

## Vehicle Conspicuity markings - REMA guide for purchasers:

In July 2011 legislation made marking to ECE104 mandatory on new trucks and trailers, and the new DfT Code of Practice for Safety at Street Works and Road Works highly recommend rear conspicuity markings on all works vehicles, whether new or not. However, vehicle operators are strongly advised to adopt compliant marking for their vehicles now as Highways Agency contracts already require it. DfT Guidance on marking is published in Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual and failure to follow safety guidelines and best practice carries the risk of substantial legal liability or even criminal charges should this result in a serious accident.

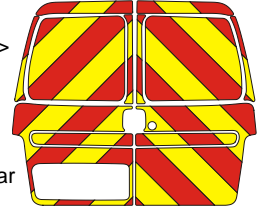
Fleet operators therefore need to select appropriate markings that minimise cost whilst maximising safety and reducing exposure to legal liability. However, the number of compliant marking options coupled with the wide range of available products, each with its particular technical features and cost benefits, can make this a confusingly complex choice.

REMA has been established over 30 years as the UK's only trade association for manufacturers of retro-reflective traffic safety products and has therefore prepared this guide to help users cut through the "red tape" and specify appropriate (and legal) markings for their fleets.

### Chevrons:

The rear markings for cars and vans are upward facing chevrons in red and yellow alternating stripes, as shown here -> Each chevron stripe should be no less than 150mm in width (larger on big vehicles), angled upwards between 45 and 60 degrees. The red stripes must be of retro-reflective material, designed to maximise night-time visibility, whilst the fluorescent yellow stripes are non-reflective, providing good daytime visibility and contrast to the red. The chevrons should cover as much of the rear as possible without obscuring windows, lights or registration plates.

**Note** that it is also acceptable to have complete coverage of red retro-reflective material in place of chevrons on the rear but the red/yellow combination is generally considered to give the greater all round conspicuity.



If you operate:	Legislation and guidelines to consider	High speed road specification (above 40mph) Recommended by REMA (Microprismatic material)
Vehicles on the public highway that operate or stop for work purposes, under 7.5 tonnes (typically cars and vans)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Chapter 8</li> <li>&gt; Highways Agency (HA) requirements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Rear chevrons in microprismatic red and non-reflective fluorescent yellow</li> <li>&gt; Rear facing door edging / lockers / guardrail strips in red microprismatic</li> <li>&gt; HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE or MOTORWAY MAINTENANCE legends in non-reflective black on non-reflective, reflective or retro-reflective yellow</li> <li>&gt; 50mm side outline / stripe in yellow microprismatic</li> </ul>
Vehicles on the public highway that operate or stop for work purposes, OVER 7.5 tonnes (including: spreaders, gritters, tippers, Road sweepers and Recovery trucks)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Chapter 8</li> <li>&gt; ECE104</li> <li>&gt; ECE69</li> <li>&gt; ECE70 / 70.1</li> <li>&gt; Highways Agency (HA) requirements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Rear chevrons in microprismatic red and non-reflective fluorescent yellow</li> <li>&gt; Rear facing door edging / lockers / guardrail strips in red microprismatic</li> <li>&gt; HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE or MOTORWAY MAINTENANCE legends in non-reflective black non-reflective, reflective or retro-reflective yellow</li> <li>&gt; Directional arrow in accordance with section O10.7.5 of Part 2; Operations</li> <li>&gt; Rear marker chevron boards (ECE70 / 70.1)</li> <li>&gt; 50mm red rear and yellow side outlines (ECE104)</li> </ul>
Incident / Mobile Support Units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Chapter 8</li> <li>&gt; (please consult Highway Authority for full specifications)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Rear chevrons in red and fluorescent yellow-green microprismatic materials</li> <li>&gt; Door edging strips in red microprismatic</li> <li>&gt; HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE and INCIDENT SUPPORT legends</li> <li>&gt; Side markings at 45 degree angles</li> </ul>
Other vehicles on the public highway (typically trucks, trailers, buses, coaches, curtain siders – N2, N3, M2, M3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; ECE104</li> <li>&gt; ECE69</li> <li>&gt; ECE70 / 70.1</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; White reflective markings to front of vehicle</li> <li>&gt; Yellow reflective partial contour (outline) marking to minimum of 80% of length or a complete box contour</li> <li>&gt; Red reflective outlines to rears</li> </ul>

Note: > Other reflective film products **may** be used instead of microprismatic material to meet minimum retro-reflective requirement for "low-speed roads" (under 40mph limit), but these are **not** acceptable for vehicles operating on Highways Agency / Chapter 8 contracts.

> All ECE104 & ECE70 / 70.1 materials **must** be E-Marked to show compliance to UNECE regulations.

### Suitable materials that meet the legislation quoted are given in the table below:

Manufacturer / Supplier	Products – Chapter 8 (and ECE104)	Product codes
<b>3M</b> www.3m.co.uk/traffic	Diamond Grade DG3 microprismatic Reflective Red, Yellow and Fluorescent Yellow-Green Scotchcal non reflective fluorescent Saturn Yellow Scotchlite 680 reflective Red and Yellow ECE-104 Diamond Grade microprismatic conspicuity tape	4092, 4091, 4083 3485 680-71, 680-72 983, 983s, 997, 997s
<b>Rennicks</b> www.rennicksuk.com	Nikkalite Crystal Grade microprismatic CVF Yellow-Green, Red & Yellow Flexible Engineering Grade - Red and Yellow Hi-Scal fluorescent non reflective yellow	92844, 92805, 92804 48005, 48004 7F-310
<b>Orafol</b> www.orafol.com REFLEXITE brand	Daybright / Flexibright metallised microprismatic Fluorescent Yellow & Lime & Red ORACAL non-reflective fluorescent yellow ORALITE vehicle reflective film red & yellow ECE104 metallised microprismatic tape; red, yellow, white	VC312 / VC612 ORACAL 7510 ORALITE Series VC104 Rigid / Curtain grade
<b>Lakeside Films</b> www.lakesidefilms.co.uk	Avery Micro-Prismatic - Yellow/ Green, Red & Yellow Avery HV Series - Red and Yellow Aura Fluorescent series - 3 year Yellow Aura vehicle grade reflective - red and yellow	T6000/ T7000/ T11000/ HV1302 HV1200/ HV1200E/ HV1150 139 120E/ 112 & 106

It is recommended that all microprismatic materials with open cell construction (from 3M, Rennicks and some Avery products) be edge sealed in manufacture. It is the user's responsibility to maintain the markings in accordance with the material manufacturer's guidelines and to inspect and replace them within the materials expected performance life.

These REMA guidelines were produced and updated with latest changes in conjunction with the HA and DfT for advisory purposes only and are intended to clarify official guidance / legislation applicable at the time of publication. They are given in good faith but without liability and should not be taken as legal advice.

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For further information and detail on guidelines and legislation referred to in producing this document, please see:

Chapter 8 (Traffic Safety Measures & Signs for RoadWorks & Temporary Situations 2009) issued by the Department for Transport [www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/roads/tss/tsmanual/](http://www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/roads/tss/tsmanual/)

Highways Agency (HA) – HA Network Management Manual Section 7.10.4 / Chapter 7 (not currently available online)

Safety at Street Works and Road Works (2001) – PDF available here: <http://tinyurl.com/bty9tjl>

ECE104 – [www.unece.org/trans/main/wp29/wp29regs101-120.html](http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp29/wp29regs101-120.html)

ECE70 / 70.1 – [www.unece.org/trans/main/wp29/wp29regs61-80.html](http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp29/wp29regs61-80.html)

ECE69 – [www.unece.org/trans/main/wp29/wp29regs61-80.html](http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp29/wp29regs61-80.html)