

Use of portable variable message signs with radar speed indicators

Introduction

This Technical Direction covers the use of variable message signs with attached radar speed indicators being used on work sites.

General

Increasingly the RTA is using portable variable message signs with attached radar speed indicators to indicate to motorists the speeds at which they are traveling within road work sites. The units are often used in areas where roadwork speed zones have been established as an additional tool in an attempt to seek motorists compliance with the posted speed limit.

The units are generally obtained from equipment hire companies.

Whilst the devices are used for information purposes only and not for enforcement it is essential that the speed displayed be accurate. Consequently, when hiring the devices the hire company must be able to demonstrate that the equipment is accurately calibrated within the manufacturers specified tolerances.

Action

1. When hiring portable variable message signs with attached radar speed indicators a copy of the latest documentation relating to the equipment's calibration is to be obtained.
2. During use on site, the device must be periodically checked for accuracy and, if necessary, recalibrated to within specified tolerances.

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