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## DOT Lens Markings

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The Vermont Periodic Inspection Manual currently states in section 5.0 (*Lighting & Electrical Systems*) a vehicle lamp should be rejected if “**any lamp fails to have the letters “DOT” horizontally or vertically on the lens**” (*see section CAR 5.2*). It has been brought to our attention some new vehicles are being delivered from the manufacturer without the letters DOT being written on the lens. Instead, the letters “DOT” can be found elsewhere on the same light assembly.

In cases where the letters “DOT” are not readily identifiable on a vehicle’s lens, the inspection technician should examine the light assembly further, to ensure the assembly is DOT approved; the letters “DOT” can be found elsewhere on the light assembly. In any case, a lam should still be rejected if the letters “DOT” cannot be found, as this is an indication the assembly or lens is an after-market part and is not up to DOT safety specifications.

Should you have any questions regarding this issue, please be sure to contact your area DMV Field Inspector.