

MOT SPECIAL NOTICE



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All Authorised Examiners and Designated Councils in Classes

All Classes

The last Special Notice issued was

1 – 2009 All Classes

Is it mandatory to print this Special Notice:

Printed Copy Not Required

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1	1	Amendments to MOT Testing Guide & Inspection Manuals	AEs & NTs all Classes
Annex A		MOT Testing Guide updates	
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Item 1 Amendments to MOT Testing Guide & Inspection Manuals

Changes have been made to the MOT Testing Guide, the new pages will be available to view from the 9th February 2009 and to print from the 1st March 2009.

New pages of the MOT Inspection Manuals which incorporate changes already on the VTS Device are also being issued.

Hard copy update packs will be dispatched to each VTS from the last week in April 2009. Upon receipt, replacement pages should be appropriately inserted and obsolete pages removed and destroyed. The attached Annex is provided as check lists to assist with this process.

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All Nominated Testers must acknowledge via the VTS Device that they have read and understood the contents of this Special Notice.

Annex A MOT Guide 6th Edition April 09 Updates.

Below are the Sections that have been updated

Section
Foreword
Contents (Main)
Abbreviations & Definitions
A - Introduction
B - Authorised Examiners
F - The Vehicle and Operator Services Agency
G - Vehicle Presenters
H - Documentation
L - Fees
N - MOT Computerisation Contingency Procedures
App. 2 - Facilities & Security
App. 3 - Incorrect Test Methods
App. 5 - Nominated Tester Qualifications
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App. 8.8 - Informal Hearings
App. 9 - Contact Points

Annex B MOT Inspection Manual Classes 1 & 2

Below are the Sections/Pages that have been updated

Section	Page/s	Details of Change
1.1, 1.3 & 1.5	1	Note to explain that at least 50% of light sources in these lamps must illuminate
1.6	1	Note concerning alternative headlamp beam patterns

Annex C MOT Inspection Manual Classes 3, 4 & 7

Below are the Sections that have been updated

Section	Page/s	Details of Change
Introduction	3	Information about closely spaced wheels
Introduction	4	Information about testing narrow track vehicles
Introduction	7	Health & Safety note about Electric/Combustion Engine (Hybrid) Vehicles
1.1 1.3 1.5	1 & 3 1 & 2 1	Note to explain that at least 50% of light sources in these lamps must illuminate
2.4	1	Information about testing optional suspension components
4.1	4	Additional notes about inspecting tyres, tyres marked not for highway use, direction of rotation and assessing cuts
5.1	2	Amendment to guidance about vehicles requiring a seat belt installation check
7	Contents	New Contents page
7.1	1	Clarification of procedure and standards for assessing exhaust noise
7.3	1	Explains that exhaust emission testing does not apply to quadricycles or electric/combustion engine (Hybrid) vehicles.
7.3	2	Information about exhaust extraction systems
7.4	1	Explains that diesel smoke testing does not apply to quadricycles or electric/combustion engine (Hybrid) vehicles.
9	Contents	New Contents page
9.7	1	New heading and an explanation that the section should be read in conjunction with Section 7.

Annex D MOT Inspection Manual Class 5

Below are the Sections that have been updated

Section	Page/s	Details of Change
Introduction	7	Health & Safety note about Electric/Combustion Engine (Hybrid) Vehicles
6.4	1	Explains that exhaust emission testing does not apply to quadricycles or electric/combustion engine (Hybrid) vehicles.
6.4	2	Information about exhaust extraction systems
6.4	11	Explains that diesel smoke testing does not apply to quadricycles or electric/combustion engine (Hybrid) vehicles.