

1929/30

SYMBOL: A mid-centre dot.

COLOURS: White on dark (Oxford) blue.



This shows how defectively the front of a plate usually withstood the elements in comparison to the back.

Most of the registrations linked to this series did not weather at all well. While it could be on the cards the blue paint favoured for the background may have come from a batch of inferior grade, it most lucidly never touted any propensity to withstand the full sweep of New Zealand's outdoor conditions. Once exposed to the environment for some months the colour unabatedly began to fade and sometimes vanished altogether to betray the naked metal underneath. Of those still around therefore the ones in finer fettle are those that had but a short-lived tenure on a conveyance. And yet, when many of the plates

from this issue were removed at the end of their productive life, they were to let slip the peculiarity the pigment on the reverse had scarcely sustained any damage.

Passenger - If one is unflagging in the supposition there was a calculated rationale last year to improvise some kind of reinforcement astride the serial on low-numbered registrations, then a contrasting approach was apprenticed for this issue. Rather than wield two sets of erect braces to guard over the numerals, these were now superseded by two raised rectangles (but again not to the same altitude as the other



embossed components they surrounded). On plates with one or three digits they measured three inches from top to bottom by a width of two and five eighth inches, while the location and spacing between the two was to vary dependant on the span of each serial. On the other hand, in the case of registrations with only two numbers, the dual scaffolds were refurbished into perfect three-inch squares. As always the symbol was absent from any with serials below **1,000** of the 174,000 pairs bundled up.

Motorcycle - This was to be the final hurrah for these 34,000 to scoot around in upright and lateral modes since the practice would be shelved as of next year. Incredibly however the dot was at long last given sovereignty to embellish **all** forward facing plates



but no verdict has yet been reached whether this stance was mutual on the back ones with serials up to **999**.

Large Vehicle Dealer - Perpetually coy, the emblem disregarded registrations tenanted by three or less figures of the 2,300 sets chucked in the deep end.



Motorcycle Dealer - Since not one isolated plate is on hand for examination it is expedient once more to execute some mercurial guesswork. Hence we must deliberate whether these registrations stalked in the footsteps of their 1928/29 antecedents (where a symbol most likely came into its own on both renditions) or if they were seduced into parroting the 1927/28 ones (where it was unmasked on front plates only). What cannot be denied though is that it was to be irrevocable curtains for the 450 pairs in their contrasting styles.

Exempt - The dot was inconspicuous on any registrations daring to impart serials under **1,000** of the 1,400 sets to come up trumps.



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