



Vehicle Inspectorate

**MOT
SPECIAL
NOTICE
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All Authorised Examiners and Designated Councils – All Classes

The last Special Notice was: 7/7a/2001 All Classes
8/2001 Classes I and II
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Item 1 MOT Testing Guide Replacement Pages

There have been amendments made to the MOT Testing Guide 5th Edition. The changes are marked with a line beside the text in the enclosed amended pages.

Please replace the pages in your current Guide with the amended pages in this pack. Use the checklist of up to date pages to ensure that you have all the new pages in the correct order. If you have pages missing please contact the enquiry line at Swansea 0845 600 5977.

All Nominated Testers should sign below to confirm that they have read and understood the contents of this Special Notice relevant to NTs for the classes they test. AEs must keep a copy of the signed SN on their records.

Item 2 Security of Certificates

In the run up to Computerisation existing stocks of MOT certificates may become more attractive to thieves. Please ensure you take good care of unused VT20s and be extra vigilant during this time. In particular, do not hand over any documentation to people claiming to be from the police or from VI unless they present their official identification (all authorised VI staff carry Warrant cards). If in any doubt contact your local police station or VI Area Office.

Item 3 Computerisation - Vehicle Testing Station Devices - Location

At VI MOT Seminars and in Matters of Testing issue 10 (January 2001), we told you what the likely requirements would be for siting the Siemens Business Services (SBS) Device in your testing station. Some companies are offering a computer cabinet in which to house the SBS Device. VI has not authorised the use of any of these cabinets. We would advise AEs not to purchase cabinets, as they may not be suitable for the installation of the SBS device. Briefly you require at least a 65 x 85cm flat surface in a dust free area, within 3.5 m of a power point and telephone socket. The full details will be with you shortly.

Item 4 Publication of Testing Site Details

VI regards the details of all testing stations as publicly available information. We will be publishing all MOT testing site names, addresses and telephone numbers on our web site. This will assist motorists to find their nearest appropriate testing station.

The format is likely to be as follows;

We Do Tests
Croydon Street
Bristol
BS5 0DA

0017 900 0000 (booking required)

Classes 3 & 4 (inc. diesels)

Item 5 Microcars Registered as Quadricycles

Microcars (four wheeled vehicles with an unladen weight not exceeding 400kg) registered as quadricycles are tested as class IV vehicles. They are easily identified either by having quadricycle on the registration document or by a reference to EU Directive 92/61 on the VIN plate.

These vehicles do not meet all of the current MOT test standards due to their construction. There is no requirement to fit side repeater lamps, a rear registration plate lamp or a rear foglamp and the absence of such is not a reason for rejection. Also Quadricycles fitted with CVT (belt) transmission should not be roller brake tested as this may result in transmission damage.

Diesel powered Quadricycles should be smoke tested as normal, however petrol engined vehicles will need to be emissions tested to non-CAT limits.

Item 6 Electric/Combustion Engine (Hybrid) Vehicles

Hybrid vehicles that can run on electric power in addition to petrol/diesel are exempt from the emissions test.

Care should be taken with such vehicles as;

- there may be high voltage present at any one of several points around the vehicle
- the engine may start without warning if the battery voltage drops
- high voltage may be present in storage capacitors as well as batteries



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