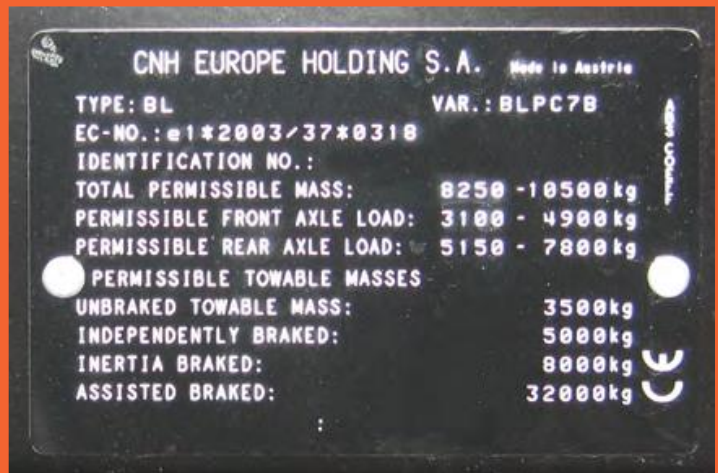


FAQs on Plating Agricultural Vehicles

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What is a manufacturer's plate?

This is a plate attached to a tractor containing the following technical information: VIN No., manufacturer's name, design gross vehicle weight (DGWV), permissible axle loads and towable masses.



Manufacturers Plate

What is an authorisation plate?

This is a national weights and dimensions plate on an agricultural trailer containing the following information: Manufacturer's name, VIN No., maximum design speed, permitted laden weight, maximum drawbar loading, vehicle length and width.

Name of Manufacturer	<input type="text"/>	
Type Approval Number (If applicable)	<input type="text"/>	
Vehicle Identification Number	<input type="text"/>	
Maximum Design Speed (Kilometers per Hour)	<input type="text"/>	
Tyre Size	<input type="text"/>	
Load Speed Index	<input type="text"/>	
Single or Twin (S/T)	<input type="text"/>	
Inflation Pressure for Weights Specified in Column (1)	<input type="text"/>	
	(1) Weight Not to be Exceeded in Ireland [kg]	(2) Design Weights (If higher than permitted in Ireland) [kg]
Maximum Permitted Laden Weight (Including Drawbar)	<input type="text"/> kg	<input type="text"/> kg
Foremost Axle	<input type="text"/> kg	<input type="text"/> kg
Axle 2 Weight	<input type="text"/> kg	<input type="text"/> kg
Axle 3 Weight	<input type="text"/> kg	<input type="text"/> kg
Axle 4 Weight	<input type="text"/> kg	<input type="text"/> kg
Maximum Drawbar Loading	<input type="text"/> kg	<input type="text"/> kg
Vehicle Length (Including Drawbar)	<input type="text"/> mm	
Vehicle Width	<input type="text"/> mm	

Authorisation Plate

What are the laws on plating agricultural vehicles? All agricultural tractors and trailers first registered on or after 01 January 2016 must be plated.

Who can fit a plate to my tractor or trailer? This must only be carried out by the original manufacturer or authorised distributor.

Who can plate it if the original manufacturer is unknown or no longer in business? This can be carried out by another recognised trailer manufacturer if they are willing to plate it for you.

Do tractors or trailers manufactured or first registered before 01 January 2016 need to be plated? They will only need to be plated if:

- The agricultural tractor has a maximum design speed of more than 40 km/h or is being used to draw a tandem or tri-axle rigid drawbar trailer with a laden weight over 19 tonnes for tandems and 22.5 tonnes for tri-axes.
- The agricultural trailer is capable by design of being drawn at speeds over 40 km/h or is operating at laden weights exceeding 19 tonnes for tandems and 22.5 tonnes for tri-axes.

What if my tractor has no manufacturer's plate and I do not know its age? If the manufacturer is no longer in business and the authorised distributor is unable to determine the age of tractor, you will be limited to towing a trailer whose DGWW* is not more than three times the unloaded weight of the tractor.

**The design gross vehicle weight (DGWW) of a vehicle is its gross weight laden with the heaviest load it can carry according to the design specifications*

Do vintage tractors or trailers need to be plated? Most vintage tractors would not be capable by design of exceeding 40 km/h however, if they can or are being used to draw a tandem or tri-axle rigid drawbar trailer with a laden weight over 19 tonnes for tandems and 22.5 tonnes for tri-axles then they would need to be plated.

Do other towed equipment e.g. slurry tankers, manure or fertiliser spreaders, grain chaser bins etc. need to be plated? No. However operators of this type of equipment must adhere to the equipment manufacturer's specifications provided that the equipment when laden is not heavier than the manufacturer's rated towing capacity of their tractor.

What rules apply if I use my agricultural tractor to pull a trailer for a purpose other than agriculture, fisheries, forestry or horticulture? In this case your tractor or trailer combination is considered to be used in a commercial capacity and therefore all the rules that apply to commercial vehicles will apply here. The trailer must also meet the plating requirements for commercial vehicles as set out in CVRT Manuals [here](#). For further information visit www.cvrt.ie or email cvrtadmin@rsa.ie.

I have modified my tractor or trailer so the information on its manufacturer's or authorisation plate is no longer accurate. Can I use this vehicle on a public road? No. The only time you can use it in public is when you are bringing it to a plating centre and have a new plate fitted. Even then you must not carry a load and you must have an appointment date.