



MOTORING GOES METRIC 1 JULY 1974



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When?

From **1 JULY 1974**

speed and distance signs will be in metric units.

What?

Distances will be measured in **metres (m)** and **kilometres (km)** and speed in **kilometres per hour (km/h)**.

One kilometre is about $\frac{5}{8}$ of a mile.



Fingerboard signs with distances in kilometres will have the small km plate attached temporarily.

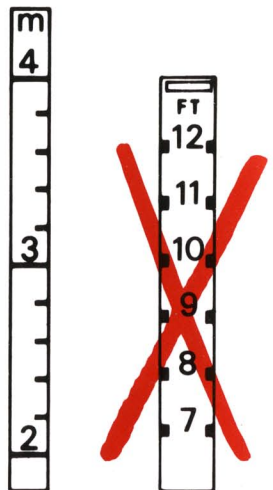


This kilometre post shows the distance to Hobart as 90 km.



Clearance signs will be dual marked for a period.

Flood depth indicators will be in metres (m) divided into 0.2 m intervals replacing the present scale in feet.



New signs



The present 35 (mph) **speed limit signs*** will be replaced by 60 (km/h).



The present 60 (mph) **speed limit signs*** will be replaced by 100 (km/h).



25 km/h is about 15 mph 60 km/h is about 35 mph
75 km/h is about 45 mph 100 km/h is about 60 mph



The present **advisory speed signs*** in MPH will be replaced by signs in km/h. It is vital that you do not confuse the new km/h with the old MPH figures.



* The above signs give a close equivalence between the old and the new figures. The new figures actually chosen may differ in some instances from those shown above.

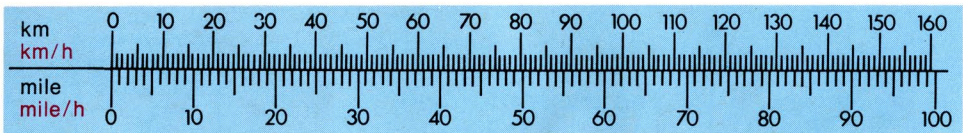
Speedometers

It is not compulsory to convert your speedometer **BUT!** you are strongly urged to make some alteration or addition to provide an indication of speed in kilometres per hour (km/h).

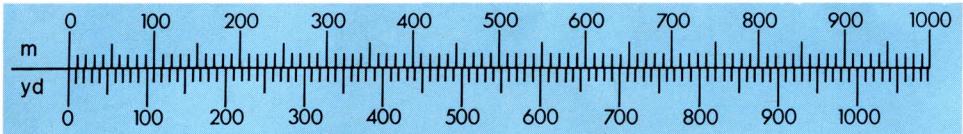
Conversion Scales

MILES — KILOMETRES

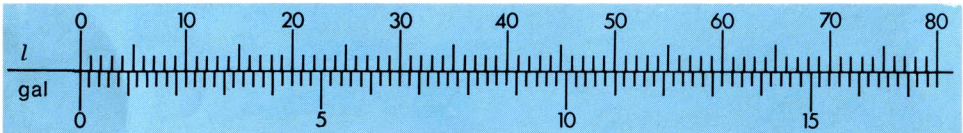
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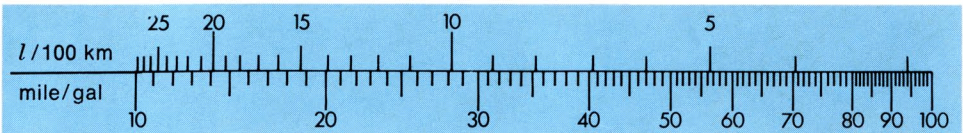
YARDS — METRES



GALLONS — LITRES



MILES PER GALLON — LITRES PER 100 KILOMETRES



POUNDS FORCE PER SQUARE INCH — KILOPASCALS

