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1 Scope and field of application

This International Standard specifies the requirements for the location and marking of the vehicle identification number (VIN) on motor vehicles, trailers, motorcycles and mopeds as defined in ISO 3833.

2 References

ISO 3779, *Road vehicles — Vehicle identification number (VIN) — Content and structure.*

ISO 3833, *Road vehicles — Types — Terms and definitions.*

3 Definition

vehicle identification number (VIN): A structured combination of characters assigned to a vehicle by the manufacturer for identification purposes.

NOTE — For convenience, this definition is repeated from ISO 3779.

4 VIN location

4.1 The VIN shall be located on the right side of the vehicle and, if possible, on the front half; or

4.2 When, for regulatory reasons, the VIN must be readable from the outside of the vehicle (in the case of enclosed vehicles), it shall be located inside the passenger compartment adjacent to the windscreen pillar.

4.3 The VIN shall be located in an easily visible position, and in a manner which precludes obliteration or alteration; the selected position shall be described in the "Owner's handbook" or equivalent publication.

5 VIN attachment

For the attachment of the VIN, the manufacturer of the vehicle may choose between the following two solutions:

5.1 The VIN is directly marked¹⁾ on a integral part of the vehicle; it may be either on the frame, or, for integral frame-body units, on a part of the body not easily removed or replaced.

5.2 The VIN is marked on a separate plate which, in turn, is permanently affixed to the vehicle according to 5.1.

5.3 It is also acceptable to combine these alternatives on one vehicle if a manufacturer so wishes.

5.4 The height of roman letters and arabic numerals of the VIN shall be as follows:

- 7 mm at least if marked according to 5.1 (frame, body, etc.) on motor vehicles and trailers (but not on motorcycles and mopeds);
- 4 mm at least in all other cases.

5.5 The characters of the VIN shall, in all cases, be legible, durable and not easily altered.

1) The requirements for the presentation of the VIN are given in ISO 3779.