

## With the Deadline Looming for the Mirror retrofit, Dobl is the Solution

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The Dobl mirror is an EU approved, low cost solution, for vehicles where it is not possible to replace mirror glass. Dobl is compatible with most major truck makes and easily mounted to provide complete visibility of the blind spot to the nearside.

Brigade's marketing manager, Chris Baker said: "The response from our stockists and customers suggests that there are lots of fleets that have yet to be brought up to the new standard. Due to some confusion in the industry, managers have been waiting for guidelines and confirmation of how the devices will be tested. Operators will now have to move quickly to meet the deadline."

The EU directive 2007/38/EC, which becomes law on 31st March this year, affects 157,000 registered vehicles in the UK. According to the Department for Transport, many operators will be able install mirror glass to meet requirements but a whopping 25% are likely to need new devices for indirect vision such as the Dobl mirror.

From 1st April 2009, trucks first registered on or after 1st January 2000 that are over 3.5 tonnes, will need a form declaring compliance with the directive. The self certification form, available from VOSA, must be submitted at the annual test.

Fleet managers have the choice of either replacing existing class IV and class V mirrors or fitting new 'blind spot' mirrors or camera/monitor systems. Brigade Electronics, pioneers in reversing safety and all round visibility, have a range of EU approved products.

Around 3,200 people are killed and 30,000 seriously injured every year according to Transport statistics for Great Britain. The legislation aims to reduce blind spots and increase driver visibility of pedestrians, cyclists and other road users, ultimately saving lives.

Brigade Electronics plc was established in 1976 and is the global market leader in reversing safety, all round visibility and collision avoidance. It is the only company in the world to provide a complete range of reversing safety systems, with its new product introductions to include vehicle security recorders. The company's reputation is built upon the quality and reliability of both its products and its service and support.

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