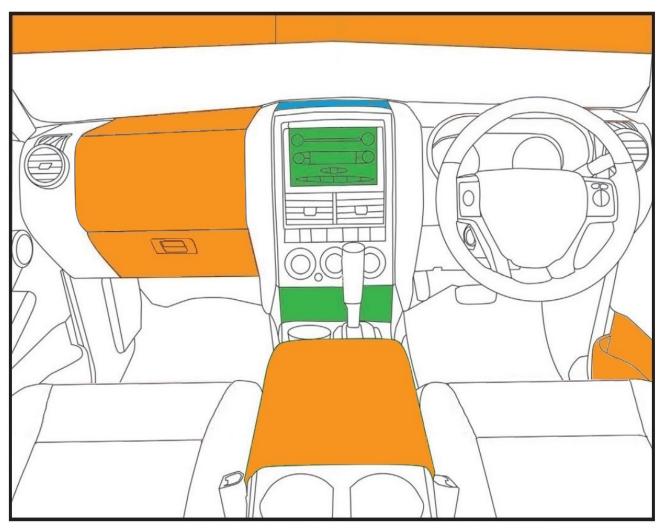


Guide to acceptable fitment location of digital tachograph vehicle units (VUs) in M1 / N1 vehicles

If you have been given instructions by the VU manufacturer, you should install the VU according to those. If not follow the guidance below:



An example of a typical M1/N1 front passenger compartment layout

General rule: The VU should be positioned in the vehicle in such a way as to allow the driver to access the necessary functions from his seat

EEC Legislation (Council Regulation EEC No 3821, Annex 1B) states:

"The recording equipment must be positioned in the vehicle in such a way as to allow the driver to access the necessary functions from his seat"

"Visual warnings shall be clearly recognisable by the user, shall be situated in the driver's field of vision and shall be clearly legible both by day and night"

"Visual warnings may be built into the recording equipment and/or remote from the recording equipment"

"In the latter case it shall bear a 'T' symbol and shall be amber or orange"

"Warning cause shall be displayed on the recording equipment and remain visible until acknowledged by the user using a specific key or command of the recording equipment." (This must be done at the first available opportunity after the vehicle has reached a safe location to enable this action to happen) DVSA considers that the amber area is acceptable if the visual warning 'T' light is situated in the driver's field of vision and is clearly legible both by day and night

Fitment under the driver's or passenger's seat is unacceptable

DVSA considers that fitting a VU in any of the green areas in the drawing above is acceptable

DVSA considers that fitting a VU in the blue area in the drawing above is acceptable if the location does not obscure the driver's view of the road

Important:

The recording equipment must be positioned in the vehicle so that is does not:

- obscure the driver's view of the road
- impede the movement of anyone in the vehicle
- interfere or obstruct safety systems within the vehicle (i.e. airbag operation)
- increase the likelihood of injury to anyone in the vehicle

If after following this guidance you are still unsure about where a VU can and cannot be fitted, please contact the DVSA Speed Limiter and Tachograph Team, email: tachosection@vosa.gov.uk, attaching pictures and a description of the proposed VU location, or alternatively call 0300 123 9000 for further advice