

MOT SPECIAL NOTICE



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All Authorised Examiners and Designated Councils in Classes :

All Classes

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Item 1 Inspection Manual pages

For those test stations authorised to test in Classes IV, V & VII, enclosed with this Special Notice are Inspection Manual pages incorporating the change in Emission Limits from 1st August 2004. These pages are supplied with instructions to update the manuals.

Steve Tonks

Head of MOT Compliance and Computerisation

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.

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Item 2 Spark Ignition Engine Emission Testing on and after 1st August 2004

Enclosed is the Tenth Edition of the "In-Service Exhaust Emission Standards for Road Vehicles book (with graduated orange front cover).

From 1st August 2004 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 tenth 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 31st July 2004 as possible. This is the normal annual update. All databases must be updated by 30th November 2004.

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 3 Extension to BET update deadline

SN 1-2004 advised of the changes to the BET limits and indicated that all EGAs should be upgraded during the August 2004 updates, which would mean completion by 30th November 2004. For EGAs that require the attendance of an engineer to install the new software the deadline for the upgrade has been extended to 31st January 2005. This will enable in most cases for the upgrade to be carried out at the same time as periodic calibration.

If the November deadline cannot be met then confirmation of arrangements to carry out the upgrade by the extended date must be produced when requested.

Item 4 NTT Refresher Courses

VOSA Training Services call up Nominated Tester who test class III IV V & VII vehicles to attend a periodic MOT refresher training course every 5 years. These courses are notified to the AE in advance allowing sufficient time to confirm attendance, or to make alternative booking arrangements. These courses must be attended before the end of the 5th Year.

It is important when you receive a call up letter that you respond quickly to confirm your attendance, as VOSA Training Services may not be able to offer an alternative date.

This course is a mandatory course and must be attended by all Nominated Testers who carry out MOT Testing of class III, IV, V & VII vehicles

Please note if you do not attend a mandatory training course within 6 month of the first date that is offered, you will not be allowed to continue testing until you have completed an MOT refresher course.

If you have previously attended a MOT refresher course the date you should attend your next course by can be found on the certificate you received when you last attended a refresher course.

If you have any concerns about when you last attended a refresher course or have not received a call up letter please contact VOSA Training Services booking section on: **Tel 0117 954 3434**

Item 5 MOT testing fees from 1st August 2004.

The maximum MOT Test fee has changed. You may charge increased fees on or after 1st August 2004. Enclosed with this Special Notice is the new fees poster that you must display on your notice board after 31st July 2004. Please ensure that you add your local Area Office address to it.

Please Note

The fee for a pad of 100 VT20 certificates will remain at £144.00.

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

The Revised Fees will be.

| Class of vehicle | | Fee. |
|------------------|---|--------|
| Class I and II | Solo Motor bicycles | £15.55 |
| | Motor bicycles with side car | £25.45 |
| Class III | | £29.70 |
| Class IV | | £42.10 |
| | Private passenger Vehicles and Ambulances | £44.05 |
| Class IVA | | £49.35 |
| Class V | 13 –16 Passenger seats | £46.80 |
| | More than 16 passenger seats | £63.45 |
| Class VA | 13 –16 Passenger seats | £63.30 |
| | More than 16 passenger seats | £98.00 |
| Class VII | Goods vehicles over 3000kg up to 3500 kg | £45.60 |

Item 6 Class VII Brake Testing

There are occasions on modern class VII vehicles, principally front wheel drive, where perfectly acceptable brakes do not meet the brake efficiency requirements on a roller brake tester, either on percentage or the locked wheel criteria. In such cases the note in the information column of section 3.7 page 21, with reference to vehicles not listed on the brake data chart should be applied. This requires a decelerometer test to determine the overall efficiency of the brakes after all other elements of the roller brake test have been completed.

It must be remembered that a decelerometer should not be used if the vehicle has already been failed for 'little or no effort indicating clearly that any brake on the vehicle is not functioning correctly' during the roller brake test.

Instructions for insertion of pages in Section 6.4 of the Class 5 Inspection Manual.

Insert new page 6c (printed single side only).

Delete previous page 6c (flowchart).

Remove page 6e/6f and replace with new pages 6e,6f and 6f(i) (also printed single side only).

Instructions for insertion of pages in Section 7.3 of the Class 3, 4 & 7 Inspection Manual.

Insert new page 9 (printed single side only).

Delete previous page 9 (flowchart).

Remove page 11/12 and replace with
new pages 11/12

Insert new page 13/13a and delete page 13