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We discussed here on 6th April the proposed increase in the higher rates of VED from 2009, with an element of backdating for vehicles registered from 2001 to 2006. The main story in The Times today is on just that point. See http://driving.timesonline.co.uk/tol/life_and_style/driving/article3842848.ece

Chris Hunt Cooke

30 April 2008 @ 09:12

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Does anyone know the position regarding reimports of RV8s - will these new graduated VED proposals catch RV8s registered when being reimported after 1st March 2001 on the basis that was the "first registration" in the UK of those reimported cars?

Victor Smith

30 April 2008 @ 13:03

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Re-imports will not be affected, (says he confidently), as the term "date of first registration" is misleading. It should really state "manufacture", as when you fill the forms in for registration at the local dvla office, and present them, they give you a year related registration, and this takes into account the month of manufacture, (or registration in another Country).

They couldn't apply the current post 2001 tax bands to earlier manufactured cars (much to their undoubted chagrin), because the emission data is not available for them, and so they are placed into the rapidly diminishing in numbers, PLG group which we are all in. What the eventual intentions with this group (1973-2000), as time goes on is something we need to be mindful of.

Whether a change of Government may result in reinstatement of 25 yr exemption is a moot point, but seeing as even Germany have a 30 year rolling tax exemption, it is something which all Classic owners should be pushing for like mad. The alternative just may be a big surcharge on

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engine capacities in the PLG group. Heaven forbid. Even £185 represents a very big proportion of total running costs on vehicles only used for very low mileages.

When Government advisors (Sterns) have officially told the Government that the real cost of carbon "pollution" would be reflected in taking 12p off a litre of petrol and zeroing road tax in all categories, then we can see what the Government's real agenda is; and it isn't anything to do with being "green".

Robin Gell

30 April 2008 @ 14:47

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Looking on the bright side, it seems relatively good news for most V8 members that the proposal is post-1973, pre-2001 VED will only(?) increase up to £200 by 2009/10 and then by inflation thereafter - much more benign than is going to be faced by our more modern equivalents!

Dave Batten

30 April 2008 @ 17:21

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Dave

All that we can say for sure is that road tax for RV8s will be increasing to £200 in 2008/9. What happens after that depends on future government budgets! Luckily I also have an eco freindly Audi A2 deisel and road tax is only £35 per year!

Rob Collier

01 May 2008 @ 06:42

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Sorry I meant £200 by 2009/10

Rob Collier

01 May 2008 @ 06:43

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Hopefully the 2009/10 rate will be determined by a future government too!

Dave Batten

01 May 2008 @ 13:33

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A report in The Times yesterday shows the duplicity of the Government over these VED tax changes affecting cars registered from March 2001 to 2006. The report is:

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The Treasury admitted yesterday [Wednesday] that it had failed to make the tax changes clear in the Budget. A spokeswoman said: "It's not as clear in the Budget as it could be. It's not explicitly spelt out.". Justine Greening, the Conservative Treasury spokesman, said "This is duplicity from the Treasury who deliberately failed to make any mention of this tax grab at the time of the last Budget. Last year Gordon Brown promised not to backdate the CO2 charge on family cars to before 2006 and now he's broken yet another promise."

Already the values of cars with CO2 emissions of more than 225g/km and low mpg performance in the 2001-2006 bracket are falling from a combination of the increased VED rates and higher fuel prices.

The full report on the "Road-tax hike" can be seen on The Times website.

Victor Smith

02 May 2008 @ 08:28

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What we have to be careful of as well is the possibility that they will tax pre 2000 cars on the basis of other rough guides to pollution. For example, Transport for London currently intends to include a £25 congestion charge for "gas guzzlers". Post 2001, the question of whether one's car is a "gas guzzler" is determined by the CO2 emissions figure. However, rather than leave pre-2001 cars to naturally decline, Transport for London has decreed that any car with an engine size of more than three litres is a "gas guzzler". The obvious absurdity is that the V8 is virtually as economical as the 1.8 four cylinder car if driven to the same levels of performance, and is less thirsty than many a modern 2.9 litre car.

It is for this reason, and this reason alone, that I swallowed my scepticism about Boris, and voted for him in the Mayoral election. It is not that I expect to be affected, as I rarely drive in central London during the operation of the congestion charge, but I object to retrospective taxation of this kind.

Bryan Shacklady

02 May 2008 @ 11:33

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HM Gov's manouverings would make Fagin proud ('You've gotta pick a motorist's pocket or two!')....I guess that MGB V8s and MG RV8s escape these huge increases but some of the ZT V8s and SVRs are likely to get caught in the net, are they not? And then there is the rapidly rising cost of fuel so more tax for HM Gov..... Ho hum!!

Tony Young

03 May 2008 @ 19:34