Legal regulations for cars and trailers based on ECE regulation 48
Survey of lighting regulations

Legal provisions must be complied with when equipping or retrofitting parts to a vehicle. The following pages present the legal regulations concerning the installation of front, side or rear lighting, as stipulated by ECE regulation 48.

The overview is split into two areas:
› Regulations for vehicle classes (passenger cars, offroad vehicles, motorhomes, buses, trucks, municipal vehicles and vehicles with special bodywork).
› Regulations for vehicle classes (12 V trailers, caravans and 24 V trailers).

Which lamps are mandatory by law and which are optional are clearly stated. The fitting regulations for the individual lamps are also explained in detail.

HELLA shall assume no liability for potential deviations from the equipment requirements documented here, as experience shows that legal regulations are modified at irregular intervals.

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These pictograms indicate to which regulations apply to which classes.
Legal regulations based on ECE regulation 48

Car classes
(passenger cars, offroad vehicles, motorhomes, buses, trucks, municipal vehicles and vehicles with special bodywork)

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Passenger cars, offroad vehicles, motorhomes, buses, trucks, municipal vehicles and vehicles with special bodywork

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- ECE-R7 Position lamp, tail lamp, stop lamp and clearance lamps
- ECE-R19 Fog lamp
- ECE-R23 Reversing lamp
- ECE-R38 Rear fog lamp
- ECE-R48 For installation and use
- ECE-R77 Parking lamps front and rear
- ECE-R87 Daytime running lamps
- ECE-R91 Side marker lamps
- ECE-R98 Xenon headlamp
- ECE-R104 Contour markings
- ECE-R112 Halogen headlamp
- ECE-R119 Cornering lamp
- ECE-R123 Adaptive frontlighting system (AFS)
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Front lighting – motor vehicle
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<td>Number</td>
<td>2 units</td>
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<tr>
<td>Color</td>
<td>White</td>
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<tr>
<td>Position in width</td>
<td>Max. 400 mm from the extreme outer edge of the vehicle. Min. 600 mm between the two low beam headlamps. Min. 400 mm, if the total vehicle width is &lt; 1,300 mm (not applicable to M₁ and N₁ vehicles.).</td>
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<td>Position in height</td>
<td>Min. 500 mm, max. 1,200 mm, max. 1,500 mm on N₃G vehicles.</td>
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<td>Visibility</td>
<td>Horizontal 10° inwards and 45° outwards. Vertical 15° upwards and 10° downwards.</td>
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<td>Electrical connections</td>
<td>The low beam may remain on when the high beam is switched on.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tell-tale</td>
<td>Optional</td>
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<td>Other regulations</td>
<td>Automatic leveling must be installed with LED headlamps. If the headlamps are equipped with light sources &gt; 2,000 lumen (usually xenon), automatic leveling and a headlamp cleaning system need to be installed, 2 additional cornering lamps are optional.</td>
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<td>Number</td>
<td>2 or 4 units, for N₃ vehicles max. 6 units</td>
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<td>Color</td>
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<tr>
<td>Position in width</td>
<td>No specific regulations, but installed so that the driver is not dazzled by reflections.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Position in height</td>
<td>No specific regulations.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Visibility</td>
<td>5° in all directions.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Electrical connections</td>
<td>The high beam headlamps may only be switched on either at the same time or in pairs. If two additional high beam headlamps are installed, then no more than two pairs may be lit at the same time. During the transition from low beam to high beam, at least 1 pair needs to be switched on for high beam. During the low beam function, all high beam lamps need to switch off at the same time.</td>
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<td>Tell-tale</td>
<td>Mandatory</td>
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<td>The luminous intensity of all the switchable high beam lamps must not exceed 430,000 cd. The sum of the reference numbers must not be greater than 100.</td>
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**Fog lamp**

ECE-R48 section 6.3 and ECE-R19

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**Number**

2 units

**Color**

White or light amber

**Position in width**

Max. 400 mm from the extreme outer edge of the vehicle.

**Position in height**

Not higher than the low beam headlamps. Min. 250 mm above the ground. For M, vehicles and N1 vehicles, max. 800 mm above the ground. For all other vehicle classes, max. 1,200 mm, only for N1G up to 1,500 mm allowed.

**Visibility**

Horizontal 10° inwards and 45° outwards. Vertical ± 5°.

**Electrical connections**

It must be possible to switch them on and off independently of the high or low beam lamps.

**Tell-tale**

Mandatory. An independent non-flashing warning lamp.

**Other regulations**

Special regulation in connection with the headlamps of the R123 (AFS)

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**Front direction indicator (indicator)**

ECE-R48 section 6.5 and ECE-R6

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**Number**

2 units

**Color**

Amber

**Position in width**

Max. 400 mm from the extreme outer edge of the vehicle. Min. 600 mm between the two indicators, but min. 400 mm for vehicle widths < 1,300 mm.

**Position in height**

Min. 350 mm, max. 1,500 mm (exception: 2,100 mm)*.

**Visibility**

Horizontal 45° inwards to 80° outwards, vertical ± 15°, but for a position in height of < 750 mm also 5° downwards (and 20° inwards for M, and N1 vehicles.)

**Electrical connections**

It must switch on independently of the other lamps (except other indicators). All indicators need to be switched on and off on the same side of the vehicle by the same activation device. They must flash synchronously.

**Tell-tale**

Mandatory

**Other regulations**

A malfunction of the direction indicators must be signalized in the vehicle.

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* An exception is only possible if the vehicle geometry does not make standard installation possible.

**ECE-R6 § 6.1**

Category 1 = distance to low beam/fog lamp > 60 mm, luminous intensity min. 175 cd, single lamp max. 1,000 cd, type “D” lamp max. 500 cd

Category 1a = distance to low beam/fog lamp > 20 mm, ≤ 60 mm, luminous intensity min. 250 cd, single lamp max. 1,200 cd, type “D” lamp max. 600 cd

Category 1b = distance to low beam/fog lamp ≤ 20 mm, luminous intensity min. 400 cd, single lamp max. 1,200 cd, type “D” lamp max. 600 cd
Position lamp
ECE-R48 section 6.9 and ECE-R7

**Presence**
ECE-R48 § 6.9.1
Mandatory for all passenger car classes.

**Number**
ECE-R48 § 6.9.2
2 units

**Color**
ECE-R48 § 5.15
White

**Position in width**
ECE-R48 § 6.9.4.1
Max. 400 mm from the extreme outer edge of the vehicle. The clearance between the position lamps for M₁ and N₁ vehicles is not defined. For all other vehicle classes, min. 600 mm between both position lamps, but min. 400 mm for vehicle widths < 1,300 mm.

**Position in height**
ECE-R48 § 6.9.4.2
Min. 250 mm, max. 1,500 mm (exception: 2,100 mm)*.

**Visibility**
ECE-R48 § 6.9.5
Horizontal 45° inwards to 80° outwards, vertical ± 15°, but for a position in height of < 750 mm also 5° downwards. Restriction possible for M₁ and N₁ vehicles (see ECE-R48 section 6.9.5.2).

**Electrical connections**
ECE-R48 § 6.9.7
Must be designed so that the position lamp, tail lamp, side marker lamp and registration plate lamp can only be switched on and off simultaneously. May be switched off while the indicator is on.

**Tell-tale**
ECE-R48 § 6.9.8
Mandatory. The tell-tale may not flash. Not necessary if the lighting equipment in the dashboard can only be switched on at the same time as the position lamps.

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Parking lamps, front
ECE-R48 section 6.12 and ECE-R7

**Presence**
ECE-R48 § 6.12.1
Optional for vehicles ≤ 6 m length and ≤ 2 m wide. Prohibited for all other vehicles.

**Number**
ECE-R48 § 6.12.2
2 lamps at the front and 2 lamps at the back or 1 lamp on each side.

**Color**
ECE-R48 § 5.15
White

**Position in width**
ECE-R48 § 6.12.4.1
Max. 400 mm from the extreme outer edge of the vehicle. If only two lamps are installed on the entire vehicle, installation is on the vehicle sides.

**Position in height**
ECE-R48 § 6.12.4.2
No specific regulations for M₁ and N₁ vehicles. For all other vehicle classes: min. 350 mm, max. 1,500 mm (exception: 2,100 mm)*.

**Visibility**
ECE-R48 § 6.12.5
Horizontal ± 45°, vertical ± 15°, but for a position in height of < 750 mm also 5° downwards.

**Electrical connections**
ECE-R48 § 6.12.7
It must be possible to switch on the parking lamps independently of all other functions.

**Tell-tale**
ECE-R48 § 6.12.8
Optional. If one is available, it must not be confused with the tell-tale for the position lamps and tail lamps.

**Other regulations**
ECE-R48 § 6.12.9
Optional. If there is a tell-tale, it must not be confused with the tell-tale for the position lamps and tail lamps.

* An exception is only possible if the vehicle geometry does not make standard installation possible.
## Front clearance lamp

### Presence
**ECE-R48 § 6.13.1**
Mandatory for vehicles > 2.1 m wide. Optional for vehicles > 1.8 m ≤ 2.1 m width. Category A or AM.

### Number
**ECE-R48 § 6.13.2**
2 units, further 2 optionally possible

### Color
**ECE-R48 § 5.15**
White

### Position in width
**ECE-R48 § 6.13.4.1**
As close as possible to the extreme outer edge, max. 400 mm from the extreme outer edge of the vehicle.

### Position in height
**ECE-R48 § 6.13.4.2**
Above the transparent area of the windshield.

### Visibility
**ECE-R48 § 6.13.5**
Horizontal 80° outwards. Vertical 5° over and 20° below the horizontal.

### Electrical connections
**ECE-R48 § 6.13.7**
Must be designed so that the position lamp, tail lamp, clearance lamp, side marker lamps and registration plate lamps can only be switched on and off simultaneously.

### Tell-tale
**ECE-R48 § 6.13.8**
Optional. If there is a tell-tale, its function must be satisfied by the mandatory tell-tale for the position lamps and tail lamps.

### Other regulations
**ECE-R48 § 6.13.9**
The front white and rear contour lamps may be combined in one lamp as long as the installation instructions and visibility values are satisfied. Distance to position lamp min. 200 mm.

## Front reflector

### Presence
**ECE-R48 § 6.16.1**
Mandatory for vehicles with retractable headlamps/lamps. Optional on all other vehicles.

### Number
**ECE-R48 § 6.16.2**
Min. 2 devices

### Color
**ECE-R48 § 5.15**
White/colorless

### Shape
**ECE-R48 § 6.16**
Not triangular

### Position in width
**ECE-R48 § 6.16.4.1**
Max. 400 mm from the extreme outer edge of the vehicle. The clearance between the reflectors for M and N vehicles is not defined. For all other vehicle classes, min. 400 mm between both reflectors, but min. 400 mm for vehicle widths < 1,300 mm.

### Position in height
**ECE-R48 § 6.16.4.2**
Min. 250 mm, max. 900 mm (exception: 1,500 mm)*.

### Visibility
**ECE-R48 § 6.16.5**
Horizontal ± 30°. Vertical ± 10°, but for a position in height of < 750 mm 5° downwards.

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### Daytime running lamps

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<td>Position in width</td>
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<td>Min. 600 mm between the two daytime running lamps, but min. 400 mm for vehicle widths &lt; 1,300 mm.</td>
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<td>Min. 250 mm, max. 1,500 mm.</td>
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<td>Electrical connections</td>
<td>ECE-R48 § 6.19.7</td>
<td>Automatic activation when the engine is started. The daytime running lamps must switch off automatically if the headlamps or fog lamps are switched on.</td>
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<td>ECE-R48 § 6.19.8</td>
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### Cornering lamp

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<td>White</td>
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<td>Position in height</td>
<td>ECE-R48 § 6.20.4.3</td>
<td>Min. 250 mm, max. 900 mm, but not higher than the low beam lamp.</td>
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<td>Position in length</td>
<td>ECE-R48 § 6.20.4.2</td>
<td>Max. 1,000 mm away from the foremost point of the vehicle.</td>
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<td>Visibility</td>
<td>ECE-R48 § 6.20.5</td>
<td>Vertical ± 10°. Horizontal 30° to 60° outwards.</td>
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<td>Electrical connections</td>
<td>ECE-R48 § 6.20.7</td>
<td>Switched so that they can only be switched on when the high beam or low beam lamps are switched on. Only switched on when the direction indicator is switched on on the same side of the vehicle and/or when the steer angle changes from the straight-ahead position. Automatic switch-off when the direction indicator is canceled and/or when the steering returns to the straight-ahead position. The cornering lamp may also be switched on while the reversing lamp is on. The cornering lamp must also be switched off when the reversing lamp is off.</td>
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<td>Tell-tale</td>
<td>ECE-R48 § 6.20.8</td>
<td>None</td>
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<td>Other regulations</td>
<td>ECE-R48 § 6.20.9</td>
<td>The cornering lamps are not to be switched on at speeds of &gt; 40 km/h.</td>
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Side lighting – motor vehicle
## Side direction indicator (indicator)

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<th>ECE-R48 § 6.5.1</th>
<th>Category 5: mandatory for M, vehicles and N₁, M₁, M₃ vehicles of ≤ 6 m length. Category 6: mandatory for N₂, N₃ vehicles and N₁, M₂, M₃ vehicles of &gt; 6 m length.</th>
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<td>ECE-R48 § 6.5.2</td>
<td>1 on each side of the vehicle</td>
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<td>ECE-R48 § 5.15</td>
<td>Amber</td>
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<td>Position in height</td>
<td>ECE-R48 § 6.5.4.2</td>
<td>Min. 350 mm for M, and N₁, vehicles, min. 500 mm for all other vehicle classes. Max. 1,500 mm (exception: 2,300 mm)*.</td>
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<td>Position in length</td>
<td>ECE-R48 § 6.5.4.3</td>
<td>Max. 1,800 mm from the front, measured from the outermost point. 2,500 mm for all M, and N₁, vehicles and whenever the vehicle geometry does not allow for any installations of &lt; 1,800 mm.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Visibility</td>
<td>ECE-R48 § 6.5.5</td>
<td>Horizontal min. 5° to 60° rear. Vertical ± 15° for category 5, but for position in heights of &lt; 750 mm also 5° downwards. For category 6, however, 30° over and 5° below the horizontal.</td>
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<td>Electrical connections</td>
<td>ECE-R48 § 6.5.7</td>
<td>Mandatory. Must switch on with the direction indicators on the same side of the vehicle together and independently of the other lamps. They need to be switched on and off on the same side of the vehicle by the same activation device. They must flash synchronously.</td>
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<td>Tell-tale</td>
<td>ECE-R48 § 6.5.8</td>
<td>None</td>
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<td>Other regulations</td>
<td>ECE-R48 § 6.5.9</td>
<td>Side direction indicators in category 5 may always be replaced with category 6. For M₂, M₃, N₂, and N₃ vehicles of &gt; 9 m length = max. 3 additional category 5 or 1 additional category 6 possible.</td>
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*An exception is only possible if the vehicle geometry does not make standard installation possible.

### ECE-R6 § 6.1
- Category 5 = luminous intensity min. 0.6 cd, single lamp max. 280 cd, type “D” lamp max. 140 cd
- Category 6 = luminous intensity min. 50 cd, single lamp max. 280 cd, type “D” lamp max. 140 cd
**SIDE LIGHTING – MOTOR VEHICLE**

**Side reflector**  
ECE-R48 section 6.17 and ECE-R3

**Presence**  
ECE-R48 § 6.17.1  
Mandatory for all vehicles > 6 m.  
Optional for all vehicles ≤ 6 m.

**Number**  
ECE-R48 § 6.17.2  
See position in length

**Color**  
ECE-R48 § 5.15  
Front amber, rear amber (in combination with the combination rear lamp, red is also possible)

**Shape**  
ECE-R48 § 6.17  
Not triangular

**Position in height**  
ECE-R48 § 6.17.4.2  
Min. 250 mm, max. 900 mm (exception: 1,500 mm)*. Max. 1,200 mm, if it is installed with another lighting function.

**Position in length**  
ECE-R48 § 6.17.4.3  
The reflex reflector installed at the most foremost point must not be further than max. 3 m from the front of the vehicle. Max. 3 m between the individual reflex reflector. This does not apply to M1 and N1 vehicles (exception: 4 m). Max. clearance from rear 1 m, min. 1 reflex reflector in the middle third. For vehicle lengths of < 6 m, one in the first third and/or one in the last third is sufficient. M1 vehicles > 6 m but < 7 m, one reflex reflector within 3 m from front and one in the last third of the vehicle length.

**Visibility**  
ECE-R48 § 6.17.5  
Horizontal ± 45°. Vertical ± 10°, but for a position in height of < 750 mm 5° downwards.

**Other regulations**  
ECE-R48 § 6.17.9  
The illuminating surface of the reflector may be integrated in any other position lamp.

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Parking lamps, side  
ECE-R48 section 6.12 and ECE-R77 or ECE-R7

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<td>Optional for vehicles ≤ 6 m long and ≤ 2 m wide. Prohibited for all other vehicles.</td>
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<td>Number ECE-R48 § 6.12.2</td>
<td>1 lamp on each side (or 2 lamps at the front and 2 lamps at the rear; see parking lamps front/rear)</td>
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<td>Color ECE-R48 § 5.15</td>
<td>Amber</td>
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<td>Position in height ECE-R48 § 6.12.4.2</td>
<td>No specific regulations for M, and N, vehicles. For all other vehicle classes: min. 350 mm, max. 1,500 mm (exception: 2,100 mm)*.</td>
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<td>Visibility ECE-R48 § 6.12.5</td>
<td>Horizontal 45° to the front and rear. Vertical ± 15°, but for a position in height of &lt; 750 mm 5° downwards.</td>
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<td>Electrical connections ECE-R48 § 6.12.7</td>
<td>It must be possible to switch on the parking lamps independently of all other functions. Automatic switching-off is forbidden after time x.</td>
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<td>Tell-tale ECE-R48 § 6.12.8</td>
<td>Optional. If one is available, it must not be confused with the tell-tale for the position lamps and tail lamps.</td>
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<td>Optional. If there is a tell-tale, it must not be confused with the tell-tale for the position lamps and tail lamps.</td>
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SIDE LIGHTING – MOTOR VEHICLE

**Side marker lamp**

ECE-R48 section 6.18 and ECE-R91

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<td><strong>Presence</strong></td>
<td>Mandatory for all vehicles &gt; 6 m except for chassis with cab. Optional for all other motor vehicles. Mandatory for M, vehicles and N, vehicles with vehicle lengths ≤ 6 m, if the geometric visibility of the position lamps and tail lamps needs to be compensated.</td>
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<td><strong>Number</strong></td>
<td>See position in length</td>
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<td><strong>Color</strong></td>
<td>Amber (in combination with the combination rear lamp, red is also possible)</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Position in height</strong></td>
<td>Min. 250 mm, max. 1,500 mm (exception: 2,100 mm)*.</td>
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<td><strong>Position in length</strong></td>
<td>Foremost max. 3 m from the front, rearmost max. 1 m from rear, max. 3 m between the individual side marker lamps (exception: 4 m). Min. 1 in the front and/or rear third. M, vehicles &gt; 6 m but &lt; 7 m, one side marker lamp within 3 m from front and one in the last third of the vehicle length.</td>
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<td><strong>Visibility</strong></td>
<td>Horizontal ± 45°. For vehicles in which the installation is optional, however, ± 30°. Vertical ± 10°, but for a position in height of &lt; 750 mm 5° downwards.</td>
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<td><strong>Electrical connections</strong></td>
<td>For M, vehicles and N, vehicles that are ≤ 6 m long, side marker lamps may also act as indicators. They must flash at the same frequency as the direction indicators and on the same side.</td>
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<td><strong>Tell-tale</strong></td>
<td>Optional. If there is a tell-tale, its function must be met by the mandatory tell-tale for the position lamps and tail lamps.</td>
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<td><strong>Other regulations</strong></td>
<td>The illuminating surface of the reflector may be integrated into the side indicator lamp. The max. position in height of the reflex reflector needs to be observed here. The rear side marker lamps must be amber if they flash together with the rear direction indicator.</td>
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**ECE-R91 § 7.1**

Category SM1 (use in all vehicle classes) = luminous intensity min. 4 cd, max. 25 cd
Category SM2 (use only in M, classes) = luminous intensity min. 0.6 cd, max. 25 cd
Conspicuity markings
ECE-R48 section 6.21 and ECE-R104

Presence
ECE-R48 § 6.21.1
Partial contour marking mandatory on vehicles in the following classes with a length of > 6,000 mm: N2 > 7.5 t and N3 (exception: chassis with cab, incomplete vehicles and semitrailer tractors). However, if it is not possible to install the mandatory contour marking, line markings may be installed. Optional on vehicles in all other classes except M1 vehicles. A full contour marking may be used in place of a partial contour marking. Partial or full contour marking is permissible in place of line marking.

Arrangement
ECE-R48 § 6.21.3
Horizontal and vertical if compatible with the shape, structure and design of the vehicle.

Color
ECE-R48 § 5.15
White or amber

Position in length
ECE-R48 § 6.21.4.2
Continuous until as close as practicable to the ends of the vehicle, within max. 600 mm of each end of the vehicle.
⇒ For vehicles, at each end of the vehicle.
⇒ For semitrailer tractors at each end of the driver’s cab.
The total length of the horizontal markings must be min. 70% of the value of the following dimensions:
⇒ For vehicles: length of vehicle (without driver’s cab).
⇒ For semitrailer tractors: length of the driver’s cab.
If this is not technically feasible, this value can be reduced to 60%/40%.

Position in height
ECE-R48 § 6.21.4.3
Lower marking: as low as possible, but min. 250 mm above the ground, max. 1,500 mm above the ground (exception: to 2,500 mm). Upper marking: as high as possible, max. 400 mm from the upper edge of the vehicle.

Visibility
ECE-R48 § 6.21.5
Min. 70% of the marking must be visible to an onlooker.

Position on side
ECE-R48 § 6.21.6.1
As close as practicable to being parallel to the median longitudinal plane of the vehicle.

Other regulations
ECE-R48 § 6.21.7
1. Conspicuity markings are deemed continuous if the clearances between parts arranged next to each other are as small as possible and no more than 50% of the shortest length of one of these parts. (If this is not possible, a value > 50% but < 1 m is allowed.)
2. In the case of a partial contour marking, each upper corner must be clearly marked by two lines at angles of 90°; each line must be min. 250 mm long.
3. The locations of the vehicle where the conspicuity markings are to be installed must be big enough to bear markings that are min. 60 mm wide.

Note: due to the multitude of restrictions and modifications for conspicuity markings in ECE-R48, we strongly recommend using the unshortened original version in your planning processes.
Rear lighting – motor vehicle
### Rear direction indicator (indicator)

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<td>ECE-R48 § 6.5.1 Mandatory for all passenger car classes. Category 2a or 2b.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Number</td>
<td>ECE-R48 § 6.5.3 2 units, further 2 optionally possible for M2, M3, N2, and N3 vehicles.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Color</td>
<td>ECE-R48 § 5.15 Amber</td>
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<tr>
<td>Position in width</td>
<td>ECE-R48 § 6.5.4.1 Max. 400 mm from the extreme outer edge of the vehicle. This does not apply to the additional indicators. Min. 600 mm between the two indicators, but min. 400 mm for vehicle widths &lt; 1,300 mm.</td>
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<td>Position in height</td>
<td>ECE-R48 § 6.5.4.2 Min. 350 mm, max. 1,500 mm (exception: 2,100 mm, only if the vehicle geometry does not allow for an installation of less than 1,500 mm and if no additional indicators are installed). Position in height of the additional indicators: min. 600 mm above the mandatory indicators.</td>
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<td>Visibility</td>
<td>ECE-R48 § 6.5.5 Horizontal 45° inwards to 80° outwards. 45° outside for M1 and N1 vehicles if the side marker lamp also flashes. Vertical ± 15°, but for a position in height of &lt; 750 mm also 5° downwards. Optional indicators with a position in height of 2,100 mm also 5° downwards.</td>
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<td>Electrical connections</td>
<td>ECE-R48 § 6.5.7 Must switch on independently of the other lamps (except other indicators). All indicators need to be switched on and off on the same side of the vehicle by the same activation device. They must flash synchronously.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tell-tale</td>
<td>ECE-R48 § 6.5.8 Mandatory</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other regulations</td>
<td>ECE-R48 § 6.5.9 Installation of 2 additional indicators on all vehicles of classes M2, M3, N2, and N3 is optional.</td>
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**ECE-R6 § 6.1**
- Category 2a (fixed) = luminous intensity min. 50 cd, single lamp max. 500 cd, type “D” lamp max. 250 cd
- Category 2b (variable) = luminous intensity min. 50 cd, single lamp max. 1,000 cd, type “D” lamp max. 500 cd
### Tail lamp

**Presence**

- **ECE-R48 § 6.10.1**: Mandatory for all passenger car classes. Categories R, R1 or R2.

**Number**

- **ECE-R48 § 6.10.2**: 2 units, further 2 optionally possible for M2, M3, N2 and N3 vehicles (if clearance lamps are not installed).

**Color**

- **ECE-R48 § 5.15**: Red

**Position in width**

- **ECE-R48 § 6.10.4.1**: Max. 400 mm from the extreme outer edge of the vehicle. This does not apply to the additional tail lamps. The clearance between the tail lamps for M1 and N1 vehicles is not defined. For all other vehicle classes min. 600 mm between both tail lamps, but min. 400 mm for vehicle widths < 1,300 mm.

**Position in height**

- **ECE-R48 § 6.10.4.2**: Min. 350 mm, max. 1,500 mm (exception: 2,100 mm, only if the vehicle geometry does not allow for an installation of less than 1,500 mm and no additional tail lamps are installed). Position in height of the additional indicators: min. 600 mm above the mandatory tail lamps.

**Visibility**

- **ECE-R48 § 6.10.5**: Horizontal 45° inwards to 80° outwards, 45° for M1 and N1 vehicles if a side marker lamp is installed. Vertical ± 15°, but for a position in height of < 750 mm also 5° downwards. For additional tail lamps with a position in height of 2,100 mm, also 5° upwards.

**Electrical connections**

- **ECE-R48 § 6.10.7**: Must be designed so that the position lamp, tail lamp, side marker lamps and registration plate lamps can only be switched on and off simultaneously.

**Tell-tale**

- **ECE-R48 § 6.10.8**: Mandatory. It must be combined with the tell-tale for the front position lamps.

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**ECE-R7 § 4.1**

- **Category R1 (fixed)**: minimum luminous intensity min. 4 cd, single lamp max. 17 cd, type “D” lamp max. 8.5 cd.
- **Category R2 (variable)**: minimum luminous intensity min. 4 cd, single lamp max. 42 cd, type “D” lamp max. 21 cd.
Stop lamp
ECE-R48 section 6.7 and ECE-R7

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<th>Mandatory for all passenger car classes. Category S1 or S2.</th>
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| Number        | 2 units
ECE-R48 § 6.7.2 | Except when stop lamps in category S3 or S4 are installed (center high mounted stop lamps), two additional stop lamps in category S1 or S2 can be installed on vehicle classes M1, M2, N1, and N2. |
| Color         | Red |
| Position in width ECE-R48 § 6.7.4.1 | For M, and N, vehicles, max. 400 mm from the extreme outer edge of the vehicle. No regulations regarding the clearance between the stop lamps. For all other vehicle classes min. 600 mm between both stop lamps, but min. 400 mm for vehicle widths < 1,300 mm. |
| Position in height ECE-R48 § 6.7.4.2 | Min. 350 mm, max. 1,500 mm (exception: 2,100 mm, only if the vehicle geometry does not allow for an installation of less than 1,500 mm and 2 additional stop lamps are not installed). Position in height of the additional stop lamps: min. 600 mm above the mandatory stop lamps. |
| Visibility ECE-R48 § 6.7.5 | Horizontal ± 45°. Vertical ± 15°, but for a position in height of < 750 mm also 5° downwards. The vertical angle above the horizontal can be reduced to 5° if the position in height of the additional stop lamps is 2,100 mm. |
| Electrical connections ECE-R48 § 6.7.7 | Must light up when the brake is pressed. |
| Tell-tale ECE-R48 § 6.7.8 | Optional. If there is one, only as an operating tell-tale in the shape of a non-flashing warning lamp that lights up in the event of a fault. |
| Other regulations ECE-R48 § 6.11.9 | The clearance of the stop lamp to the rear fog lamp must be ≥ 100 mm. |

ECE-R7 § 6.1
Category S1 (fixed) = luminous intensity min. 60 cd, single lamp max. 260 cd, type “D” lamp max. 130 cd
Category S2 (variable) = luminous intensity min. 60 cd, single lamp max. 730 cd, type “D” lamp max. 365 cd
### Center high mounted stop lamp

**Presence**

ECE-R48 § 6.7.1

Category S3 or S4, Mandatory for vehicle classes M and N. Except chassis with driver’s cabs and N vehicles with an open loading space. Optional for other vehicle classes.

**Number**

ECE-R48 § 6.7.2

1 unit

If the median longitudinal plane of the vehicle is not located on a fixed body panel but separates e.g. doors and there is no space for an S3 or S4 stop lamp, two S3 or S4 stop lamps of the type “D” stop lamp or an S3 or S4 stop lamp can be installed to the left or right of the median longitudinal plane of the vehicle.

**Color**

ECE-R48 § 5.15

Red

**Presence in width**

ECE-R48 § 6.7.4.1

The central reference point must lie in the median longitudinal plane of the vehicle. If two S3 or S4 stop lamps are installed, each one needs to be installed as close as possible to the median longitudinal plane. If only one S3 or S4 stop lamp is installed next to the median longitudinal plane, the clearance may not be greater than 150 mm.

**Presence in height**

ECE-R48 § 6.7.4.2

Either max. 150 mm below the rear window or min. 850 mm above the ground. Above the S1 and S2 stop lamps.

**Visibility**

ECE-R48 § 6.7.5

Horizontal ± 10°, Vertical 10° over and 5° below the horizontal.

**Electrical connections**

ECE-R48 § 6.7.7

Must light up when the braking system sends a corresponding signal.

**Tell-tale**

ECE-R48 § 6.7.8

Optional. If there is one, only as an operating tell-tale in the shape of a non-flashing warning lamp that lights up in the event of a fault.

**Other regulations**

ECE-R48 § 6.7.9

The S3 or S4 stop lamp can be installed outside or inside the vehicle. If it is installed inside, it must not dazzle the driver. An S3 or S4 stop lamp may not be built into another lamp.

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**ECE-R7 § 6.1**

Category S3 (fixed) = luminous intensity min. 25 cd, single lamp max. 110 cd, type “D” lamp max. 55 cd

Category S4 (variable) = luminous intensity min. 25 cd, single lamp max. 160 cd, type “D” lamp max. 80 cd
Reversing lamp
ECE-R48 section 6.4 and ECE-R23

**Presence**
ECE-R48 § 6.4.1
Mandatory for all passenger car classes.

**Number**
ECE-R48 § 6.4.2
1 device mandatory and a second one mandatory on M1 vehicles and all other vehicles with a length of < 6 m. 2 devices mandatory and 2 devices optional* on all vehicles with lengths of > 6 m, except M1 vehicles.

**Color**
ECE-R48 § 5.15
White

**Position in width**
ECE-R48 § 6.4.4.1
No regulations

**Position in height**
ECE-R48 § 6.4.4.2
Min. 250 mm, max. 1,200 mm.

**Visibility**
ECE-R48 § 6.4.5
1 lamp: horizontal ± 45°. 2 lamps: horizontal 30° inwards to 45° outwards. Vertical 15° upwards, to 5° downwards.

**Electrical connections**
ECE-R48 § 6.4.7
Only lights up when the reverse gear is engaged and the vehicle is in running order. The special conditions in section 6.4.7.2 apply to the optional reversing lamps.

**Tell-tale**
ECE-R48 § 6.4.8
Optional

* Installation of the two optional reversing lamps also allowed on the vehicle side.

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Rear fog lamp
ECE-R48 section 6.11 and ECE-R38

**Presence**
ECE-R48 § 6.11.1
Mandatory for all passenger car classes. Category F, F1 or F2.

**Number**
ECE-R48 § 6.11.2
1 or 2 units

**Color**
ECE-R48 § 5.15
Red

**Position in width**
ECE-R48 § 6.11.4.1
No regulations

**Position in height**
ECE-R48 § 6.11.4.2
Min. 250 mm, max. 1,000 mm. For N3G or if built together with another rear lamp: max. 1,200 mm.

**General position**
ECE-R48 § 6.11.4.1
With 1 rear fog lamp: left of center = right-hand traffic, right of center = left-hand traffic. Presence in the middle is allowed.

**Visibility**
ECE-R48 § 6.11.5

**Electrical connections**
ECE-R48 § 6.11.7
Cannot be switched on unless the low beam, high beam or fog lamps are switched on.

**Tell-tale**
ECE-R48 § 6.11.8
Mandatory. An independent, non-flashing warning light.

**Other regulations**
ECE-R48 § 6.11.9
The clearance to the stop lamp must be > 100 mm. The rear fog lamp of the tractor vehicle can switch off automatically if a trailer is towed and its rear fog lamp is thereby switched on.

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ECE-R38 § 6.1
Category F, F1 (fixed) = luminous intensity min. 150 cd, max. 300 cd
Category F2 (variable) = luminous intensity min. 150 cd, max. 840 cd
### Registration plate lamp

**ECE-R48 section 6.8 and ECE-R4**

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<td>1 or more</td>
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<td>Color</td>
<td>White</td>
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<td>Arrangement</td>
<td>In a way that the registration plate is illuminated.</td>
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<td>Electrical connections</td>
<td>Must be designed so that the position lamp, registration plate lamp, tail lamp and side marker lamps can only be switched on and off simultaneously.</td>
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<td>Tell-tale</td>
<td>Optional. If there is a tell-tale, its function must be satisfied by the mandatory tell-tale for the position lamps and tail lamps</td>
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### Parking lamps, rear

**ECE-R48 section 6.12 and ECE-R77 or ECE-R7**

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<td>Number</td>
<td>2 lamps at the front and 2 lamps at the back or 1 lamp on each side.</td>
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<td>Color</td>
<td>Red</td>
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<td>Position in width</td>
<td>Max. 400 mm from the extreme outer edge of the vehicle. If only two lamps are installed, then install on the vehicle sides.</td>
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<td>Position in height</td>
<td>No specific regulations for M1 and N1 vehicles. For all other vehicle classes: min. 350 mm, max. 1,300 mm (exception: 2,100 mm)*.</td>
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<td>Visibility</td>
<td>Horizontal 45°. Vertical ± 15°, but for a position in height of &lt; 750 mm 5° downwards is also sufficient.</td>
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<td>It must be possible to switch the parking lamps on and off independently of all other functions.</td>
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<td>Optional. If one is available, it must not be confused with the tell-tale for the position lamps and tail lamps.</td>
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### Rear contour lamp

#### Presence

ECE-R48 § 6.13.1

Mandatory for vehicles > 2.1 m wide. Optional for vehicles > 1.8 m length and ≤ 2.1 m wide. Optional on chassis with cab. Category R, R1, R2, RM1 or RM2.

#### Number

ECE-R48 § 6.13.2

2 units, further 2 optional

#### Color

ECE-R48 § 5.15

Red

#### Position in width

ECE-R48 § 6.13.4.1

Max. 400 mm from the extreme outer edge of the vehicle.

#### Position in height

ECE-R48 § 6.13.4.2

As high as possible. Optional and mandatory with the greatest possible clearance.

#### Visibility

ECE-R48 § 6.13.5

Horizontal 80° outwards, vertical 5° over and 20° below the horizontal.

#### Electrical connections

ECE-R48 § 6.13.7

Must be designed so that the position lamp, tail lamp, side marker lamps and registration plate lamps can only be switched on and off simultaneously.

#### Tell-tale

ECE-R48 § 6.13.8

Optional. If there is a tell-tale, its function must be satisfied by the mandatory tell-tale for the position lamps and tail lamps.

#### Other regulations

ECE-R48 § 6.13.9

The front white and rear contour lamps may be combined in one lamp as long as the installation instructions and visibility values are satisfied. Clearance of the clearance lamp to the tail lamp min. 200 mm.

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**ECE-R7 § 6.1**

Category R, R1, RM1 (fixed) = luminous intensity min. 4 cd, single lamp max. 17 cd, type "D" lamp max. 8.5 cd

Category R2, RM2 (variable) = luminous intensity min. 4 cd, single lamp max. 42 cd, type "D" lamp max. 21 cd
Rear reflectors
ECE-R48 section 6.14 and ECE-R3

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<td>2 devices, additional devices optional.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Color</td>
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<tr>
<td>Shape</td>
<td>Not triangular</td>
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<tr>
<td>Position in width</td>
<td>Max. 400 mm from the extreme outer edge of the vehicle. The clearance between the reflectors for M, and N, vehicles is not defined. For all other vehicle classes, min. 600 mm between both reflectors, but min. 400 mm for vehicle widths &lt; 1,300 mm.</td>
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<td>Position in height</td>
<td>Min. 250 mm, max. 900 mm. Not more than 1,200 mm, if it is installed with another rear lamp function (exception: 1,500 mm).</td>
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<td>Visibility</td>
<td>Horizontal ± 30°, Vertical ± 10°, but for a position in height of &lt; 750 mm 5° downwards.</td>
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<td>Other regulations</td>
<td>The illuminating surface of the reflex reflector may be installed with any other lamp. The max. position in height of the reflector needs to be observed here!</td>
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Max. 400 mm

Min. 600 mm

Max. 900 mm

Min. 250 mm
### Conspicuity markings

**Presence**

ECE-R48 § 6.21.1  
Full contour markings mandatory for the following classes with a width of > 2,100mm: N2 > 7.5 t and N3 (exception: chassis with cab, incomplete vehicles and semitrailer tractors). However, if it is not possible to install the mandatory contour markings due to the shape, structure, type or operating conditions, line markings may be installed. Optional on vehicles in all other classes except M vehicles. A full contour marking may be used in place of a partial contour marking. Partial or full contour marking is permissible in place of line marking.

**Arrangement**

ECE-R48 § 6.21.3  
Horizontal and vertical if compatible with the shape, structure and design of the vehicle.

**Color**

ECE-R48 § 5.15  
Red or amber  
Some countries allow white.

**Position in width**

ECE-R48 § 6.21.4.1  
As close as practicable to the edge of the vehicle. The effective total width of the horizontal marking must be min. 80% of the vehicle width. If this is not technically feasible, this value can be reduced to 60%/40%.

**Position in height**

ECE-R48 § 6.21.4.3  
Lower marking: as low as possible, but min. 250 mm above the ground, max. 1,500 mm above the ground (exception: to 2,500 mm). Upper marking: as high as possible, max. 400 mm from the upper edge of the vehicle.

**Visibility**

ECE-R48 § 6.21.5  
Min. 80% of the marking must be visible to an onlooker.

**Position at rear**

ECE-R48 § 6.21.6.2  
As close as practicable to being parallel to the transverse plane of the vehicle.

**Other regulations**

ECE-R48 § 6.21.7  
1. Conspicuity markings are deemed continuous if the clearances between parts arranged next to each other is as small as possible and no more than 50% of the shortest length of one of these parts. (If this is not possible, a value > 50% but < 1 m is allowed.)  
2. The clearance between the conspicuity markings installed at the rear of the vehicle and every mandatory stop lamp should be greater than 200 mm.  
3. If rear registration plates of regulation ECE-R70 are installed, these can be considered as part of the rear conspicuity marking at the manufacturer’s discretion when calculating the conspicuity marking and its clearance to the side of the vehicle.  
4. The locations of the vehicle where the conspicuity markings are to be installed must be big enough to bear markings that are min. 60 mm wide.

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Front lighting – trailers
| **Front clearance lamp**  
ECE-R48 section 6.13 and ECE-R7 |
|--------------------------------|
| **Presence**  
ECE-R48 § 6.13.1  |
| Mandatory for all trailers > 2.1 m wide.  
Optional for trailers > 1.8 m to ≤ 2.1 m width.  
Category A or AM. |
| **Number**  
ECE-R48 § 6.13.2  |
| 2 lamps, 2 additional lamps optional |
| **Color**  
ECE-R48 § 5.15  |
| White |
| **Position in width**  
ECE-R48 § 6.13.4.1  |
| Max. 400 mm from the extreme outer edge of the vehicle. |
| **Position in height**  
ECE-R48 § 6.13.4.2  |
| As high as possible. |
| **Visibility**  
ECE-R48 § 6.13.5  |
| Horizontal 80° outwards, vertical 5° over and 20° below the horizontal. |
| **Electrical connections**  
ECE-R48 § 6.13.7  |
| Must be designed so that the position lamp, tail lamp, side marker lamps and registration plate lamps can only be switched on and off simultaneously. |
| **Tell-tale**  
ECE-R48 § 6.13.8  |
| Optional. If there is a tell-tale, its function must be satisfied by the mandatory tell-tale for the position lamps and tail lamps. |
| **Other regulations**  
ECE-R48 § 6.13.9  |
| The front white and rear contour lamps may be combined in one lamp as long as the installation instructions and visibility values are satisfied.  
Clearance from clearance lamp to position lamp > 200 mm. |

**ECE-R7 § 6.1.1**  
Category A, AM = luminous intensity min. 4 cd, single lamp max. 140 cd, type “D” lamp max. 70 cd
### Front position lamp

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### Front reflector

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Side lighting – trailers
### Side reflector
ECE-R48 section 6.17 and ECE-R3

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### Side marker lamp (SM1)

#### ECE-R48 section 6.18 and ECE-R91

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<td><strong>Presence</strong></td>
<td>Mandatory for all trailers &gt; 6 m long. Optional for trailers &lt; 6 m long.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Number</strong></td>
<td>See position in length</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Color</strong></td>
<td>Front amber, rear amber (in combination with the combination rear lamp, red is also possible)</td>
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<td><strong>Position in height</strong></td>
<td>Min. 250 mm, max. 1,500 mm (exception: 2,100 mm)*.</td>
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<td><strong>Position in length</strong></td>
<td>Foremost side marker lamp not further than max. 3 m from the front, rearmost side marker lamp not further than max. 1 m from rear, max. 3 m between the individual side marker lamps (exception: 4 m). Min. 1 in the front and / or rear third. For vehicle lengths of ≤ 6 m, alternatively min. one in the middle third.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Visibility</strong></td>
<td>Horizontal ± 45°; with optional side marker lamps ± 30°. Vertical ± 10°, but for a position in height of &lt; 750 mm 5° downwards.</td>
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<td><strong>Electrical connections</strong></td>
<td>No regulations</td>
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<td><strong>Tell-tale</strong></td>
<td>Optional. If there is a tell-tale, its function must be met by the mandatory tell-tale for the position lamps and tail lamps.</td>
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<td><strong>Other regulations</strong></td>
<td>The illuminating surface of the reflector may be integrated into the side indicator lamp. The max. position in height of the reflex reflector needs to be observed here. The rear side marker lamps must be amber if they flash together with the rear direction indicator.</td>
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#### ECE-R91 (7.1)

Category SM1 (use in all vehicle classes) = luminous intensity min. 4 cd, max. 25 cd
### Additional side direction indicator (indicator)

**ECE-R48 section 6.5 and ECE-R6**

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<td>Optional for O₁, O₂, and O₃ vehicles &gt; 9 m long.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Number</strong></td>
<td>Max. 3 lamps category 5 or 1 lamp category 6 one each side of the vehicle</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Color</strong></td>
<td>Amber</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Position in height</strong></td>
<td>&gt; 500 mm to max. 1,500 mm (in exceptional cases up to 2,300 mm)*.</td>
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<td><strong>Position in length</strong></td>
<td>Category 5 = distributed evenly along the length of the trailer.</td>
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<td><strong>Visibility</strong></td>
<td>Category 6 = between the 1st and the last quarter of the trailer.</td>
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<td><strong>Electrical connections</strong></td>
<td>It must switch on independently of the other lamps. They need to be switched on and off on the same side of the vehicle by the same activation device.</td>
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<td><strong>Tell-tale</strong></td>
<td>Not mandatory</td>
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Conspicuity markings
ECE-R48 section 6.21 and ECE-R104

**Presence**
ECE-R48 § 6.21.1
Partial contour marking mandatory on O3 and O4 vehicles with a length of > 6,000 mm (exception: incomplete vehicles). However, if it is not possible to install the mandatory contour marking, line markings may be installed. Optional on vehicles in all other classes except O1 vehicles. A full contour marking may be used in place of a partial contour marking. Partial or full contour marking is permissible in place of line marking.

**Arrangement**
ECE-R48 § 6.21.3
Horizontal and vertical if compatible with the shape, structure and design of the vehicle.

**Color**
ECE-R48 § 5.15
White or amber

**Position in length**
ECE-R48 § 6.21.4.2
Continuous until as close as practicable to both ends of the vehicle, within max. 600 mm of each end of the vehicle.
- For trailers, at each end of the vehicle (without towing bar).
  - The total length of the horizontal markings must be min. 70% of the value of the following dimensions:
  - For trailers: length of the vehicle (without towing bar).
  - If this is not technically feasible, this value can be reduced to 60%/40%.

**Position in height**
ECE-R48 § 6.21.4.3
Lower marking: as low as possible, but min. 250 mm above the ground, max. 1,500 mm above the ground (exception: to 2,500 mm). Upper marking: as high as possible, max. 400 mm from the upper edge of the vehicle.

**Visibility**
ECE-R48 § 6.21.5
Min. 70% of the marking must be visible to an onlooker.

**Position on side**
ECE-R48 § 6.21.6.1
As close as practicable to being parallel to the median longitudinal plane of the vehicle.

**Other regulations**
ECE-R48 § 6.21.7
1. Conspicuity markings are deemed continuous if the clearances between parts arranged next to each other is as small as possible and no more than 50% of the shortest length of one of these parts. (If this is not possible, a value > 50% but < 1 m is allowed.)
2. In the case of a partial contour marking, each upper corner must be clearly marked by two lines at angles of 90°; each line must be min. 250 mm long.
3. The locations of the vehicle where the conspicuity markings are to be installed must be big enough to bear markings that are min. 60 mm wide.

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Rear lighting – trailers
### Rear reflectors

ECE-R48 section 6.15 and ECE-R3

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<td>Mandatory for all trailers.</td>
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<td><strong>Number</strong> ECE-R48 § 6.15.2</td>
<td>Min. 2 devices</td>
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<td><strong>Color</strong> ECE-R48 § 5.15</td>
<td>Red</td>
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<td><strong>Shape</strong> ECE-R48 § 6.15</td>
<td>Triangular</td>
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<td><strong>Arrangement</strong> ECE-R48 § 6.15.3</td>
<td>The tip of the triangle must point upwards.</td>
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<td><strong>Position in width</strong> ECE-R48 § 6.15.4.1</td>
<td>Max. 400 mm from the extreme outer edge of the vehicle, min. 600 mm between the two reflex reflectors, but min. 400 mm for vehicle widths of &lt; 1,300 mm.</td>
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<td><strong>Position in height</strong> ECE-R48 § 6.15.4.2</td>
<td>Min. 250 mm, max. 900 mm, max. 1,200 mm if integrated in another lamp (exception: 1,500 mm)*.</td>
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<td><strong>Visibility</strong> ECE-R48 § 6.15.5</td>
<td>Horizontal ± 30°, Vertical ± 15°, but for a position in height of &lt; 750 mm 5° downwards.</td>
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<td><strong>Other regulations</strong> ECE-R48 § 6.15.9</td>
<td>The illuminating surface of the reflex reflector may be integrated in any other rear lamp.</td>
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## Rear lighting – trailers

### Rear direction indicator (indicator)

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**ECE-R48 (6.1)**

Category 2a (fixed) = luminous intensity min. 50 cd, single lamp max. 500 cd, type "D" lamp max. 250 cd

Category 2b (variable) = luminous intensity min. 50 cd, single lamp max. 1,000 cd, type "D" lamp max. 500 cd
**Tail lamp**
**ECE-R48 section 6.10 and ECE-R7**

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**ECE-R7 § 6.1**
Category R₁ (fixed) = luminous intensity min. 4 cd, single lamp max. 17 cd, type “D” lamp max. 8.5 cd
Category R₂ (variable) = luminous intensity min. 4 cd, single lamp max. 42 cd, type “D” lamp max. 21 cd
Stop lamp
ECE-R48 section 6.7 and ECE-R7

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<td>2 lamps. Except if stop lamps in category S3 or S4 are installed, two additional stop lamps in category S1 or S2 can be installed to vehicle classes O₂, O₃ and O₄.</td>
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<td>Color</td>
<td>Red</td>
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<td>Position in width</td>
<td>For all trailers min. 600 mm between both stop lamps, but min. 400 mm for vehicle widths &lt; 1,300 mm.</td>
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<td>Position in height</td>
<td>Min. 350 mm, max. 1,500 mm (exception: 2,100 mm, only if the vehicle geometry does not allow for an installation of less than 1,500 mm and 2 additional stop lamps are not installed). Position in height of the additional stop lamps: min. 600 mm above the mandatory stop lamps.</td>
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<td>Visibility</td>
<td>Horizontal ± 45°, Vertical ± 15°, but for a position in height of &lt; 750 mm also 5° downwards. Optionally with a position in height of 2,100 mm also 5° upwards.</td>
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<td>Electrical connections</td>
<td>Must light up when the brake is pressed.</td>
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<td>Tell-tale</td>
<td>Optional. If there is one, only as an operating tell-tale in the shape of a non-flashing warning lamp that lights up in the event of a fault.</td>
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<td>Other regulations</td>
<td>The clearance of the stop lamp to the rear fog lamp must be ≥ 100 mm.</td>
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ECE-R7 § 6.1
Category S1 (fixed) = luminous intensity min. 60 cd, single lamp max. 260 cd, type “D” lamp max. 130 cd
Category S2 (variable) = luminous intensity min. 60 cd, single lamp max. 730 cd, type “D” lamp max. 365 cd
### Center high mounted stop lamp
**ECE-R48 section 6.7 and ECE-R7**

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<th>Optional for all trailers, category S3 or S4, except if additional stop lamps of the category S1 or S2 are installed.</th>
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<td>Number</td>
<td><strong>ECE-R48 § 6.7.2</strong> 1 unit. If the median longitudinal plane of the vehicle is not located on a fixed body panel but separates e.g. doors and there is no space for an S3 or S4 stop lamp, two S3 or S4 stop lamps of the type “D” stop lamp or an S3 or S4 stop lamp can be installed to the left or right of the median longitudinal plane of the vehicle.</td>
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<td>Color</td>
<td><strong>ECE-R48 § 5.15</strong> Red.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Position in width</td>
<td><strong>ECE-R48 § 6.7.4.1</strong> The reference point must lie in the median longitudinal plane of the trailer. If two S3 or S4 stop lamps are installed, each one needs to be installed as close as possible to the median longitudinal plane. If only one S3 or S4 stop lamp is installed next to the median longitudinal plane, the clearance may not be greater than 150 mm.</td>
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<td>Position in height</td>
<td><strong>ECE-R48 § 6.7.4.2</strong> Max. 150 mm below the rear window or min. 850 mm above the ground. Above the S1 and S2 stop lamps.</td>
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<td>Visibility</td>
<td><strong>ECE-R48 § 6.7.5</strong> Horizontal ± 10°. Vertical 10° over and 5° below the horizontal.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Electrical connections</td>
<td><strong>ECE-R48 § 6.7.7</strong> Must light up when the braking system sends a corresponding signal.</td>
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<td>Tell-tale</td>
<td><strong>ECE-R48 § 6.7.8</strong> Optional. If there is one, only as an operating tell-tale in the shape of a non-flashing warning lamp that lights up in the event of a fault.</td>
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<td>Other regulations</td>
<td><strong>ECE-R48 § 6.7.9</strong> The S3 or S4 stop lamp can be installed outside or inside the vehicle. If it is installed inside, it must not dazzle the driver. An S3 or S4 stop lamp may not be built into another lamp.</td>
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**ECE-R7 § 6.1**
- Category S3 (fixed) = luminous intensity min. 25 cd, single lamp max. 110 cd, type “D” lamp max. 55 cd
- Category S4 (variable) = luminous intensity min. 25 cd, single lamp max. 160 cd, type “D” lamp max. 80 cd
## REAR LIGHTING – TRAILERS

### Rear fog lamp

- **ECE-R48 section 6.11 and ECE-R38**
- **Presence**
  - Mandatory for all trailers. Category F, F1 or F2.
- **Number**
  - 1 or 2 devices
- **Color**
  - Red
- **Position in width**
  - No regulations
- **Position in height**
  - Min. 250 mm, max. 1,000 mm or if mounted with another function max. 1,200 mm
- **General position**
  - With 1 rear fog lamp: left of center = right-hand traffic, right of center = left-hand traffic. Position in the middle is allowed
- **Visibility**
  - Horizontal ±25°, Vertical ±5°
- **Electrical connections**
  - Cannot be switched on unless the low beam, high beam or fog lamps are switched on.
- **Tell-tale**
  - Mandatory. An independent, non-flashing warning light.
- **Other regulations**
  - The clearance to the stop lamp must be > 100 mm. The rear fog lamp of the tractor vehicle can switch off automatically if a trailer is towed and its rear fog lamp is thereby switched on.

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### Reversing lamp

- **ECE-R48 section 6.4 and ECE-R23**
- **Presence**
  - Mandatory for all trailers of the vehicle classes O2, O3 and O4. Optional for trailers of the vehicle class O1.
- **Number**
  - 1 device mandatory and a second one optional for trailers with a length of < 6 m. 2 devices mandatory for trailers > 6 m and 2 additional ones optional.
- **Color**
  - White
- **Position in width**
  - No regulations
- **Position in height**
  - Min. 250 mm, max. 1,200 mm
- **Visibility**
  - 1 lamp: horizontal ±45°. 2 lamps: Horizontal 30° inwards to 45° outwards. Vertical 15° upwards, to 5° downwards.
- **Electrical connections**
  - Only activated when the reverse gear is engaged and the vehicle is in running order. The special conditions in section 6.4.7.2 apply to the optional reversing lamps.
- **Tell-tale**
  - Optional

*Installation of the two optional reversing lamps also allowed on the vehicle side.*
### Registration plate lamp
ECE-R48 section 6.8 and ECE-R4

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<td>1 or more</td>
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<tr>
<td>Color</td>
<td>White</td>
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<tr>
<td>Arrangement</td>
<td>In a way that the registration plate is illuminated.</td>
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<td>Electrical connections</td>
<td>Must be designed so that the position lamp, registration plate lamp, tail lamp and side marker lamps can only be switched on and off simultaneously.</td>
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<td>Tell-tale</td>
<td>Optional. If there is a tell-tale, its function must be satisfied by the mandatory tell-tale for the position lamps and tail lamps.</td>
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### Rear contour lamp
ECE-R48 section 6.13 and ECE-R7

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<th>Mandatory for all trailers &gt; 2.1 m wide. Optional for trailers &gt; 1.8 m to ≤ 2.1 m width. Category R, R1, R2, RM1 or RM2.</th>
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<td><strong>Number</strong></td>
<td>2 devices, further 2 clearance lamps optionally possible</td>
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<td><strong>Color</strong></td>
<td>Red</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Position in width</strong></td>
<td>As close as possible to the extreme outer edge, max. 400 mm from the extreme outer edge of the vehicle.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Position in height</strong></td>
<td>As high as possible. Optional and mandatory with the greatest possible clearance.</td>
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<td><strong>Visibility</strong></td>
<td>Horizontal 80° outwards. Vertical 5° over and 20° below the horizontal.</td>
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<td><strong>Electrical connections</strong></td>
<td>Must be designed so that the position lamp, tail lamp, side marker lamps and registration plate lamps can only be switched on and off simultaneously.</td>
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<td><strong>Tell-tale</strong></td>
<td>Optional. If there is a tell-tale, its function must be satisfied by the mandatory tell-tale for the position lamps and tail lamps.</td>
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<td><strong>Other regulations</strong></td>
<td>The rear red and front white clearance lamps may be combined in one lamp as long as the installation instructions and visibility values are satisfied. Clearance of the clearance lamp to the tail lamp min. 200 mm.</td>
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**ECE-R7 § 6.1**
Category R1, RM1 (fixed) = luminous intensity min. 4 cd, single lamp max. 17 cd, type ‘D’ lamp max. 8.5 cd
Category R2, RM2 (variable) = luminous intensity min. 4 cd, single lamp max. 42 cd, type ‘D’ lamp max. 21 cd
### Conspicuity markings

**ECE-R48 section 6.21 and ECE-R104**

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<th>Presence</th>
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<td>Full contour markings mandatory in the following classes with a width of &gt; 2,100 mm: O3 and O4 vehicles (exception: incomplete vehicles). However, if it is not possible to install the mandatory contour markings due to the shape, structure, type or operating conditions, line markings may be installed. Optional on vehicles in all other classes except O1 vehicles. A full contour marking may be used in place of a partial contour marking. Partial or full contour marking is permissible in place of line marking.</td>
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<th>Arrangement</th>
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<td>Horizontal and vertical if compatible with the shape, structure and design of the vehicle.</td>
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<th>Color</th>
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<th>Position in width</th>
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<td>As close as practicable to the edge of the vehicle. The effective total width of the horizontal marking must be min. 80% of the vehicle width. If this is not technically feasible, this value can be reduced to 60%/40%.</td>
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<th>Position in height</th>
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<td>Lower marking: as low as possible, but min. 250 mm above the ground, max. 1,500 mm above the ground (exception: to 2,500 mm). Upper marking: as high as possible, max. 400 mm from the upper edge of the vehicle.</td>
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<td>As close as practicable to being parallel to the transverse plane of the vehicle.</td>
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<td>1. Conspicuity markings are deemed continuous if the clearances between parts arranged next to each other is as small as possible and no more than 50% of the shortest length of one of these parts. (if this is not possible, a value &gt; 50% but &lt; 1 m is allowed.) 2. The clearance between the conspicuity markings installed at the rear of the vehicle and every mandatory stop lamp should be greater than 200 mm. 3. If rear registration plates of regulation ECE-R70 are installed, these can be considered as part of the rear conspicuity marking at the manufacturer’s discretion when calculating the conspicuity marking and its clearance to the side of the vehicle. 4. The locations of the vehicle where the conspicuity markings are to be installed must be big enough to bear markings that are min. 60 mm wide.</td>
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Note: due to the multitude of restrictions and modifications for conspicuity markings in ECE-R48, we strongly recommend using the unshortened original version in your planning processes.