

The Run Lock 2 supplied by RSG Engineering is sold 'Not For Use On Public Highway' because of the following points:

1. The Road Traffic Act

Leaving your vehicle unattended whilst the engine is running is known as "Quitting" and is an offence against S42 of the RTA 1988.

It is dealt with by Regulation 107(1) of The Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulation 1986.

Regulation 107(2)(a). This states that no person shall cause or permit to be on any road any motor vehicle which is not attended by a person duly licensed to drive it unless the engine is stopped and the parking brake is effectively set. Exemptions to the requirements of this Regulation as to the stopping of the engine include a fire brigade vehicle, the engine of which is being used for any fire brigade purpose.

2. Highway Code Rule #123

The Driver and the Environment. You MUST NOT leave a parked vehicle unattended with the engine running or leave a vehicle engine running unnecessarily while that vehicle is stationary on a public road. Generally, if the vehicle is stationary and is likely to remain so for more than a couple of minutes, you should apply the parking brake and switch off the engine to reduce emissions and noise pollution. However it is permissible to leave the engine running if the vehicle is stationary in traffic or for diagnosing faults. [Law CUR regs 98 & 107]

3. The Road Traffic (Vehicle Emissions) (Fixed Penalty) Regulations 2002

The regulation enables local authorities in England to issue fixed penalty notices to drivers who allow their vehicles to run unnecessarily while stationary. These regulations came into force on 18th July 2002. The powers to do this are automatically conferred by the regulations, therefore local authorities do not have to apply to be designated to use them.

There are however a number of situations where action would not be taken:

Where a vehicle is stationary 'owing to the necessities of traffic' - eg where a vehicle is stationary at traffic lights.

Where an engine is being run so that a fault may be traced and rectified.

Where machinery on a vehicle requires the engine to be running – eg where the engine powers a refrigeration unit, or compaction equipment in a refuse vehicle.