



### Replacing a yellow brake fluid warning label

Richard Wood posted a V8BB note saying he had been cleaning the engine bay of his RV8 and noticed that 18 years of brake fluid has not been too kind to the "little yellow flexible plastic warning label" that sits under the brake fluid filler cap which is on top of the brake fluid reservoir. He reported he had traced a supplier and ordered the new part - YBFWL "Brake Reservoir Tag" part number SMB30 - from Mini Sport Ltd a specialist supplier of Mini parts and accessories which is located in Burnley in Lancashire. Mini

Sport can supply the part to the UK and overseas. Their contact details are: [sales@minisport.com](mailto:sales@minisport.com) or 01282 778731 and their website is at [www.minisport.com](http://www.minisport.com)

### VED exemption extension update

Following the Budget Statement made by the Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne in March 2013, the Finance Act 2013 incorporating the measures received Royal Assent on 17th July 2013. So when Mike Dunlop contacted us to say he had noticed the Act had gone through both "Houses" and is now law but he could not find any mention of an amendment to an extension to the historic vehicle tax exempt status in the Finance Act 2013 he asked had we heard anything through our contacts? Mike added "before I cough up £40 on a dating certificate from Gaydon I'd like to know it's going to be worth it!"

So I looked up the final version of the Finance Act 2013 on the Government website at [www.legislation.gov.uk](http://www.legislation.gov.uk) and checked through the vehicle excise duty clauses 187 to 190 and elsewhere and could find no trace of any measures covering a 12 month extension to the VED exemption concession. So I then contacted Chris Hunt Cooke who responded with a useful observation which is the likely explanation. He was also unable to find

anything in the current legislation so I went back to the original announcement which ended with "Finance Act 2014" in parenthesis. Chris then set out his thinking as follows: "I think this must mean that the Government has signalled its intention this year to introduce the 12 month extension, but will actually enact the change next year in the 2014 Finance Bill and Act. That might seem too late for it to come into force for 1st April 2014, since the 2013 Finance Act only just got Royal Assent in July, but I believe that all adjustment of tax and excise rates is pushed into a bill that goes through immediately after the Budget each year unopposed, to be confirmed in the actual Finance Act in due course."

So with the combination of the planned closure of the DVLA local offices at the end of 2013 and consequent reorganisation of their workload within DVLA, when presumably the processing of VED exemption claims being processed in 2014 will move to DVLA Swansea, and the enactment of the 12 month extension to the VED exemption concession, due to apply from 1st April 2014, not likely to be passed in the Finance Act 2014 until Royal Assent is granted probably in early July 2014, quite how our applications for new VED exemption will be processed is not yet known. If I have any further information I will provide an update.