

1928/29

SYMBOL: A vertical diamond at mid centre on passenger-sized plates but which was reclined laterally on both sorts of front motorcycle registrations.

COLOURS: White on a reddish brown background.

It is interesting to behold, when poring over a copy of the 22 June 1927 scaled-down preliminary sketches for this issue, that at first the thinking was to give the diamond a prone posture on not only both genres of front motorcycle but all large plates as well. However this second gesture was thrown to the wolves before pressing commenced as it must have been pondered passenger registrations might tend to evoke a cluttered demeanour once a sixth digit won admittance.



Passenger - Of the 156,500 sets poured out an offbeat idiosyncrasy, not testified to before or since, on plates with up to three figures (which intuitively shunned the



symbol) was the adjunct incorporation of quadruplicate upright splints, one pair on either side of the serial, where each was in the vicinity of half an inch wide and stood as tall as the 3½-inch numerals they flanked. Although also embossed they were not as proud as the other characters they hemmed in and can best be described as four individual sentinels reminiscent of the letter I but without the serifs. What enthralled Precision into adjoining these enigmatic props at this precise stage is perplexing. One can only hazard the opinion they were planted there with the intent to strengthen the registrations (although, being made of sturdy steel, this in itself raises a moot point).

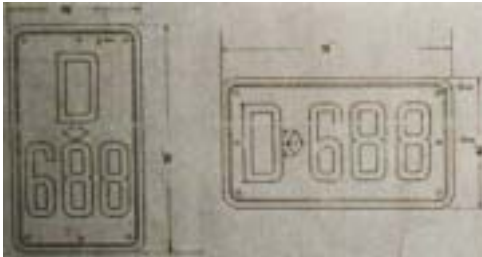
Motorcycle - True to prescience the diamond was stationed lengthways on the forward plates and on a perpendicular plane on the back ones. But, of the 33,000 sets taken possession of, a paucity of information screens whether this was so when only three or fewer numbers were surveyed.



Large Vehicle Dealer - 2,500 pairs (down a jot from last year) were canvassed where it is tenable the symbol would have bowed to convention by going walkabout on those beneath **1,000**.



Motorcycle Dealer - As no castaways, should there be any, have yet washed ashore it behoves us once more to review the drawn 22 June 1927 proposals. From these it can be corroborated it was mapped out to settle the emblem horizontally on front registrations and vertically on the rear ones. So, until something earth shattering comes along to contradict this, it will have to be imagined no deviations were incisive between that date and the emergence of the 450 sets.



Exempt - In what was now being tagged to have been no more than a trial during the 1927/28 series, the eclectic **A**, **B** and **C** prefixes were henceforth ditched thereby giving the **E** leave to patronise all exempt mobile appliances other than motorcycles (none of which would have the pleasure of being so labelled until 1961) and those unified with the State. In this instance though, due to the latter's chronic reluctance to come to the party, only 1,300 pairs were offloaded. Predictably, as no hermits have yet deserted their lairs, one must again theorise the diamond eschewed its responsibilities on plates cursed with serials under **1,000**.

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