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Item 1 Replacement Test Documentation – Incorrect odometer reading

With effect from 4th March 2007, the 'one working day rule' for issuing replacement VT20 certificates for an incorrect odometer reading will change. From this date a replacement VT20 may be issued with the correct odometer reading within **seven** calendar days of the test completion. The MOT Testing Guide (Section H4, paragraph 9, b, (iii) on page 4) will be changed at the next available opportunity.

Item 2 Contacting the Service Desk and the use of Incident Code

When contacting the Service Desk, for example to log a fault with the VTS Device or the MOT Computerisation Service, callers will be issued with an incident number. This incident number is the number allocated by the Service Desk to the fault and exists solely to enable the fault to be tracked by Siemens through their fault logging system. You should **only** use this number if you need to contact the Service Desk at a later stage to enquire how the fault resolution is progressing.

If you have logged a fault with any part of the VTS Device, you will need to test in Fallback which means calling the Service Desk who will log both the start of the test and the test result on your behalf. An Overview of how to test in Fallback can be found in Section 10.H2 of the VTS Device User Guide.

Note The incident number must not be used for any aspect of MOT Testing.

All Nominated Testers must acknowledge via the VTS Device (from 6th March) that they have read and understood the contents of this Special Notice relevant to the classes they test. Please print off a copy of this SN and retain on your files for reference.

Item 3 One Person Testing (OPT) at new Sites

Following the introduction of OPT in January 2007 the concession to allow 'new sites' to be approved without a fully automated test lane (ATL) will cease at the end of March 2007. All applications for OPT at 'new sites' received on or after the 1st April 2007 must be for a full ATL. New sites are considered to be sites that are not currently test stations or have not been such for more than one year.

Item 4 Seat Belt Requirements for Vehicles with more than 8 passenger seats first used on or after 1 October 2001

Further to Special Notice 9-2002 there are two major changes to the seat belt requirements for vehicles with more than 8 passenger seats first used on or after 1 October 2001

1. All vehicles with more than 8 passenger seats first used on or after 1 October 2001 no longer require a seat belt installation check (Class IVA or VA test).
2. All forward and rearward facing seats are now mandatory seats for the purpose of seat belts and **must** have seat belts fitted. The only exception to this is a bus, which has been certified to carry standing passengers.

Restraints required; Vehicles not exceeding 3500kg DGW - 3 point inertia reel belts in all forward facing seats and 3 point inertia reel or retractable lap belts in rearward facing seats.

Vehicles exceeding 3500kg DGW - 3 point inertia reel belts in all forward and rearward facing seats.

Retractable lap belts are acceptable in any rearward facing seat or forward facing non-exposed seats with an appropriate energy absorbing seat or surface present in front i.e. where the forward surface is protected and there is no danger of a passenger hitting their head on a harsh object. If you have any doubt regarding the suitability of any protective surface, you may wish to seek guidance from the manufacturer.

Note: Alternatively, disabled persons seat belts or child restraints may be fitted in place of any of the above.



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