

A GUIDE TO REGISTERING AND INSURING A KIT CAR

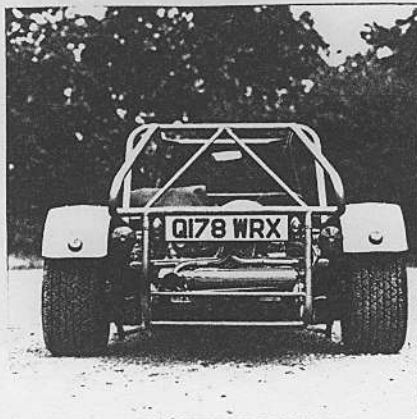
There are three basic categories for registering:

1. Retaining the Original Chassis

If the kit retains the original chassis and retains the original suspension, engine, transaxle etc., then the vehicle is classed as a re-bodying exercise and it retains the original vehicle registration numbers. You must, of course, notify D.V.L.C. at Swansea of the body and colour change etc.

2. Chassis Replacement

If you are building a kit which has a new or replacement chassis, i.e. a UVA Fugitive, you cannot use the original donor vehicle's registration. Presumably the vehicle will be built utilising refurbished or second hand parts from several donor vehicles, this further determines the second course of vehicle registration of a 'Q' prefix. The 'Q' prefix registration indicates that the vehicle is a hybrid of parts from varying years. The 'Q' prefix is primarily used for owners of kit cars. It also applies to vehicles which are imported into the UK with an unknown year of manufacture. All 'Q' prefix registered vehicles are subject to an annual MOT test from day one.



3. All New Parts

If you build your kit from all new parts and have the receipts as proof of this, your vehicle will be classed as a new vehicle and have a registration with a new vehicle prefix i.e. a 'B' prefix for between August 1984 and August 1985. Registering the vehicle as a brand new machine would also incur you car tax which is levied at approximately 9% of the over all estimated value of the kit, including labour.

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HOW TO REGISTER YOUR KIT

As most kits will be registered with the 'Q' prefix, we will deal with these.

Contact your local motor taxation office requesting a V55/5 form. This form must be completed and returned to your local Vehicle Licensing Office complete with a new MOT certificate for your completed kit, a certificate of your motor insurance and, of course, your taxation remittance. It is generally as easy as that. Don't forget to get your completed kit MOT'd straightaway as this, complete with an engineer's report is your assurance that your vehicle is roadworthy.

NB

The above information is a guide for the UK mainland and it has been known for local licensing offices to interpret the law differently. It is, therefore, best to check the finer points with your local motor taxation office but, to the best of our knowledge, the above information is the correct format.

INSURANCE

Surprisingly enough, insuring your kit is generally cheaper than insuring a mass produced sports car because, quite simply, statistics have shown that an individual who constructs his own car takes far more care of it than the average car owner. The two companies below, from our experience, are able to quote excellent rates of insurance for kit car owners. Please contact them for your exact quotation.

Adrian S. Flux & Co., 124 London Road, King's Lynn, Norfolk. PE30 5ES
Tel: (0553) 65236/65237/65316/65450

Wheelspin Insurance, 25, Brighton Road, South Croydon, Surrey, CR2 6EA.
Tel: 01-686-7482

Remember to obtain an engineer's report once your kit has been completed, this can be obtained from your local competent motor engineer. This report will serve you in two ways: It will confirm that you have constructed the kit correctly and will not be endangering yourself or other road users and can also be supplied to your insurers to verify your kit's construction standard.

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