



All Authorised Examiners and Designated Councils in Classes IV, V and VII

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Item 1. Conformity of Exhaust Gas Analysers – 1996 Specification

Computerisation of MOT Vehicle Testing Stations is due to start in 2003. We will be testing and trialling the system in late 2002 to make sure it will work. Part of the system involves an electronic link to your EGA.

Research indicates that some EGAs do not comply with the 1996 specification and may not be capable of transferring electronic information. VI have been discussing with EGA manufacturers and your trade organisations how they will ensure that your EGA/s will work when linked to the computerised system. Unfortunately it has not proved possible to identify which models are affected or where they are sited.

Continued compliance of all equipment is a formal requirement upon AEs. You must contact your EGA manufacturer or service agent to confirm that your EGA will be capable of communicating with the computerised system as specified. A Declaration of Conformity form is enclosed for this purpose. The form must be completed and returned as soon as possible to your local VI office and in any case no later than 31 August 2002.

Your earliest response will help VI and EGA manufacturers establish the extent of any problems that need to be resolved before the computerised system is introduced.

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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If you find that your EGA does not comply you must arrange to have it returned to the full specification. If this is not possible you must provide an EGA that does. You will not be able to continue testing with a non compliant EGA after computerisation roll out.

It should be noted that there have been no changes made to the 1996 specification to accommodate the computerised system. Any cost incurred returning your EGA to specification is a matter between you and your supplier. If more than one visit is needed to computerise your station a charge may be made.

Item 2. Introduction of mandatory Basic Emission Testing (BET) from 31 December 2002

BET was voluntarily introduced on 1 August 2001 to help simplify emission testing on vehicles first used on or after 1 August 1992 and has been shown to give significant time savings. At the introduction of BET the software was not widely available. This issue has been resolved and from the end of this year (31 December 2002) the BET test will become mandatory. All test stations must have BET software installed before the end of December 2002. BET testing must not be conducted manually at any time.

Note

It may be beneficial for you to arrange with your EGA service engineer the installation of BET and confirmation of compliance with the 1996 specification at the same visit, this will ideally be a routine calibration visit.

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