

# Fiat offers dashboard lighting solution

Fiat, which manufactures the Ducato base vehicle that underpins the majority of new motorhomes sold in the UK and across Europe, has confirmed that there is an issue with poor back lighting of some of its vehicles' dashboards.



The Italian auto manufacturer had remained quiet over the issue until approached by *MMM* after several readers contacted the magazine complaining that the dashboards on their new Ducato-based motorhomes were difficult to read.

Tecwyn Thomas was one such reader who wrote to *MMM* last summer asking for a solution. He said, "I'm experiencing problems seeing the speedometer clearly in certain light conditions and wonder whether there is some form of illumination that can be fitted."

Fiat was approached at this stage but said it had not identified a problem and did not offer a solution.

When Tecwyn's letter was published (p180, Sept 2015) other readers wrote in reporting similar problems. One reader, David Patrick, even went so far as to create a simple – and free – DIY fix (p171, November 2015). He said, "The speedo is dull, even on a bright day. I found it irritating and somewhat dangerous; if you need to check your speed it was impossible to take a quick glance and get a reading."

As a result of the increasing number of letters complaining of the same issue, *MMM* again approached Fiat. This time, it confirmed there is an issue with the backlighting on some Ducato dashboards. It is also offering to modify the dashboard lighting for free.

Read the February issue of *MMM* for the rest of Fiat's response and how to get your dashboard sorted out. Order your paper or digital editions [here](#).

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