

**TAMESIDE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, CONSUMER AND BEREAVEMENT SERVICES**

**HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENSING STANDARDS**

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**Introduction**

Before the Licensing Section will issue a licence for a Hackney Carriage or Private Hire Vehicle they must be satisfied that the vehicle is of suitable type, size, and design and in a good mechanical condition. In addition, the vehicle must comply with any conditions or byelaws that are in force at the time of licensing.

Any owner who wishes to modify or alter their vehicle from the original construction (this includes van type vehicles converted to mini-buses) must consult with the Licensing Team Leader. Prior to any test being booked.

This manual has been designed to be used in conjunction with the Vehicle Inspectorate M.O.T Tester's Manual, and the Council's Conditions relating to Private Hire and Hackney Carriage vehicles. Compliance with the relevant conditions will be assessed as part of the vehicle test procedure.

This manual will include more stringent tolerances to some aspects of a vehicle examination as shown in the MOT Tester's Manual and in some instances create additional items for test.

The tester can expect the vehicle presented for test to have had the underside and the engine compartment cleaned to such an extent that all vehicle components are clearly visible. The Tester may at any time throughout the test road test the vehicle if in his opinion it is required to enable him to make an informed judgment

The fitting of second hand parts to rectify mechanical or any other form of defect that relates to a safety item is not acceptable.

**This manual will be available for inspection, by appointment, at the reception desk at the vehicle test garage, the Licensing Office.**

## APPEALS PROCEDURE

If a vehicle proprietor disagrees with an aspect of the vehicle test, they should approach the tester who will show the reason for the failure and give an explanation accordingly.

If the proprietor remains dissatisfied then the Charge Hand will be summoned and he will oversee that part of the vehicle examination and if need be explain to the proprietor the reason for his decision.

If the proprietor is not satisfied with the decision of the Charge Hand then the Transport Manager or Senior Tester on duty will be contacted to oversee the enquiry. If you remain dissatisfied, you should indicate to the Senior Tester or Transport Manager that you wish to initiate a formal Corporal Complaint. He will then advise you accordingly.

The vehicle must not leave the confines of the garage during any dispute.

If any disagreement relates to a condition of the vehicle licence, for example, signage, condition or positions of seating disabled issues etc. then the Licensing Department should be contacted and an officer from that department will attend the garage and his/her decision can only be overruled by a formal written appeal to the Licensing Panel.

An appeal application form can be obtained from the Licensing Section.

### FAILURE ITEMS

A vehicle presented for any test or spot check will fail the test and, if appropriate, have the licence plates removed and the vehicle licence suspended if any of the following defects are identified;

Brake or any related component that has an effect directly or indirectly on the on the braking system

Steering or any related component that has an effect directly or indirectly on it.

Suspension or any related component that may have an effect directly or indirectly on it.

Chassis corrosion or damage that may have an effect on the above items or compromise the structural integrity of the vehicle.

Any leaks to the fuel system that may pose a risk to the public or driver safety.

Any leaks from the exhaust system that in the opinion of the tester causes excessive noise.

Excessive smoke or emissions

Any other item that in the opinion of the examiner poses a risk to the safety of the public or driver.

In addition to the above failure items, the examiner will allow up to five minor items to be defective before a full retest is required or and if appropriate removal of the licence plates.

Providing the vehicle is represented for test before the end of the following day, there will be no retest fee. The tester will then only re test the failure items unless some new defect is apparent.

The list of minor items is not exhaustive and can include any of the following: - Hazard warning lights, headlight aim, reflectors, seats, windscreen and windscreen washers, direction indicators, boot lid, doors, horn, VIN plate, brake/clutch pedal anti-slip, registration plates steering wheel, lamps and lights, seat belts (but not anchorages) sharp edges or projections wheels and tyres fuel filler cap, interior trim, upholstery, radio equipment, carpets, opening windows, first aid kit, fare card, signage, wheelchair equipment, boot cleanliness, spare wheel and jack, road fund licence, dash and panel instruments, aerials, general appearance and tidiness, all items relating to doors and their use including locks, seals and handles, but not pillars or hinges.

Once the plates have been removed, or if more than five defects are found, then a full retest fee, is payable to the garage will be required and the tester will carry out a full test on the vehicle before returning the plates or issuing the Certificate of Compliance.

The Licensing Enforcement Officer may intervene in a test at any time if he believes the vehicle licence conditions are breached.

If a tester fails a test for less than five items, he will need to re-examine the vehicle. Therefore it must be re-presented for examination before 4.00pm the following day. In the case of a Friday test, the vehicle must be produced before 4.00pm on the following Monday. . If the vehicle driver/owner fails to present his/her vehicle for re-examination within the specified time, then a re-test fee will be charged.

It will be deemed a breach of Licence Condition if a vehicle that has failed its test is not presented within the specified time scale and the appropriate enforcement action will be taken.

**If any suspension remains in force for more than two months then the licence is deemed revoked.**

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**SECTION 1.**

**LIGHTING AND SIGNALLING**

<b>Front and Rear Position Lamps, Registration</b>	Refer to MOT Tester's Manual	Page 2		Para. 1.1
<b>Plate Lamps and Fog Lamps.</b>				
<b>Headlight and Headlight aim.</b>	Refer to MOT Tester's Manual	Page 5		Para.1.2
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<b>Stop Lamps.</b>	Refer to MOT Tester's Manual	Page 7		Para. 1.3
<b>Rear Reflectors.</b>	Refer to MOT Tester's Manual	Page 9		Para. 1.4
<b>Direction Indicators and Hazard lamps.</b>	Refer to MOT Tester's Manual	Page 10		Para. 1.5
<b>Audible Warnings (horn)</b>	Refer to MOT Tester's Manual	Page 17		Para. 1.7
<b>Items specific to Licensed Vehicles.</b>	Refer to this manual	Page 7		

**LIGHTING AND SIGNALLING EQUIPMENT ITEMS SPECIFIC TO LICENSED VEHICLES**

<b><i>Items for Inspection</i></b>	<b><i>Reason for rejection.</i></b>	<b><i>Notes</i></b>
<b>Reversing Lights.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Any lamp fitted that fails to light when operated</li> <li>b) Any Lens missing or damaged.</li> <li>c) Manual switch fails to illuminate or is not the illuminating type</li> </ul>	<p>If a reverse lamp works off a dash mounted switch then the switch must illuminate when operated</p> <p>Any light that becomes illuminated when it is clearly not meant to do so.</p>
<b>Courtesy Lights.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Any lamp missing or damaged.</li> <li>b) Any lens missing or damaged.</li> <li>c) Front or rear lights fail to light when operated.</li> </ul>	
<b>Step Lights (minibuses)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Any lamp missing or damaged.</li> <li>b) Any lens missing or damaged.</li> <li>c) Any lamp fails to light when operated.</li> </ul>	
<b>Instrument Panel Lights.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Any instrument panel light that fails to light.</li> <li>b) Any switch warning light that fails to light When operated.</li> </ul>	
<b>Taxi For Hire Light.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Taxi “for hire” light fails to light when operated.</li> <li>b) Taxi “Roof Light” must light.</li> <li>c) Damaged or missing lights.</li> </ul>	
<b>Door Lock Interlock Warning lights.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Warning light fails to light when the vehicle is in motion</li> </ul>	

<b>Accessory or Fashion lights.</b>	a) Any light fitted to the vehicle without specific purpose i.e. washer jet lights	This area is not meant to be exhaustive and can be interpreted as any other light not fitted by the manufacturer
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**SECTION 2**

**STEERING AND SUSPENSION**

<b>Steering – including suspension</b>	Refer to MOT Tester’s Manual	Page 2		Para. 2.1
<b>Steering System</b>	Refer to MOT Tester’s Manual	Page 4		Para. 2.2
<b>Power Steering</b>	Refer to MOT Tester’s Manual	Page 10		Para. 2.3
<b>Suspension-General</b>	Refer to MOT Tester’s Manual	Page 11		Para. 2.4
<b>Front Suspension, Front Wheel Bearings</b>	Refer to MOT Tester’s Manual	Page 21		Para. 2.5
<b>and Drive Shafts.</b>				
<b>Rear Suspension and Wheel Bearings.</b>	Refer to MOT Tester’s Manual	Page 27		Para. 2.6
<b>Shock Absorbers</b>	Refer to MOT Tester’s Manual	Page 28		Para. 2.7



<b>Steering and Suspension related to Licensed vehicles</b>	Refer to this manual	Pages 9 to 11		

**STEERING AND SUSPENSION SPECIFIC TO LICENSED VEHICLES**

<i>Items for Inspection</i>	<i>Reason for rejection</i>	<i>Notes</i>
<b>Steering Wheel</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Damaged or worn steering wheel covering</li> <li>b) Incorrectly fitted accessory covers, or worn so as being likely to interfere with the smooth operation of the steering wheel.</li> <li>c) The fitting of steering assisters i.e. swivel devices for single handed steering.</li> </ul>	
<b>Steering Column</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Excessive wear in bottom steering column bush.</li> <li>b) Loose, missing or damaged cowlings.</li> <li>c) Exposed steering column/wheel securing nut (missing cover)</li> </ul>	
<b>Steering Joints.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Any wear in any couplings Inc. ball joints kingpins, track-rods, flexible couplings and universal joints</li> <li>b) Damage to any of the above.</li> </ul>	Kingpin lift is acceptable, refer to MOT Testers Manual
<b>Power Steering</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Noisy operation of pump or drive belts.</li> <li>b) Any fluid leaks.</li> <li>c) Chaffing of pipes or fouling of any type</li> <li>d) Uneven or notched operation.</li> </ul>	Testers must be sure that any fluid present is from a component or seal failure and not residue from topping up of the reservoir
<b>Suspension</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Any missing bump stop rubbers</li> </ul>	

<p><b>Drive Shafts and Front Wheel Bearings.</b></p>	<p>b) Any wear in any pins or bushes</p> <p>c) Lowered or shortened coil springs. d) An obviously leaning vehicle even if a cause cannot be determined.</p> <p>a) Ripped or leaking drive shaft gaiters. b) A drive shaft rubber or fabric flexible coupling contaminated or softened by oil. c) Inner constant velocity joint worn or insecure. d) Any evidence of excessive noise or roughness when the wheels are rotated. Missing or loose fasteners/retaining bolts. e) Any movement in the wheel bearings that is attributed to wear or incorrect adjustment.</p> <p>f) Any roughness or noise in the wheel bearings when the wheel is rotated freely.</p>	<p>Wear limits are 1mm for a 12mm diameter pin, 2mm for a 25mm diameter pin. 5% of the pin diameter for pins over 25mm diameter. Caution should be used when checking rubber/synthetic bushes as some are designed to have a high degree of compliance and should not be confused with wear.</p> <p>Some manufacturers have play built into the design of the wheel bearings and caution must be used so as not to wrongly fail a vehicle on excessive bearing play</p>
<p><b>Propeller Shaft and Rear Wheel Bearings.</b></p>	<p>a) Any loose or missing securing bolts. b) Any damage or obvious misalignment of the prop shaft</p> <p>c) Any wear in the universal joints. d) Any fouling of the prop-shaft by any other component or debris e) Any movement in the wheel bearings that is attributed to wear or incorrect adjustment. f) Any roughness or noise in the bearings when the wheel is rotated freely.</p>	<p>Reason for failure although a road test to determine any excessive vibration would may be necessary</p>

**SECTION 3**

**BRAKES**

<b>Parking Brake Lever</b>	<b>Refer to MOT Tester's Manual</b>	<b>Page 2</b>	<b>Para. 3.1</b>
<b>Service Brake control</b>	Refer to MOT Tester's Manual	Pages 5 to 8	Para.3.3
<b>Anti-lock Braking Systems</b>	Refer to MOT Tester's Manual	Page 11	Para. 3.4
<b>Mechanical Brake Components</b>	Refer to MOT Tester's Manual	Page 12	Para. 3.5
<b>Hydraulic Air Vacuum Systems</b>	Refer to MOT Tester's Manual	Pages 14 to18	Para. 3.6
<b>Brake Performance</b>	Refer to MOT Tester's Manual	Pages 19 to 26	Para. 3.7
<b>Calculating Performances</b>	Refer to MOT Tester's Manual	Page 28	Para. 3.8

<b>Ministry Plates and Brake Efficiency Table</b>	Refer to MOT Tester's Manual	Pages 29 to 30	Par 3.9 to 3.10
<b>Items specific to Licensed Vehicles.</b>	Refer to this manual	Pages 13 to 14	

**BRAKE ITEMS SPECIFIC TO LICENSED VEHICLES**

<b><i>Items for Inspection</i></b>	<b><i>Reason for rejection</i></b>	<b><i>Notes</i></b>
<b>Fluid Reservoir</b>	a) Missing or damaged cap, Inc. any electrical tell-tale devices.  b) Fluid level is below the minimum level marked on the reservoir	
<b>Parking Brake</b>	a) Corrosion on any rods or cables such that the strength of the component is reduced	
<b>Foot Pedal</b>	a) Excessive travel in pedal indicating maladjusted  b) Damaged, worn or missing pedal rubber.	
<b>Brake Discs</b>	a) Any wear, corrosion or pitting of any brake disc.	
<b>Servo Assisted Brakes</b>	a) Any servo/vacuum pump drive belt loose damaged or worn. Any missing belts.	If the pump has more than one drive belt fitted as standard, but only one is present then the vehicle must fail

<b>Anti-lock Braking System</b>	a) Any missing component even if the ABS warning light follows the correct operating sequence.	
<b>Brake Performance</b>	See note	In the event that a vehicle only marginally manages to meet the necessary criteria to pass the test then the presenter must be advised that the vehicle brakes require possible repair or adjustments.

SECTION 4

TYRES AND ROAD WHEELS

<b>Tyres</b>	Refer to MOT Tester's Manual	Pages 2 to 8	Para. 4.1
<b>Road Wheels</b>	Refer to MOT Tester's Manual	Page 9	Para. 4.2
<b>Items specific to Licensed Vehicles</b>	Refer to this manual	Page 16	

**TYRES AND ROAD WHEEL ITEMS SPECIFIC TO LICENSED VEHICLES**

<i>Items for Inspection</i>	<i>Reason for rejection</i>	<i>Notes</i>
<b>Tyres</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) All tyres must be 'matched type' on all four wheels.</li> <li>b) Any tyre which is obviously under or over inflated, the side wall of the tyres must not be worn to the extent that the tyre size rating cannot be determined</li> <li>c) Tyres that have been re-cut</li> <li>d) Direction arrows not following the forwards direction.</li> <li>e) All vehicles must have a minimum 1.6 mm of tread across the whole of the breadth of the tyre and the complete circumference of the tyre</li> </ul>	<p>The 1mm limit in the testers manual for vehicles with 8 passenger seats excluding the drivers is not applicable to this test</p>
<b>Road Wheels</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) All wheels must be of a matched type</li> <li>b) If wheel trims are fitted they must be free from damage and must also be a matched set</li> <li>c) Any wheel with obvious missing balance weights</li> <li>d) If the spare wheel is inaccessible for any reason I.e. seized retaining clamp.</li> </ul>	<p>Wheel trims should be removed during the test</p>

**SECTION 5**

**SEATBELTS**

<b>Seatbelts</b>	Refer to the MOT Tester's Manual	Page 2	Para. 5.1
<b>Items specific to Licensed Vehicles</b>	Refer to this manual	Page 18	



**SEATBELT ITEMS SPECIFIC TO LICENSED VEHICLES**

<b>Items for Inspection</b>	<b>Reason for rejection</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Seatbelts</b>	<p>a) Any missing damaged or soiled belts.</p> <p>b) Any missing or damaged components relating to the seatbelts.</p> <p>c) If for any reason the tester cannot access any of the seatbelts</p> <p>d) Any seatbelts of a different colour to that fitted as standard</p>	<p>If any seatbelt is in a condition that is likely to cause the wearer clothes to become soiled or dirty then it must fail the test</p>
<b>Wheelchair seatbelts</b>	<p>a) Any vehicle that has the facility to carry wheelchairs must have the necessary passenger restraints for that purpose.</p> <p>b) The seatbelt must operate freely and unrestricted</p> <p>c) Faulty belt release mechanisms</p> <p>d) Faulty belt release switch.</p>	<p>Special attention must be paid to any of the anchorage points used for the wheelchair seatbelts</p> <p>Any automatic seatbelt tensioner that has been activated is not a reason for failure; however the presenter must be informed.</p>

**SECTION 6**

**BODY AND STRUCTURE**

<b>Vehicle Structure, Body Security and Condition</b>	Refer to the MOT Tester's Manual	Page 2		Para. 6.1
<b>Doors and Seats</b>	Refer to the MOT Tester's Manual	Page 3		Para. 6.2
<b>Registration Plates and VIN details</b>	Refer to the MOT Tester's Manual	Page 4		Para. 6.3
<b>Load security</b>	Refer to the MOT Tester's Manual	Page 7		Para. 6.4
<b>Items specific to Licensed Vehicles</b>	Refer to this manual	Pages 20 to 24		

**BODY AND STRUCTURE ITEMS SPECIFIC TO LICENSED VEHICLES**

<b>Items for Inspection</b>	<b>Reason for rejection</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Body</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Any mismatch of paint colours</li> <li>b) Any contaminated paintwork causing fading of colour</li> <li>c) Any sub-standard repairs to bodywork.</li> <li>d) Loose panel, wings or body trim.</li> <li>e) Any dents over 40mm in diameter at its widest point and over 10mm deep on any panel</li> <li>f) Any un repaired scratches over 20cms long that is so deep as to expose bare metal.</li> <li>g) Any panel that has three or more rust spots of 40 mm. in diameter or blisters in the paintwork to the same.</li> <li>h) Any holes in the body left by removed aerals not covered by grommets.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Any broken aerals left fitted on the vehicle.</li> </ul> </li> <li>j) Excessive welding, or where welding has occurred to ta previously welded area.</li> </ul>	
<b>Bonnet</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Any bonnet release not functioning correctly</li> <li>b) Any bonnet catch not functioning correctly</li> <li>c) Any secondary catch not functioning correctly</li> <li>d) Any bonnet stay missing or not fitted correctly</li> <li>e) Any gas assisted bonnet stays not holding the bonnet upright (open)</li>   <li>f) Any excessive movement in the bonnet hinges</li> </ul>	
<b>Boot</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Any boot release not functioning correctly</li> <li>b) Any boot locks or catches not functioning correctly</li> <li>c) Any boot seals in such a condition that the ingress of water is likely</li> <li>d) Any boot stay system whether mechanical or gas not holding the boot open</li> <li>e) The boot interior is in such a condition that the belongings of customers using the boot may become contaminated</li> <li>f) The boot contains an excessive amount of personal effects i.e. petrol can, tools, additional wheels and parts.</li> <li>g) Petrol or any other flammable or corrosive material i.e. batteries stored in the boot.</li> </ul>	

<p><b>Mud Flaps</b></p>	<p>a) A full set of four mud flaps must be present if the vehicle is presented for test with mud flaps fitted</p>	
<p><b>Doors</b></p>	<p>a) Any door that does not close completely  b) Any door that does not close easily  c) Damaged, missing or incorrectly fitted door seals  d) Loose door /broken handles, locks, window handles and trims.  e) Door hinges worn or seized  g) Door interlock not working freely  f) Any missing or damaged trim, Inc. speaker covers  g) Any door window that does not open and close  h) Any door that fouls any other part of the vehicle body</p>	<p>This may be a result of other body damage</p>
<p><b>Flooring</b></p>	<p>a) Any carpet or floor covering damaged, worn or contaminated so as likely to cause injury to passengers.  b) Any cables and badly fitted wires lying across the floor so as likely to cause injury to passengers.  c) Excessive amounts of litter or rubbish on the vehicle floors</p>	
<p><b>Seats</b></p>	<p>a) Any seat not of the same colour or design as the rest of the seats.  b) Any seat fabric that is damaged, heavily soiled or dangerous to the user.</p> <p>c) Any tilting seat that does not lock down correctly.  d) Any seat that does not adjust when it is clear that it is designed to do so.  e) Poorly fitted/damaged or excessively worn seat covers  f) Any loose or insecure seats.  g) Seat cushions or back rests so worn as to give little or no comfort to the user.  h) Seats positioned in such a way as to hinder access to other seats on the vehicle.  i) Any loose, damaged or incorrectly fitted headrests</p>	<p>Minor burns and small holes are acceptable provided they are no more than 20mm in diameter</p> <p>This relates to minibuses.</p>

<p><b>Load Security</b></p>	<p>a) Any load restraining system incorrectly fitted or is for any reason unable to carry out its function  b) in the case of estate vehicles a system of preventing luggage moving into passenger area not present</p>	<p>i.e. dog grills/load covers used in estate cars</p>
<p><b>Registration Plates/ Licence Plates</b></p>	<p>a) Dirty or obscured plates  b) Design of plate changed to accommodate TMBC Licence Plate, causing the number plate light not to illuminate the number plate.</p>	<p>If the vehicle has two number plate lights fitted as standard and one of them still illuminates the plate, then this is acceptable.</p>
<p><b>VIN (Vehicle Identification Number)</b></p>	<p>a) the VIN plate not present</p> <p>b) The VIN plate is in such a condition as to make reading it impossible.  c) The VIN on the plate does not match that which is stamped on the body?</p>	<p>If the VIN plate is missing then the tester should locate the stamped chassis number and pass the vehicle. If he is unable to find the stamped chassis number then he must fail the vehicle. If the identity of the vehicle can be ascertained through cross checking log book and other vehicle markings such as engine numbers then the tester may pass the vehicle and issue an advisory note instructing the presenter to apply a new VIN plate.</p>

**SECTION 7**  
**FUEL AND EMISSIONS**

<b>Exhaust System</b>	<b>Refer to MOT Tester's Manual</b>	<b>Page 2</b>	<b>Para. 7.1</b>
<b>Fuel System</b>	<b>Refer to MOT Tester's Manual</b>	<b>Page 3</b>	<b>Para. 7.2</b>
<b>Exhaust Emissions spark ignition</b>	<b>Refer to MOT Tester's Manual</b>	<b>Page 4</b>	<b>Para. 7.3</b>
<b>Exhaust Emissions compressed ignition</b>	<b>Refer to MOT Tester's Manual</b>	<b>Page 16</b>	<b>Para. 7.4</b>
<b>Fuel and Emission items specific to Licensed Vehicles</b>	<b>Refer to this manual</b>	<b>Page 26</b>	

**FUEL AND EMISSION ITEMS SPECIFIC TO LICENSED VEHICLES**

<i>Items for Inspection</i>	<i>Reason for rejection</i>	<i>Notes</i>
<b>Exhaust System</b>	<p>a) Any excessive blue, white or black smoke</p> <p>b) Any excessive noise from loose mountings, baffles and heat shields.</p> <p>c) Any exhaust leaks.</p> <p>d) Any high performance or sports exhaust</p> <p>e) Excessively corroded exhaust</p> <p>f) Any part of the system missing.</p>	<p>Minor leaks from the tail pipe is acceptable providing it is located after the exhaust silence. If in the opinion of the tester the exhaust system is in imminent danger of failing due to corrosion even if there are no leaks at the time of test, the vehicle must fail</p>
<b>Fuel System</b>	<p>a) Any leak of fuel (petrol diesel or gas)</p> <p>b) Any fuel system component that is damaged, worn, contaminated, loose or is not the correct component for the function it is doing.</p> <p>c) Any missing injector pump seal.</p> <p>d) Any diesel system that the governor does not work</p>	<p>Pipes that are not specific fuel pipes must fail the test even if they do not leak</p>

**SECTION 8**

**DRIVERS VIEW OF THE ROAD**

<b>Mirrors</b>	Refer to MOT Tester's Manual	Page 2	Para. 8.1
<b>Wipers and Washers</b>	Refer to MOT Tester's Manual	Page 3	Para. 8.1
<b>Windscreen</b>	Refer to MOT Tester's Manual	Page 4	Para. 8.1
<b>Glazing</b>	Refer to this manual	Page 28	
<b>Drivers view of the road items specific to Licensed vehicles</b>	Refer to this manual	Page 29 to 30	



**DRIVERS VIEW OF THE ROAD**

**GLAZING**

<b><i>Items for Inspection</i></b>	<b><i>Reason for rejection</i></b>	<b><i>Notes</i></b>
<b>Other glazing</b>	<p>a) Any damaged or cracks that is likely to reduce the integrity of the glass.</p> <p>b) No rear window stickers of any sort unless permission is granted from the Licensing Section</p> <p>c) Any non-standard high-level brake light that seriously restricts the drivers view to the rear.</p> <p>d) Any non-standard rear speakers or other objects that are fitted to the parcel shelf that restricts the drivers view to the rear.</p>	

**DRIVERS VIEW OF THE ROAD ITEMS SPECIFIC TO LICENSED VEHICLES**

<i>Items for Inspection</i>	<i>Reason for rejection</i>	<i>Notes</i>
<b>Other glazing</b>	<p>a) Any damaged or cracks that is likely to reduce the integrity of the glass.</p> <p>b) No rear window stickers of any sort unless permission is granted from the Licensing Section</p> <p>c) Any non-standard high-level brake light that seriously restricts the drivers view to the rear.</p> <p>d) Any non-standard rear speakers or other objects that are fitted to the parcel shelf that restricts the drivers view to the rear.</p>	<p>A vehicle must have a minimum of three mirrors. There should be an offside door mirror, a nearside door mirror and an interior mirror</p>
<b>Mirrors</b>	<p>a) Any missing, broken, deteriorated or non-standard</p> <p>b) Any missing or loose covers.</p> <p>c) Any mirrors that are incapable of being adjusted</p>	
<b>Wipers</b>	<p>a) Any wiper blade that is split, damaged, or rear window effectively.</p> <p>b) Any wiper that does not cover a large enough area of the windscreen.</p> <p>c) Any incorrectly adjusted wipers.</p> <p>d) Any wipers/washers that fail to operate.</p>	

<p><b>Windscreen</b></p>	<p>a) Any damage or stone chips in zone "A" of the windscreen.</p> <p>b) Any damaged or deteriorated sealing rubbers</p> <p>c) Any stickers placed on the windscreen that encroaches into the designated swept areas.</p> <p>d) Any sun strip that is not transparent or is easily seen through.</p> <p>e) Any sun tinting that is clearly not standard and in the opinion of the tester may hinder the driver's ability to see clearly.</p> <p>f) Any other object fitted to the dash-board that restricts the drivers view.</p> <p>g) Any windows that do not contain the BS kite mark or equivalent EU markings.</p>	<p>The MOT tester Manual is adequate to cover zone "B" with regards to damage</p> <p>Refer to specific Licence Conditions re: signage</p> <p>The tester must take into consideration night-time driving when assessing tinted windows</p>
<p><b>Tinted/Privacy glass</b></p>	<p>a) Any tinted or privacy glass that does not conform to the requirements of the Vehicle Licence Conditions</p>	<p>The degree of tint is as follows: - The front windscreen, 75% and the front of and nearside windows shall have a minimum light transmittance of 70% All remaining glass must have more than 50% light transmittance. All factory fitted/manufactured. Specified tints are now available</p>

**SECTION 9**

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<i>Items for Inspection</i>	<i>Reason for rejection</i>	<i>Notes</i>
<p><b>Engine</b></p>	<p>a) Any missing, damaged, worn or incorrectly fitted engine mountings or stabilizers.</p> <p>b) Any oil leaks.</p> <p>c) Any loose, damaged missing or incorrectly fitted component.</p> <p>d) Any coolant leak that is such that if left unattended it may cause engine damage.</p> <p>e) Any excessive engine noise.</p> <p>f) Any obvious misfire or vibration that in the opinion of the tester puts the reliability of the vehicle at risk.</p> <p>g) Any electrical components/wiring that is defective so as to present a danger to the driver or public.</p>	<p>Oil leaks that can be seen to drip or the engine area is so covered in oil that it makes examination of other components difficult or any leak of oil or coolant onto the exhaust system then the vehicle must fail the test.</p> <p>It is not the responsibility of the tester to diagnose the cause of any engine noise. The examiner should take care when giving advice on area of test.</p>
<p><b>Transmission (Gearbox/Clutch/Drive axle)</b></p>	<p>a) Any excessive noise from any part of the transmission</p> <p>b) Any oil leaks from the transmission.</p> <p>c) Any excessive slipping or incorrectly adjusted clutch.</p>	<p>Oil leaks that can be seen to drip or the gearbox/drive axle is so covered with in oil that the examination of other components is difficult.</p>

<p><b>First Aid Kit</b></p>	<p>d) Clutch pedal rubber missing or excessively worn. e) Any missing, damaged, worn or incorrectly component.</p> <p>a) A missing, dirty or incomplete first aid kit. b) A first aid kit not in a designated container.</p>	<p>The first aid kit must be marked with an indelible marker or paint with the vehicle plate number. A standard first aid kit purchased from a chemist or auto store will be deemed adequate</p> <p>Fire extinguishers no longer part of test (remove from document)</p>
<p><b>Wheelchairs</b></p>	<p>a) Any wheelchair ramps and fixing straps etc that are missing, damaged, worn or not stable or safe when mounted on the vehicle.</p>	<p>Though this area is generally restricted to Hackney Carriage Vehicles, some minibuses and MPVs now cater for wheelchair users. Ramps to be marked with the vehicle plate number, all wheel chair securing belts/straps etc must be present at time of test</p>
<p><b>Valid LOLER Certificate Required</b></p>	<p>a) Any obvious defect in the tail lift system that is easily identified without the tester having to specifically inspect the equipment.</p>	<p>The tail lift inspection is now part of the Licensed Vehicle Test and any obvious risk to safety and the tester may fail a vehicle.</p>
<p><b>Minibuses</b></p>	<p>a) Any seat that requires to be tipped for access to any exit or any other seat. b) Any missing, damaged or defective interior lights. c) Any missing, damaged or defective grab handles. d) Any windows not marked with BS kite mark or the equivalent EU marks. e) Any flooring that is damaged or contaminated to f) Any access step that is missing, damaged or defective.</p> <p>g) Any first aid whose position is not clearly marked.</p>	<p>Steps must be suitable, appropriate and fit for use. This includes any portable steps. There must be appropriate means to secure a portable step in the vehicle when not in use.</p>

<p><b>Fare Meters</b></p>	<p>a) Any fare meter that is insecure. b) Any fare meter that is not clearly visible to the fare paying passenger.</p>	
<p><b>For Hire and Taxi Signs</b></p>	<p>a) Any damaged or defective signs.</p>	<p>Door signs for private hire vehicles. Must be adhesive and permanent. The card must be displayed correctly</p>
<p><b>Fare Card</b></p>	<p>a) Any missing or illegible fare card.</p>	
<p><b>Advertisements</b></p>	<p>a) Door company/business signs not present, illegible or not approved.</p>	<p>Refer directly to Vehicle Licence Conditions</p>
<p><b>Licence Plates</b></p>	<p>a) Any license plate that is damaged, loose or illegible. b) Any license plate that is fixed in such a way c) Any vehicle not displaying its interior plate.</p>	
<p><b>Drivers Check Booklets</b></p>	<p>a) Must be present at renewal or spot test and available for inspection by the vehicle tester.</p>	<p>Except where a new vehicle is being tested prior to being licensed. Or had not previously been licensed.</p>

Note

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