

**NATIONAL ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 93 OF 1996
NATIONAL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS, 2000
CHAPTER VI
FITNESS OF VEHICLES**

**Part II
Equipment on or in respect of vehicles**

192. Unlawful use of reflector or reflective material

- (1) Subject to subregulation (2), no person shall operate on a public road a vehicle whilst a reflector or reflective material fitted to such vehicle does not reflect a-
- (a) white colour to the front of such vehicle;
 - (b) red colour to the rear of such vehicle; and
 - (c) yellow colour to the side of such vehicle, but, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in these regulations, a motor vehicle manufactured, built or imported by a registered manufacturer, builder or importer may have a red retro-reflector fitted at the side towards the rear of such motor vehicle.
- (2) The provisions of this regulation shall not apply in respect of-
- (a) an ambulance, rescue vehicle, police vehicle, a vehicle driven by a traffic officer in the execution of his or her duties and a fire-fighting vehicle;
 - (b) a number plate;
 - (c) a warning sign referred to in regulation 191;
 - (d) direction indicators referred to in regulation 326;
 - (e) a sign referred to in regulation 293(2) or 295(2); and
 - (f) retro-reflective material as contemplated in regulation 192A.
- (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subregulation (1) the pedals, pedal arms or spokes of a pedal cycle shall, if such cycle is operated on a public road during the period between sunset and sunrise and at any other time when, due to insufficient light or unfavourable weather conditions, persons and vehicles upon the public road are not clearly discernible at a distance of 150 metres, be fitted with yellow or white reflectors or reflective material.

192A. Side and rear retro-reflective material to be fitted to vehicles (Contour markings)

- (1) For the purposes of this regulation "contour marking" means yellow side and rear retro-reflective material that shall comply with SABS ECE R104 "Uniform provisions concerning the approval of retro-reflective markings for heavy and long vehicles and their trailers: Provided that –
- (a) application for (paragraph 3 of SABS ECE R104) and approval of paragraph 5 of SABS ECE R104 shall not be required, but the letter "C" indicating contour marking as referred to in paragraph 5.4.3.1 of SABS ECE R104 and the circle surrounding the letter "E" followed by the distinguishing number of the country which has granted approval as referred to in paragraph 5.4.1 of SABS ECE R104, shall be brought onto the retro-reflective marking material;
 - (b) that advertising consisting of logos, distinctive markings or letters, or characters may be used if it complies with the standard and used in conjunction with contour markings, excluding strips denoting the manufacturer.
- (2) (a) A goods vehicle with a gross vehicle mass exceeding 10 000 kilograms shall be fitted with contour markings on the side and the rear of such vehicle and the rear contour markings may not be fitted more than 600 millimetres from the lower part of the body of such vehicle.
- (b) A goods vehicle with a length of more than 6 metres shall be fitted with contour markings as contemplated in paragraph (a) from 1 July 2004.

- (c) A trailer first registered after 1 July 2004 shall be fitted with side and rear contour markings, as contemplated in paragraph (a).
- (d) Any trailer shall from 1 January 2006 be fitted with side and rear contour markings, as contemplated in paragraph (a).
- (e) A bus first registered from 1 July 2004 shall be fitted with side and rear markings as contemplated in paragraph (a);
[Para. (e) amended by GN 871/2005 and GN R891/2006]
- (f) Any midibus or bus operating in terms of an operating license issued in accordance with the provisions of the NLTTA, shall from 04 September 2006, be fitted with side and rear markings as contemplated in paragraph (a).
[Para. (f) substituted by GN 871/2005 and GN R891/2006]
- (g) a minibus operating in terms of an operating license issued in accordance with the provisions of the NLTTA, first registered on or after 04 September 2006, and operating in terms of an operating licence, be fitted with side and rear markings as contemplated in paragraph (a).
[Para. (g) added by GN 871/2005 and GN R891/2006]
- (h) any minibus operating in terms of an operating licence issued in accordance with the provisions of the NLTTA shall from 1 January 2007 be fitted with side and rear marking as contemplated in paragraph (a).
[Para. (h) added by GN R891/2006]
[Reg. 192A substituted by GN R1341/2003]