



Vehicle Inspectorate

**MOT
SPECIAL
NOTICE
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All Authorised Examiners and Designated Councils in Classes V

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Item 1 Spark Ignition Engine Emission Testing on and After 1 August 2002

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

From 1 August 2002 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 eighth 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 2002 as possible. This is the normal annual update. All databases must be updated by 30 November 2002.

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.

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 Temporary Manual Pages

Enclosed with this Special Notice is a set of temporary pages for your Class V MOT (Private Bus) Inspection Manual.

Please replace the current pages with the enclosed:

Section 5.1 Page 10 Seat Belts

Section 6.4 Page 6f, 7, 8, 9, 9a Exhaust Emissions (diesel).

Please make sure you **do not** discard Page 10.

Section 6.9 Speed Limiter

If you have more than one of these Inspection Manuals please copy these pages to enable all your manuals to be updated.

We suggest that you either glue or staple these replacement pages over the existing pages to help them last longer. Permanent pages will be sent out soon, with other planned Inspection Manual amendments.

Item 3 Diesel Smoke Test Fast Pass

From 1 August 2002 all diesel-engine vehicles first used on or after 1 August 1979 may be tested to the Fast Pass procedure described in the new Inspection Manual pages.

Vehicles that meet the limits will pass the smoke test. Vehicles that do not meet the limits must be given a full smoke test before a decision is reached.

As soon as your smoke meter program has been updated to automate this process you may start using the new Fast Pass procedure. You must not attempt to carry out Fast Pass tests manually.

A print out of the Fast Pass test result must be taken and a copy retained as with the results of the normal test.

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