - (ii) a trailer.
- (2) The vehicle must be fitted with a reversing video device.
- (3) The device must be maintained in good working order.
- (4) The device must be so fitted to the vehicle that—
 - (a) it automatically displays a current closed-circuit view of the area specified in paragraph (5) when the vehicle is reversing or about to reverse; and
 - (b) the view is clear to the driver in the driving position, whether in the daytime or at night, except when the visibility is reduced by weather conditions.
- (5) The specified area is the area behind the extreme rear of the vehicle that—
 - (a) extends in length to at least 3 200 millimeters from the extreme rear of the vehicle; and
 - (b) extends in width to at least 500 millimeters from the outermost part on each side of the vehicle.
- (6) It is a defence in any proceedings for a contravention of paragraph (3) to prove that—
 - (a) the defect occurred in the course of the journey during which the contravention was detected; or
 - (b) at the time when the contravention was detected, steps had already been taken to have the defect remedied with all reasonable expedition.