

Additional notes for van fleets



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BVRLA fair wear and tear guidelines are different for vans

Vans are normally exposed to heavier usage than cars and therefore allowances are made for this in the BVRLA standards.

This brief guide gives an overview of the two main areas where vans differ, you may wish to refer to our more general document "A brief guide to vehicle fair wear and tear – an overview of BVRLA guidelines"

For full details of BVRLA standards we recommend you visit www.bvrla.co.uk

The two main differences as compared with the BVRLA fair wear and tear standards for cars are;

- The van is assessed by applying criteria to colour coded 'zones'
- You should pay special attention to external specialist equipment which may have been added



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Know your zones

Blue Zone

Non-working surfaces

This applies to external body paintwork, bumpers and trim.

This zone is treated in a similar way to the standards that apply to the same areas on leased cars.

Before returning the vehicle. Any logos, wraps and advertising livery applied to the bodywork or glass without the permission of the leasing company will need to be removed by a professional.

Damage caused by adding or removing these is not acceptable.

Yellow Zone

Working surfaces

This is any surface in contact with the load and is therefore exposed to extra wear and tear.

Evidence of wear on interior and external load bearing areas such as tailboards, kick panels, tippers and dropsides is acceptable.

Chips, dents or scratches are ok but distortion or deformation of metal panels is not.

Paint removed by wear to working surfaces is acceptable as is paint removed from access areas such as steps and the bottom of door sills.

Magenta Zone

Driver and passenger areas

The interior upholstery must be clean and odourless with no burns, scratches, tears or stains

Floor coverings and surrounding trims must not be torn or split. Carpets and footwells should not have any holes. All seats supplied should be present.

Interior fittings should also be present, intact and free from damage.

All in cab equipment and accessories including first aid kits, fire extinguishers must be returned or replaced.

Dashboard equipment added without the permission of the leasing company should be removed professionally. Holes and damage caused by this type of removal is not acceptable.







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Examples



Car derived and small panel vans



Manufacturer built pick-ups



Driver cab = Magenta area

Magenta area also applies to passenger area of minibuses



Coach built drop sides, tippers, flat beds, beaver tails. (Body separate from cab).

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External specialist equipment

Tow bars

These can only be fitted with the prior permission of the leasing company. If fitted, a tow bar should be in good condition with working electrical connections.

Roof racks and ladders

Prior permission is required. These should be fit for purpose, fitted with anti-rust clamps and pads. Holes created for fitting should be treated against water penetration and rust. Distortion to the roof or any panel, gutters is unacceptable.

Roller shutters

Scratches to paintwork or roller shutters caused by normal usage are acceptable. Damage caused by the impact of load movement is not. Cracks and holes are not acceptable.

Tail-lifts and other mounted equipment

Paint deterioration on tail lift platforms is ok provided there is no distortion to the platform or uprights.

Current, valid statutory certificates must be available.

More details available on request

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Further information is also available from the BVRLA website www.bvrla.co.uk