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PICK UP A CAR TAX BREAK

PEOPLE who drive company cars could slash their tax bills by copying David and Victoria Beckham.

Pick-up trucks like the Ford Harley-Davidson F-150 favoured by the Beckhams are taxed more lightly.

According to Roy Maugham of accountants Hacker Young, if your vehicle has a load carrying capacity of one ton or more it can be treated as a van rather than a car. For example,

instead of buying a 2.5 litre diesel car costing £22,000, where the annual income tax benefit in kind could be £7,700 a Mitsubishi 4life Animal van would be assessed as £500pa.

This would give a top-rate taxpayer a saving of £2,880pa and his employer a saving of about £900pa.

In addition, VAT-registered businesses can also reclaim the full VAT costs on the purchase of the vehicle.

SAVER: Beckham has a Harley-Davidson Ford