

MOT SPECIAL NOTICE



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All Authorised Examiners and Designated Councils in Classes :

All Classes

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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 1 Spark Ignition Engine Emission Testing on and After 1st August 2003

Enclosed is the ninth edition of the "In-Service Exhaust Emission Standards for Road Vehicles " (Book with graduated green front cover).

From 1 August 2003 until your analyser database is updated, if you test any vehicle listed you must base your test and pass/fail decision on the limits shown in the ninth edition. These may vary from those in your analyser database.

All 1996 specification exhaust gas analysers must have the vehicle specific database updated as soon after 31 July 2003 as possible. This is the normal annual update. All databases must be updated by 30 November 2003.

If your analyser can be updated by purchasing a disc and loading it yourself, then we will expect you to do this during August providing the disc is available. Some analysers require an engineer to visit and carry out an update which is why we allow the additional period.

Item 2 MOT testing fees from 1 August 2003.

The MOT Test fee maximum has changed. You may charge increased fees on or after 1st August 2003. Enclosed with this Special Notice is the new fees poster that you must display on your notice board after 31st July 2003. Please ensure that you add your local Area Office address to it.

Please Note

The fee for a pad of 100 VT20 certificates will increase to £144.00 from the 1st August 2003

This special Notice updates the fees set out in the MOT Guide Section L Page 1

The revised fee will be

Class of vehicle	Fee
Class I and II and Motor bicycle	£15.20
Motor bicycle with side car	£24.85
Class III	£29.00
Class IV	£40.75
Private passenger Vehicles and Ambulances	£42.65
Class IVA	£47.85
Class V 13 –16 Passenger seats	£45.70
More than 16 passenger seats	£61.95
Class VA 13 –16 Passenger seats	£61.80
More than 16 passenger seats	£95.65
Class VII Goods vehicles over 3000kg up to 3500 kg	£44.40

Item 3 Lighting Requirements for Tricycles and Quadricycles

Tricycles and quadricycles are not required to be fitted with the following lamps:

- a rear fog lamp
- side repeaters

Additionally, tricycles and quadricycles, which are registered as mopeds, are also not required to be fitted with:

- A main beam headlamp
- Hazard warning lamps
- Rear registration plate lamp
- Direction indicators - unless they are "bodied" vehicles (see note)

Note: A bodied vehicle is defined as "a vehicle with a structure consisting/comprising of a floor pan and panels which, with a roof fully encloses the vehicle occupants and without a roof encloses them other than where the roof would be"

Therefore, if the driver sits in the vehicle with surrounding structure it would be classed as bodied.

Item 4 Amendment to installation of MOT Computerisation Equipment.

Special Notice 2-2003 Annex A. Set out the electrical power points you will need to supply for MOT Computerisation. The cable length required for the EGA smart card reader has been revised.

Please note the revised cable run underlined.

Electrical power point

You will have to provide a normal 13-amp electrical socket to power the terminal. As with the phone point, this must be within a 3.5 metre safe cable run of the mounting surface for the terminal, in good working order and free from potential hazards (for example not trail across passageways).

You will also need to supply a normal 13-amp power point for the smart card reader for your EGA (if you have one). **This must be within a 1.8 metre cable run.** This may be wall mounted or mounted on the EGA trolley to reduce the number of trailing leads in the workshop. Again it is for you to decide in light of your risk assessment.