



## **Conditions relating to Imported Stretched Limousines and Special Event Vehicles licensed as Private Hire Vehicles**

These conditions apply to 'stretched limousines' and other special vehicles that in general terms can be considered vintage, classic or niche vehicles.

**vintage/classic** = over 30 years old

**niche** = fire engines, ambulances, replica vintage vehicles and other like restricted design of vehicle.

The requirements set out below are in addition to those contained in the current '*Specification for Hackney Carriages and Private Hires Vehicles and the Private Hire Vehicle/ Hackney Carriage Conditions*' other than where specifically stated.

Omitted from these conditions is the following paragraph of the '*Specification for Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Vehicles*':

Paragraph '2'

### **Stretched Limousines**

1. All imported stretched limousines must be less than 8 years old when first registered.
2. Vehicles may either be left or right hand drive providing that they have proof of full Department for Transport (DfT) Single Vehicle Type Approval (SVA), and must be fitted with at least 4 doors and 4 wheels.
3. The interior and exterior of the vehicle must be maintained in a clean and proper manner to the reasonable satisfaction of the council.
4. There shall be no passengers carried in the front compartment.
5. Every seat shall have fitted a suitable seat belt or restraint.
6. Every seat shall be at least 400mm in width measured along the seat base.
7. The Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) plate shall display '1L1' to confirm conversion completed by an authorised dealer.

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8. The applicant shall confirm, by a badge or other appropriate documentation the conversion dealer.
9. A plate on the door pillar shall confirm the total weight of the vehicle.
10. Fitted tyres to the vehicle must be either 235/75R-15 108S (BF Load) or 225/70R-16 107T Town Car Limo Tyre (Reinforced).
11. DVLA V5 or equivalent shall be produced to authenticate registration.
12. No intoxicating liquor shall be provided in the vehicle unless there is in force an appropriate licence permitting the sale or supply of the same.
13. All operators will be required to sign a declaration stating that the vehicle will not carry more than 8 passengers and at the time of booking the vehicle, this restriction shall be explained to the hirer.
14. A stretched limousine vehicle will be subject to twice-yearly mechanical examination at intervals to be specified by the council, at its authorised testing station.
15. Tinted glass shall conform to the legal requirements as laid down by the Vehicle Operators Services Agency (VOSA).
16. The proprietor shall not use the vehicle, nor permit it to be used when there is not in force for the vehicle a policy of insurance or such security and complied with the requirements of Part VI of the Road Traffic Act 1998 for hire and reward.

### **Vintage, classic and niche vehicles**

1. Tyres for all vehicles must be designed and manufactured for that class of vehicle and be capable of supporting the maximum loaded weight for each axle when the vehicle is driven at maximum speed. The full size spare wheel required must also be fitted with the same class of tyre.
2. A Single Vehicle Approval (SVA) certificate or equivalent for that vehicle must be submitted.
3. Seat belts complying with current legislation must be fitted in respect of each passenger seat.
4. All vehicles licensed under these conditions must be submitted every six months for a mechanical test and check at a testing station approved by the Council.