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All Authorised Examiners and Designated Councils in Classes

All Classes

The last Special Notice issued was

5 - 2012 All Classes

Is it mandatory to print this Special Notice?	Printing of this Special Notice is Required
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Item 1: Implementation of Directive 2010/48/EU

The new test components required to be implemented under Directive 2010/48/EU, as listed in Annex A, go live on **20 March 2013**. These sections are already in the inspection manual with the associated new reasons for rejection and advisory items being selectable on MOT Computerisation from the go live date.

Testers must familiarise themselves with the methods of inspection and the reasons for rejection for these components prior to the go live date. **Note:** Remember these new components do not apply to Class 3 vehicles.

Item 2: Additional Test Changes From 20 March 2013

In addition to the implementation of Directive 2010/48/EU, are a number of further changes which have been made. These changes will be shown in amended Inspection Manual pages later this year, but in the meantime, the changes, listed at Annex B of this Special Notice (which must be printed for reference purposes), must be applied from **20 March 2013**.

Item 3: Fees and Appeals Poster

Further to the introduction of the new test components and resulting change to the Free Retest Items, attached is the new Fees and Appeals Poster in plain paper format as VT9A Part 1, 2 to this Special Notice. Both parts must be printed and replace the pre-printed colour poster with the new plain paper version. Section L of the MOT Testing Guide will be updated with the free retest items later this year.

All future versions of this poster will be made available on-line at www.gov.uk with updates being notified by Special Notice.



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All Nominated Testers must acknowledge via the VTS Device that they have read and understood the contents of this Special Notice.

If you have any queries regarding this Special Notice or other testing matters please call the VOSA Customer Service Centre on 0300 123 9000.

Annex A: Directive 2010/48/EU Testable Components

For Class 4, 5 & 7 vehicles

- Headlamp levelling and cleaning devices when fitted for HID or LED headlamps
- Main beam 'tell-tale'
- Battery (including batteries for electric or hybrid vehicles)
- Electrical wiring and connectors
- Trailer electrical socket security and damage
- Operation of 13-pin trailer electrical sockets using an approved trailer socket tester
- Operation of the steering lock (where fitted) including a malfunction warning in respect of an electronic steering lock
- Electronic power steering malfunction indicator lamp
- Electronic parking brake control and malfunction indicator lamp
- Electronic Stability Control (ESC) components, including the switch (if fitted) and malfunction indicator lamp
- Brake fluid warning lamp illuminated or inoperative
- Tyre Pressure Monitoring Systems (TPMS)
- SRS components including airbags, seat belt pre-tensioners, seat belt load limiters and SRS malfunction indicator lamp
- Engine mountings
- Speedometer
- Indirect vision devices (where they replace obligatory mirrors)

Additional new items for Class 5 vehicles only:

- Electronic Braking System warning device
- Entrance/exit steps and doors
- Door remote and emergency controls
- Door open warning devices
- Stairs
- Emergency exit signs, windows and 'break glass' hammers

Annex B: Additional Test Changes From 20 March 2013

Section	Change to be Applied
Introduction	<p>Modified Vehicles</p> <p>Where a vehicle has been extensively modified or converted, certain Reasons for Rejection, such as for components 'missing where fitted as standard' should not be applied, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a car converted for rally use (i.e. rear seats removed and fitted with a roll cage and full harness seat belts etc.) may have been converted so as not to require a brake servo, power steering or airbags • a car converted to a stretch limousine may no longer be fitted with curtain airbags or functional Electronic Stability Control
Section 1.1.A, MOI 2	Position lamps illuminating with a single operation of the switch, does not apply to military vehicles.
Section 1.9, MOI 4, Information	<p>Inspection of the 13 pin trailer socket only applies to vehicles with a towbar fitted.</p> <p>A trailer electrical socket with a defective or missing cover flap that incorporates a lug and spring to hold the plug in place is not a Reason for Rejection.</p>
Section 2.1, Information	It is acceptable for a steering lock to be removed if there is an alternative, permanently installed, immobilisation device fitted which acts on either: the steering; gear shift; transmission; or prevents the engine from running.
Section 2.4.C, RFR 1a	Coil springs revert to the previous test criteria i.e. a broken spring tang must fail.
Section 2.5.B, Information	Clarification on non-ATL / OPTL approved bays, where the wheels must also be rocked and shaken by the assistant while the tester examines the relevant items.
Section 2.7, MOI, RFR 5	Shock absorber bounce check is no longer necessary and the RfR for negligible damping effect has been removed.
Section 3.4, RFR 1d, Information	<p>ABS warning lamp sequence check is no longer necessary and the RfR for ABS warning lamp not following the correct sequence of operation has been removed.</p> <p>Some extended wheelbase vehicles, such as hearses and stretched limousines, may have their ESC system disabled for technical reasons. The Reasons for Rejection in relation to ESC do not therefore apply to these vehicles, even if the MIL is permanently illuminated.</p>
Section 3.6.H, MOI, RFR 2	Brake actuator dust covers no longer testable and the RfR has been removed.
Section 3.7.A, MOI, Information	<p>Non-ATL test lanes are now permitted to run brake rollers together for all aspects of brake test, depending on the suitability of the RBT. However, if the rollers are run together and the vehicle fails to meet the minimum performance requirement, the test must be repeated running the rollers individually.</p> <p>If both rollers are run together, it will almost certainly be necessary to chock the wheels not under test.</p> <p>During an ATL brake test, if a vehicle is ejected from the brake rollers and the required brake efforts are not achieved, the test should be repeated in manual mode, running rollers individually.</p>

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Section 4.1.D, MOI, RFR 4	TPMS warning lamp inoperative has been amended to: TPMS obviously inoperative.
Section 5.1, Information	Adult harness belts comprising a lap belt and shoulder straps are an acceptable alternative to any of the seat belt types listed (Approval markings no longer required).
Section 5.4, RFR 2	SRS warning lamp inoperative has been deleted.
Section 7.1, MOI 3	Method of Inspection amended for purpose of clarity, to: On petrol engine vehicles that qualify for a full catalyst emissions test, check the presence of the catalytic converter. Note: To ascertain whether a vehicle qualifies for a full catalyst test, use the flow charts in Section 7.3.C disregarding the result of the Basic Emissions Test.
Section 7.4, Information	For vehicles first used before 1 August 1979, engine temperature may be established by, for example, temperature gauge, cooling fan cut-in or hot coolant hoses. For vehicles first used on or after 1 August 1979, ensure the engine is at least 80 °C or normal operating temperature if lower, before carrying out an instrumented smoke test. This should be achieved by use of an engine oil temperature probe or other approved device. Alternatively, if owing to vehicle configuration, or where this measurement is impractical, the establishment of the engine's normal operating temperature may be made by other means, for example by the operation of the engine cooling fan.

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Fees & Classes		Note: Fees not subject to VAT (fees shown are maximum fees)	Age first test certificate required (years)
Class 1 & 2	Motorbicycles		(3) £29.65
	Motorbicycles with sidecar (class 1 engine size up to 200cm ³)		(3) £37.80
Class 3	3 Wheeled Vehicles (up to 450kg unladen weight)		(3) £37.80
Class 4	Cars (up to 8 Passenger Seats) and Motor Caravans		(3) rowspan="5">} £54.85
	3 Wheeled Vehicles (over 450kg unladen weight)		
	Quads (max unladen weight 400kg - for goods vehicles 550kg and max. net power of 15kw)		
	Dual Purpose Vehicles		
	Private Hire Vehicles and PSVs (up to 8 seats)		
	Goods Vehicles (up to 3,000kg DGW)		
	Ambulances and Taxis (Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles may be subject to additional local requirements)		(1)
	Private Passenger Vehicles and Ambulances (9-12 Passenger Seats)		(1) £57.30
Class 4A	Includes seat belt installation check (9-12 Passenger Seats)		- £64.00
Class 5	Private Passenger Vehicles and Ambulances 13-16 Passenger Seats		(1) £59.55
	Playbuses More than 16 Passenger Seats (with 13 or more passenger seats)		(1) £80.65
Class 5A	Includes seat belt 13-16 Passenger Seats		- £80.50
	Installation check More than 16 Passenger Seats		- £124.50
Class 7	Goods Vehicles (over 3000kg up to 3500kg DGW)		(3) £58.60
	Partial retest fee		Half test fee
	Maximum fee for duplicate test certificate		£10.00

Fees apply from Monday 6 April 2010

Retests and Appeals

Retests (Re-Examinations)

- ▶ Providing the testing station has not changed ownership
- ▶ If the vehicle is brought back to the same test station and retested before the end of the next working day on one or more of the following items only: No Additional Fee (Partial Re-Examination)

Access panels	Entrance door remote control**	Registration plates	Trailer electrical sockets
Battery	Entrance/exit steps**	Seat belts (but not anchorages)	Tyre pressure monitoring system
Bonnet	Fuel filler cap	Seat belt load limiter	Vehicle identification number (VIN)
Boot lid	Headlamp cleaning or levelling devices (not requiring a headlamp aim check)	Seat belt pre-tensioner	Windscreen and glass
Brake pedal anti-slip	Horn	Seats	Windscreen wipers/washers
Break glass hammer**	Lamps (excluding headlamp aim)	Sharp edges or projections	Wheels* and tyres*
Doors (including hinges, catches and pillars)	Loading door	Stairs**	(* excludes class 1 and 2 ** class 5 only)
Door open warning device**	Main beam 'tell-tale'	Steering wheel	
Dropsides	Mirrors	Tailboard	
Electrical wiring	Rear reflectors	Tailgate	
Emergency exits and signs**		Towbars (excluding body around anchorage points)	

- ▶ If the vehicle is left at the testing station for repair and is retested before the end of 10 working days following the day of the initial failure, then only a partial retest is needed for which no fee may be charged.
- ▶ If the vehicle is removed from the testing station for repair and returned for retest within 10 working days following the day of the initial failure, then only a partial retest is needed and a partial retest fee may be charged.

Only one Partial Re-Examination is permissible per full examination

- ▶ In any other case full re-examination **Full Fee**
- ▶ Appeal test fee **Full Fee**

Appeals

If you wish to appeal against refusal to issue a test certificate for your vehicle:

- ▶ Ask for a form (VT17) - obtainable from this testing station or the VOSA website.
- ▶ Send the form, with a further full test fee to reach the Vehicle & Operator Services Agency office shown below within 14 working days of the refusal notice issue date.
- ▶ If your appeal is successful, the fee or, if appropriate, part of it will be returned to you.
- ▶ Do not have your vehicle repaired before your appeal is considered. This is because any change to your vehicle may affect the outcome of the appeal.

Your Vehicle & Operator Services Agency local area office is:

VOSA website:

www.dft.gov.uk/vosa

VOSA Customer Service Centre:

0300 123 9000*

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