

Registering a Likamobile for the road in the UK

The following procedure was used by a customer of ModelWorks when dealing with the DVLA in Northampton, England. Other DVLA county offices may use other methods so it may be worthwhile to check requirements when visiting to collect forms.

- 1) Before applying to your local area DVLA office, it is necessary to obtain a steam test inspection certificate for the whole system in addition to the boiler hydraulic pressure test certificate supplied by ModelWorks.

This is required to obtain vehicle insurance and the certificate of motor insurance required by the DVLA.

Any qualified boiler inspector will be able to provide the steam certificate. There may be a fee for the certificate depending on your affiliations and location.

Walter Midgley Insurance Brokers of Sheffield are specialists in insurance for steam vehicles (Tel 0114 250 2770) there are others which can be found in the steam vehicle related magazines or through an internet search.

- 2) Obtain forms V55/4, V355/4 and INF148 from DVLA. Complete form V55/4 as far as possible noting that the Taxation Class is **Steam Vehicle** (Not Steam Car).
- 3) Send the completed V55/4 to the local area DVLA office and request a date for them to inspect the vehicle. Take the insurance and personal identification documents (with the vehicle on a trailer) to the inspection.
- 4) At the inspection, all that DVLA Northampton required was the addition of an identity number (17 alpha/numeric characters) which was to be stamped on the chassis on the vertical member on the driver's side behind the removable panel. A subsequent letter from them provided the number and required validation that it had been done.
- 5) Once this was received, the number plate authorisation certificate was sent together with the licence disc. One rule is that the number plates have to be the new reflective style and current year number.

Notes

Personalised and "age related" numbers are not permitted.

As a **steam vehicle** the Likamobile is exempt from the annual "MOT" test, road fund tax and the London, road congestion fees.

The tax disc provided which must be renewed annually shows a fee of "nil" .

The one time fee for DVLA registration is currently £50 GBP

Walter Midgley charge about £40 GBP for third party insurance or, £100 for third party fire, theft and accidental damage insurance.

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