



## Number Plates

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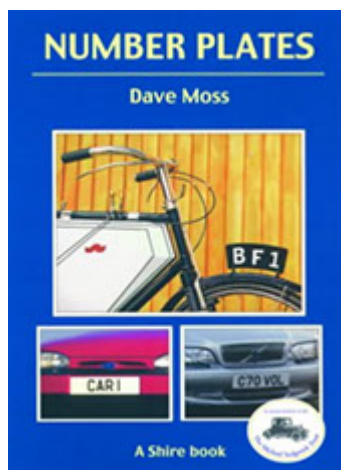
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Registration marks are one of the very few unbroken links between the earliest times of the motor vehicle and the present day. In this book, the lengthy history of the humble British number plate is revealed. The system introduced at the beginning of the twentieth century had a straightforward purpose in identifying the place of origin of motor vehicles, where registers were kept providing links to their owners. As more and more vehicles came onto the roads, the original system underwent piecemeal development through sheer necessity - to the point where adaptations changed it almost beyond recognition. This

book looks back on the evolution of the British number plate, showing how the original, painstakingly developed system was adjusted and modified over time in the light of ever-escalating traffic growth and regulatory changes, becoming riddled with ever more anomalies. Later, vehicle registrations were computerised - and eventually it was time to make a fresh start, with a new vehicle registration system for the 21st century...



Number plates have changed out of all recognition since this 1895 Peugeot Type 9 took to the road. Dave Moss's authoritative book on the subject explains all.



Special personalised number plates have been popular in recent years, as illustrated by this Nissan GTR. Within the pages of Dave Moss's excellent volume, there's much information on the history and variety of plates used over the



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