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GOVERNMENT NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT**No. R. 890****4 September 2006****NATIONAL LAND TRANSPORT TRANSITION ACT, 2000 (ACT NO. 22 OF 2000)****DISTINGUISHING MARKS FOR MINI-BUS AND MIDI-BUS****REGULATIONS**

I, Jeffrey Thamsanqa Radebe, Minister of Transport, pursuant to Section 7 of the National Land Transport Transition Act, 2000 (Act 22 of 2000), in consultation with the MEC's hereby publish the regulations as contained in the Schedule.



J T RADEBE
MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

SCHEDULE

1. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise indicates, any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act bears that meaning, and "the Act" means the National Land Transport Transition Act, 2000 (Act No. 22 of 2000).
2. Regulation 4 of the regulations is hereby amended by the addition of regulation 4A.
 - "(1) No person shall operate a public passenger vehicle on a public road in terms of an operating license, an M2 mini-bus, M2 midi-bus, and M3 midi-bus manufactured after 4 September 2006 unless -
 - (a) The standard colour of the vehicle is white;
 - (b) A sticker depicting the South African national flag 200mm deep on the sides below the window level of the vehicle except the front and rear of the vehicle, as described in Schedule A;
 - (i) The imaginary flagpole for the flag is the nose of the vehicle, with the 'v' formation and the lines directed towards the rear of the vehicle, as described in Schedule A.
 - (ii) The sticker shall be Class III retro-reflective according to the SADC Road Traffic Signs Manual. The black portion of the sticker shall be non-reflective.
 - (iii) The office of the Registrar shall in terms of section 59(2) issue the distinguishing mark.

- (c) A Perspex or sheet metal plate 200mm deep depicting the Provincial Coat of Arms and the route number shall be attached to the front of the vehicle below windscreen level, as described in Schedule A.
 - (i) The Provincial Coat of Arms shall be the Province of origin of service according to the operating licence.
 - (ii) The office of the registrar shall issue this distinguishing mark.
 - (d) The vehicle registration number shall be painted on the roof of the vehicle 360mm deep across the length of the roof, as described in Schedule A.
 - (e) No any other sticker, identification or distinguishing mark other than the ones prescribed in these regulations shall be displayed or affixed on the body of the minibus or midibus operating in terms of an operating licence.
2. A member or a non-member who is registered or provisionally registered and operates a minibus or midibus providing transport service in terms of an operating licence issued by a competent authority shall display and keep affixed to the vehicle the distinguishing marks issued in terms of paragraph (iii) of subregulation (1), by the Registrar
 3. The member or non-member to whom a distinguishing mark has been issued must-
 - a) Maintain the body paint and the distinguishing marks in such a condition that all letters and figures on it are clearly legible; and
 - b) Remove the mark from the vehicle concerned immediately after it expires, or immediately after the operating licence to which it relates has been suspended or cancelled, or within 24 hours of the Registrar issuing an order that it be removed.
 4. Should the body paint, and the distinguishing marks become defaced, illegible or otherwise damaged so as to render it unclear to convey information intended to be conveyed by the distinguishing marks before its expiry, the member or a non-member referred to in paragraph 1 above shall be responsible for replacing the distinguishing mark by application to the Registrar at a fee to be determined by the Registrar.
 5. The cost for the issuing of the distinguishing marks by the office of Registrar shall be for the Department of Transport.
 6. The distinguishing marks shall be valid for the same period as the operating licence to which it relates.
 7. No translucent advertising shall be applied at the rear window of a minibus or midibus operating in terms of an operating licence, unless such material or film comply with the provisions of Regulation 202 (3) of the National Road Traffic Act, 1996 (Act No. 93 of 1996).

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8. A member or a non-member referred to in paragraph 1 above who fails to display or keep affixed to the vehicle to which the operating licence relates the distinguishing marks issued by the Registrar, shall be guilty of an offence and, if convicted, liable to a term of imprisonment not exceeding three months or a fine not exceeding R5 000.
 9. The distinguishing marks described and graphically depicted in Schedule A are the distinguishing marks to be issued by the Registrar.

Schedule A

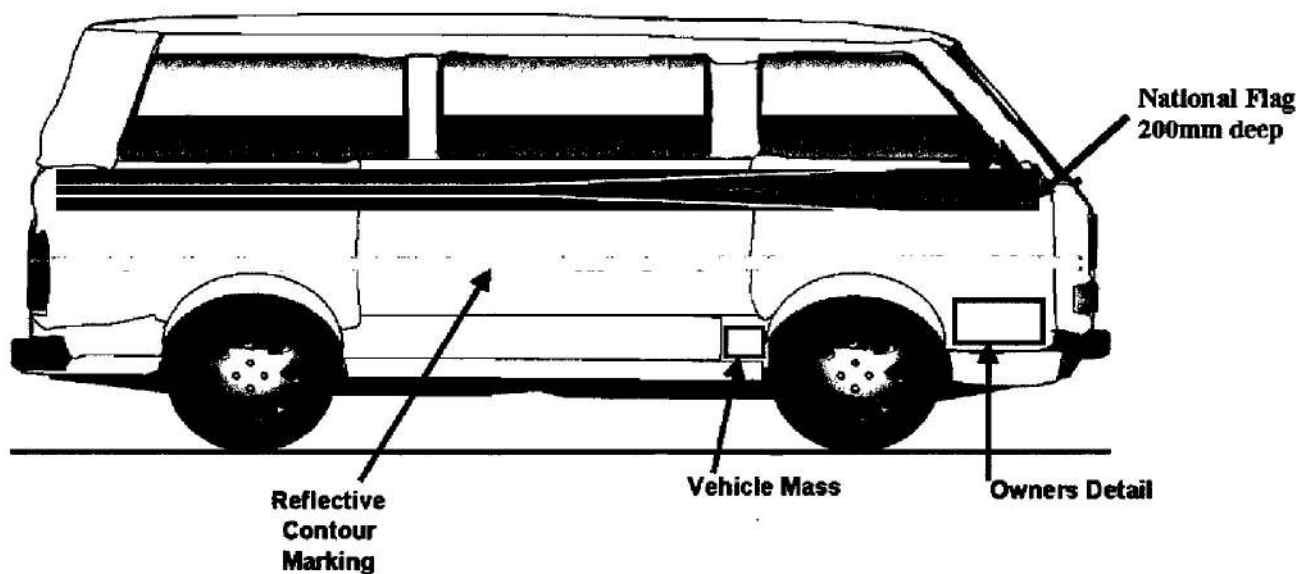


Figure 1 – Side View of the Vehicle

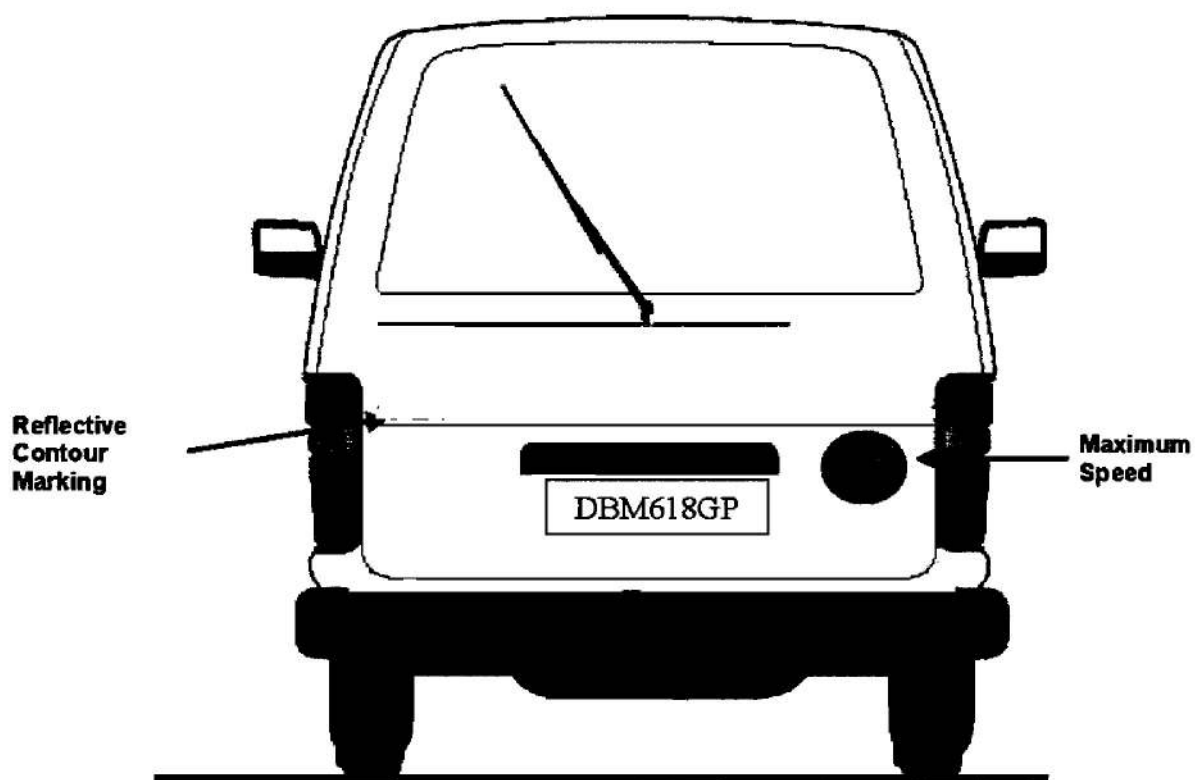


Figure 2 – Rear View of the Vehicle

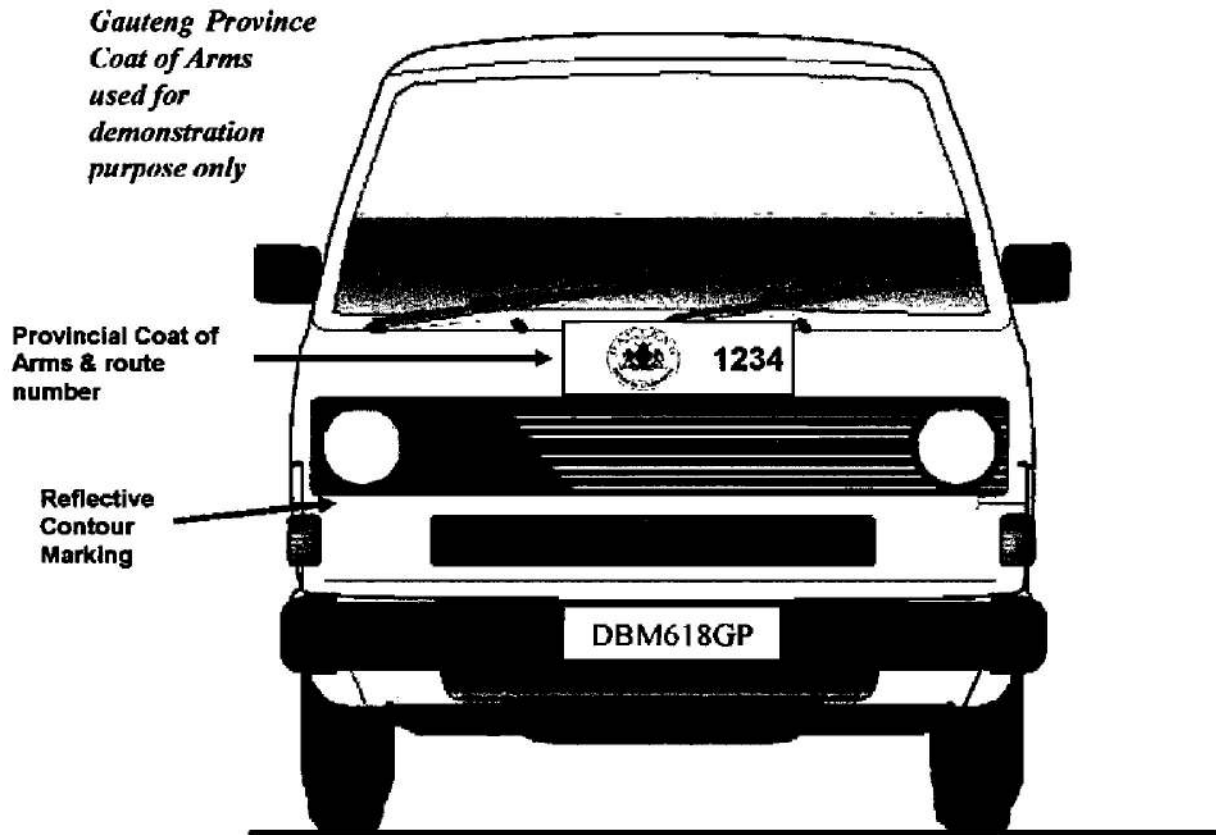


Figure 3 – Front View of the Vehicle

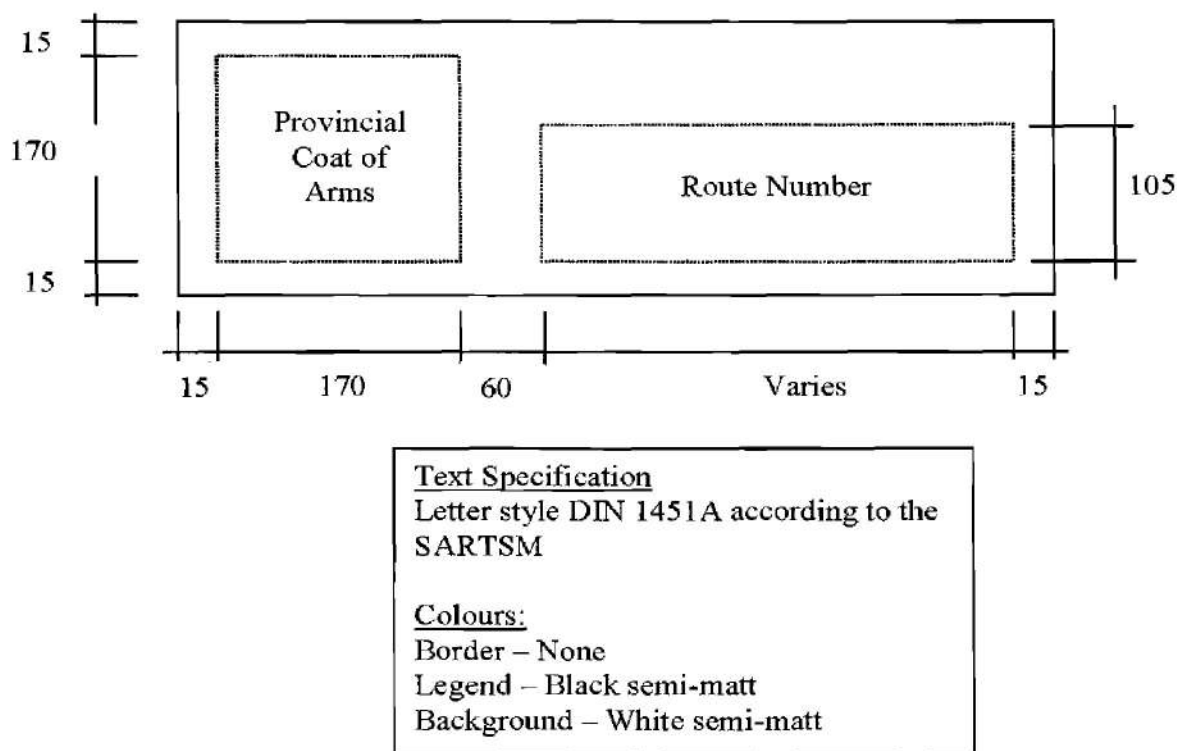


Figure 4 – Design Specification of the Marker on the front of the Vehicle

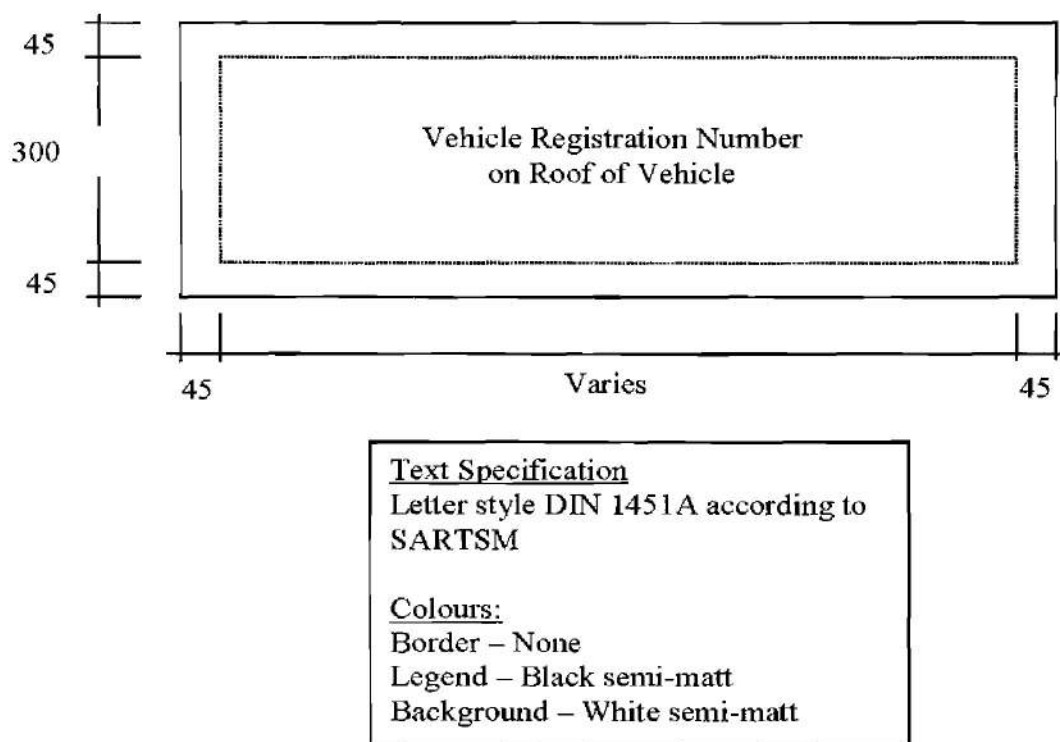


Figure 5 – Design Specification of the Marker on the roof of the Vehicle

10. These Regulations are called the amendment to the National Land Transport Transition Regulation and come into operation on publication in the Gazette.