

Motor Vehicle Registry Information Bulletin

V14 - Additional Lighting (Driving Lights, Fog Lights)

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Introduction

Additional lighting (such as driving lights, fog lights and search lights) may be fitted to motor vehicles in the NT providing the lights meet the requirements of this bulletin and do not compromise the vehicle's compliance with the applicable vehicle standards.

All lighting on motor vehicles must comply with the requirements of the Australian Vehicle Standards Rules and Australian Design Rules.

Driving Lights (High Beam Lights)

All four wheeled motor vehicles must be fitted with at least two high beam headlights for the purpose of illuminating the road over a long distance ahead of the vehicle.

- Up to four additional driving lights may be fitted to the front of a vehicle - (a total of six high beam/driving lights are permitted).
- The lights must not be placed wider than the dipped or low beam headlamps and must be fitted symmetrically - (same position on both sides of the vehicle).
- The light emitted shall not cause discomfort by reflecting off any of the vehicle's surfaces into the driver's eyes.
- All high beam driving lights must turn off when the vehicle's headlights are switched to low beam.

Fog Lights

Fog lights are intended to improve the illumination of the road in times of reduced visibility - which may be caused by heavy rain, smoke, dust storm or fog. These lights produce a broad flat beam. The top of the beam must not be higher than the centre of the fog light, when measured 8 metres in front of the vehicle.

Four wheeled motor vehicles may be fitted with two fog lights which must be mounted:

- symmetrically;
- no higher than the top of the low beam headlights;
- not more than 400mm from the sides (extreme outer edge) of the vehicle;
- at least 600mm apart; and
- not less than 250mm above the ground.

Fog lamps must be able to be operated independently from the headlights and driving lights. As a minimum, they must only be able to operate when the park lights are on.

The light emitted shall not cause discomfort by reflecting off any of the vehicle's surfaces into the driver's eyes.

Search or Work Lights

Additional lights intended to be used for temporary purposes (such as the reading of signs, handling or adjusting of loads or providing additional illumination in off-road situations) may be fitted to a vehicle in any location.

The Australian Road Rules prohibit the use of any light on a vehicle that may dazzle the vehicles driver or any other road user.

General Requirements

Any additional driving lights, fog lights or work lights fitted to a vehicle must be designed and securely fitted in a way that:

- minimises the likelihood of injury to a person making contact with the vehicle; and
- does not obstruct the driver's view of the road and traffic to the front of the vehicle.

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