



Testing Times

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Highlighted Numbers

You no doubt have had difficulty at some time or other in finding the VIN or engine number of a vehicle and almost certainly have had difficulties reading some of them. When you find the numbers you should ensure that the area is thoroughly cleaned so that they can be read correctly. It is also requested that you get into the habit of highlight the numbers and the area around them with chalk or a wax crayon - nothing permanent though.



Not only will this make them easier for you to read reducing the risk of a mistake but it will also help VicRoads' registration office staff find and read the same numbers you used to identify the vehicle.



Self-cancelling Turn Signals

The ADRs are funny sometimes and some things that seem so logical are often taken for granted. Self-cancelling turn signals are one of those things.

Motorcycles are probably the only modern motor vehicles that are not routinely fitted with self-cancelling turn signals yet the ADRs do not require them on any vehicle.

The steerable front wheel on a motorcycle is more for balance than going round corners and very little steering lock is applied in all but the slowest of turns. In fact the front wheel is often turned slightly the opposite way in sweeping corners to compensate for the steering effect of leaning the bike over. This may be why motorcycles are not usually fitted with simple self-cancelling turn signal switches - they may never self-cancel anyway.

While turn signals that self-cancel are extremely convenient and they come as standard on most four wheeled vehicles, because self cancelling is not mandatory so the absence of self-cancelling cannot be grounds for refusing to issue a RWC.



However, it would be wise to note their absence or failure on the test report, as a service to the owner, because it is an offence to leave a turn signal operating after completing a turn.

