



FACT SHEET No 2

STEAM AND MOTOR ROLLERS NOT PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED

This Fact Sheet applies to steam and motor rollers in three separate, but similar, categories.

1. APPLICATION.

- 1.1 Those machines which have spent all their life in private grounds, e.g. on cricket pitches, at stately homes, in military establishments etc.
- 1.2 Those that have recently been imported or repatriated.
- 1.3 Those that may have been previously registered in the UK but, for various reasons, the registration mark is not known, cannot be traced, or is unable to be satisfactorily proved as per the requirements of Fact Sheet No 1.

2. REQUIREMENTS.

In all instances, the requirements for registration are the same.

- 2.1 It is the applicant's responsibility to prove the machine's age by reference to available manufacturer's build details, authenticated photographs of contemporary machines, maker's literature with proof of age, etc. This proof of age might be exact, e.g. 23 March 1935, or it may have to be as inexact as a specific year or even a decade. (See Note 4.3 below)
- 2.2 Obtain Form V55/5 from DVLA Swansea. Complete this Form.
- 2.3 Provide photographs of the roller in its complete condition showing where the relevant identifying marks are located.
- 2.4 Send the above four items, 2.1 to 2.4, to the RRA's Authenticating Officer who will arrange for an inspection of the roller to be undertaken by an RRA representative at a fee not exceeding £40 – to be negotiated directly between the owner and the person carrying out the inspection and paid direct to the Inspector. Note: It would be wise to keep a copy of all documents that are sent to the RRA's Authenticating Officer - as such items do get lost in the mail from time to time.
- 2.5 When the RRA's Authenticating Officer is satisfied with the documentation provided, he will write an appropriate 'Dating Letter' and return the documentation to the applicant with instructions as to how then to proceed. (See Notes 4.3 and 4.4 below).
- 2.6 Following this step (2.5), wait for the V5C to be issued by Swansea.
- 2.7 On receipt, check **all** the details on the V5C are correct and what you expect. If incorrect details are found, photocopy the form as it is - keep the copy - and return the **original** V5C to DVLA Swansea and enclose a note explaining the error(s). Another form, hopefully correct this time, will be issued. When satisfied that the V5C is correct, take it to a Licence-issuing Post Office, together with the vehicle's Certificate of Insurance; complete other necessary paperwork, as required, and obtain Tax Disc.
- 2.8 For the issue of a New Registration, expect to have to pay the DVLA a fee of around £50 for this service.

3. TAKING A ROLLER ON THE ROAD

- 3.1 Do not forget that in order to lawfully drive a roller on the road, it

(i) needs to be insured [James Campbell Insurance, Midhurst, offers a good deal for RRA members' style of equipment] and

(ii) the driver is required to hold a Category G licence (or a provisional licence with 'L' plates). If a Category G licence is not held, arrangements for a driving test for this will be necessary.

3.2 On age limits, it is necessary to be age 21 or over to drive a steam roller. There are certain concessions for younger persons on smaller rollers. These are outlined in detail in the DVLA leaflet D100 available from the DVLA or from Licence-issuing Post Offices.

4. NOTES.

4.1. With age-related registration numbers, the DVLA's policy seems to be to issue vehicles up to about mid-1920s with a two letter, four digit number. After this date, to approx. 1962, a 3-letter, 3-digit number (sometimes reversed) will be issued. Thereafter, a letter suffix equivalent to the proven year will be issued, if available. Unless a specific request is made for an age-related number, it is possible that a style of number with a Q prefix will be issued and this may not be what is required by the applicant.

4.2. Registration numbers issued by the DVLA as a result of an application of this nature are not transferable and relate only to the vehicle for which they are issued. They thus have no monetary value.

4.3 As a service to members, the provision of a 'Proof of Age' [Dating Letter] letter (see 2.6 above) by the RRA will attract a fee of £10.00 to cover administrative expenses etc.

4.4 If help is required in respect of any aspect of the above, do not hesitate to write to the below mentioned for advice. (SAE - at least 9" x 4" - required with any queries, please).

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