



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 4501:2-1-09 Motor vehicle equipment standards for lighting.

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(A) Headlights - Every motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, shall be equipped with at least two headlights with at least one near each side of the front of the motor vehicle. Said lights shall be in working order. Every motorcycle shall be equipped with at least one and not more than two headlights, in working order. All headlights shall conform to the standards set forth under section 4513.14 of the Revised Code. Every motor vehicle having multiple beam road lighting equipment shall be equipped with a beam indicator required in division (A)(2) of section 4513.15 of the Revised Code in working order.

(B) Focus and aim of headlights - The focus and aim of every headlight shall comply with the requirements of section 4513.19 of the Revised Code.

(C) Color of lights - No vehicle shall be equipped with a light of any color other than white or amber mounted on the front nor shall any vehicle be equipped with a light of any color other than red mounted on the rear, with the exception of turn signals, warning lamps and backup lamps, thereof: except those operating under special permits pursuant to section 4513.34 of the Revised Code; public safety vehicles, emergency vehicles, disabled vehicles, school buses, traffic line strippers, snow plows, rural mail delivery vehicles, funeral escort vehicles, and similar equipment operated by the department of transportation, or local authorities, or vehicles or machinery permitted by section 4513.11 of the Revised Code.

(D) Tail lights - Every motor vehicle shall have at least one tail light mounted on the rear, in working order as required in section 4513.05 of the Revised Code.

(E) License illumination light - Every motor vehicle shall be equipped with a white light in working order placed in such a manner as to illuminate the rear registration plate as required in section 4513.05 of the Revised Code.

(F) Red reflectors - Every motor vehicle other than a commercial tractor, to which a trailer or semi-



trailer is attached, shall carry at the rear, either as a part of the tail lamps or separately, two red reflectors meeting the requirements of section 4513.06 of the Revised Code.

(G) Every motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, shall be equipped with at least two stop lights red in color with at least one near each side of the rear of the motor vehicle. Every motorcycle shall be equipped with at least one stop light.

(H) Clearance lights, marker lights, stop lights and reflectors on commercial vehicles - All buses, trucks, commercial tractors, trailers, semi-trailer and pole trailers shall be equipped with clearance lights, marker lights, stop lights, and reflectors as required in section 4513.07 of the Revised Code. Said equipment shall be in working order.

(I) Unauthorized lights - No motor vehicle shall be equipped with lights prohibited in sections 4513.12, 4513.13 and 4513.17 of the Revised Code.