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## 4-4 Daytime running lamps

### Reasons for rejection

#### Permitted equipment

1. A motorcycle is fitted with more than two lamps .
2. A lamp is fitted in a position other than at the front of the motorcycle.
3. A retrofitted lamp is not:
  - a) symmetrically mounted, or
  - b) mounted as far towards each side of the vehicle as practicable.

#### Condition

4. A lamp is insecure.
5. A lens is missing, or has a hole, crack or other damage that allows moisture or dirt to enter.
6. A lamp's reflector is damaged or has deteriorated so that light output is reduced.

#### Performance

7. When switched on, a daytime running lamp does not operate.
8. When switched on, a daytime running lamp emits light that is:
  - a) projected in a direction other than to the front, or
  - b) not substantially white or amber, or
  - c) not approximately equal in colour or intensity from the other lamp in the pair, or
  - d) not steady, or
  - e) not bright enough to make the motorcycle more easily seen during the daytime, eg due to modification, deterioration, dirt or an incorrect light source, or
  - f) too bright causing significant dazzle to other road users, eg due to an incorrect light source, or
  - g) altered, eg due to damage or modification.
9. Where a daytime running lamp comprises an array of light sources, fewer than 75% of these operate.
10. A daytime running lamp continues to operate when the headlamps or fog lamps are switched on.

### **Note 1 Definition**

**Daytime running lamp** means a lamp designed to emit a low-intensity light forward of a vehicle to make it more easily seen in daytime.

### **Note 2**

A vehicle originally manufactured with a daytime running lamp arrangement that differs from what is required or permitted in this section may retain the original daytime running lamps provided they remain fitted in their original position and perform as intended by the vehicle manufacturer.

### **Note 3**

A forward-facing permitted lamp that does not comply with the equipment, condition and performance requirements must be made to comply, be removed from the vehicle, **or be disabled so that it does not emit a light.**

## **Summary of legislation**

### **Applicable legislation**

- [Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Lighting 2004.](#)

### **Permitted equipment**

1 . A vehicle may have one or two daytime running lamps fitted to the front of the motorcycle.

### **Condition**

2. A daytime running lamp must be in sound condition.

3. Where a daytime running lamp comprises an array of light sources (eg LEDs), at least 75% of these must operate.

### **Performance**

4. A daytime running lamp must operate in a way that is appropriate for the lamp and the vehicle.

5. A daytime running lamp must emit light that is substantially white or amber.

6. A pair of daytime running lamps must emit light that is of approximately equal colour and intensity.

7. A daytime running lamp must emit a steady light.

8. A daytime running lamp must provide sufficient light output to make the motorcycle more easily seen during the daytime.

9. A daytime running lamp must be correctly aligned.

10. A daytime running lamp must not operate when a front fog lamp or a headlamp is in use.

### **Modifications**

11. A daytime running lamp that is affected by a modification:

- a) must meet equipment, condition and performance requirements, and

b) does not require LVV specialist certification.

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