

MOT SPECIAL NOTICE



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All Authorised Examiners and Designated Councils in Classes

All Classes

The last Special Notice issued was

8 – 2008 Classes 4, 5 & 7

Is it mandatory to print this Special Notice:	Printed Copy Not Required
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Item 1 MOT Seminars 2009

The next round of MOT Seminars starts on 5th January 2009. As always this is a great opportunity for anyone involved in the MOT trade to find out about the latest changes to the scheme as well sharing ideas and feedback with VOSA's Management Team. Whether you are the Authorised Examiner, Site Manager, Quality Controller or Tester at your garage, the upcoming changes will affect you so make sure you book your place early.

For those of you who have never attended seminars, these events are an informal way of providing you with up to date information on planned changes to the scheme. As well as reporting back to you on recent changes, we will also give you an insight into what we are looking at for the future. It is also a great opportunity to talk to other garages in your area, to spread best practice and talk about local issues in a relaxed and informal environment.

Each seminar will include a question and answer session, giving you the chance to air your views and put questions to senior VOSA staff.

Item 2 Inspection Manual updates

Changes have been made to the inspection manuals on the VTS Device. Testers of the relevant Classes should familiarise themselves with these changes and apply them with immediate effect.

Please note, updates to the hard copy inspection manuals will be issued in the April 09 update pack.

Motor Bicycle & Sidecar Testing Manual

Sections 1.1, 1.3 & 1.5

Addition of a note to deal with multi-bulb or LED lamps, where some of the light sources are not working. The note states that at least 50% of the light sources in a lamp must illuminate.

Section 1.6 - Additional information concerning alternative headlamp dipped beam patterns (not being one of the examples) being acceptable providing all of the beam upper edge, including any 'peak' is contained within the appropriate tolerance band.

Car & Light Commercial Testing Manual:

Sections 1.1, 1.3 & 1.5

Addition of a note to deal with multi-bulb or LED lamps, where some of the light sources are not working. The note states that at least 50% of the light sources in a lamp must illuminate. This also affects the information in Section 1.3 concerning high level stop lamps.

Section 2.4

Change to note in the Information column to include optional suspension components in the test.

Section 4.1

Page 4, Information Column - Amendment to text concerning Inspecting the tyres and addition of text concerning tyres marked 'Not for highway use'

Page 4, Method of Inspection column - Addition of a note after MoI 1.a concerning the use of a blunt instrument to open a cut to check for exposed ply or cord.

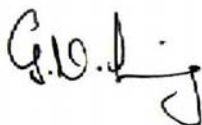
Page 4, Reason for Rejection column - Addition of a note after RfR 1.f concerning 'direction of rotation' arrows

Section 5.1

Pages 1 & 2, Information column - Reworded text concerning the criteria for needing a seat belt installation check

Section 7.1

Change to criteria for assessing exhaust noise in that the level of noise should be checked at all engine speeds required for the exhaust emissions check. Also, that the vehicle should be failed if the noise emitted is clearly unreasonably above the level expected from a similar vehicle with a standard silencer in average condition.



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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 Seminar 2009 Booking form

Seminar Content includes:

- MOT Enforcement Transformation Update
- Future Changes in the MOT Scheme
- Requirements for Authorisation into the Scheme
- Disciplinary Review

The evening's schedule will be:

18:45 Buffet
19:30 Presentation
20:45 Tea and coffee
21:00 Question and answer session
22:00 Finish

Booking Form

Contact name.....

Company name.....

VTS Number.....

VTS address.....

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Postcode

Contact No: (inc. code).....

1st Choice Seminar

Location.....

Date of Seminar.....

Number of delegates

2nd Choice Seminar

Location.....

Date of Seminar.....

Number of delegates

Make cheque payable to: VOSA

(Note: the £25 per person enrolment fee includes VAT)

Total amount enclosed £

Return this booking form, with payment to:

Vehicle & Operator Services Agency,
VOSA, MOT Seminar Bookings,
Ellipse,
Padley Road,
Swansea, SA1 8AN.

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Cheque no.....

Booking No.....

Annex B - MOT Seminar 2009 Dates & Locations

<p><u>Scotland</u> 19th Jan, Glasgow, Pond Hotel 20th Jan, Inveraray, Loch Fyne Hotel 21st Jan, Inverness, Craigmorie Hotel 22nd Jan, Wick, Mackays Hotel 2nd Feb, Dumfries, Hetland Hall Hotel 3rd Feb, Glasgow, Pond Hotel Best Western 4th Feb, Dundee, Queens Hotel 5th Feb, Melrose, St Boswells, Buccleuch Arms 2nd Mar, Stirling, The Royal Hotel 3rd Mar, Perth, The Lovatt Hotel 4th Mar, Aberdeen, Menzies Dyce 23rd Mar, Kilmarnock, Fenwick Hotel 24th Mar, Edinburgh, Kings Manor Hotel 25th Mar, Lerwick, Shetland Hotel</p>	<p><u>Midlands</u> 13th Jan, Crewe, Crewe Arms Hotel 14th Jan, Stafford, Quality Hotel 15th Jan, Nottingham, Bestwood Lodge Hotel 15th Jan, Worcester, Bank House Hotel 21st Jan, Stoke, Quality Hotel 22nd Jan, Birmingham (Redditch), Abbey Hotel 27th Jan, Coventry, Weston Hall Hotel 9th Mar, Birmingham, Quality Hotel 11th Mar, Derby, Midland Hotel 12th Mar, Walsall, County Hotel 12th Mar, Hereford, Three Counties Hotel 19th Mar, Northampton, Hilton Hotel 19th Mar, Oxford, Cotswold Lodge Hotel 19th Mar, Wolverhampton, The Mount Hotel 23rd Mar, Leicester, Leicester Hilton 24th Mar, Kidderminster, Menzies Stourport Manor</p>
<p><u>North East</u> 12th Jan, Newcastle, Holiday Inn 14th Jan, Lincoln, Bentley Hotel 28th Jan, Doncaster, Holiday Inn, A1(m) Jct 36 29th Jan, Stockton on Tees, Hardwick Hall Hotel 23rd Feb, Ripon, Ripon Spa Hotel 23rd Feb, Grimsby, St James Hotel 9th Mar, Gateshead, George Washington Hotel 10th Mar, York, Novotel 16th Mar, Darlington, Blackwell Grange Hotel 16th Mar, Scarborough, Raven Hall Hotel 17th Mar, Hull, Ramada Jarvis Hotel</p>	<p><u>North West</u> 12th Jan, Chester, Grosvenor Pulford Hotel 13th Jan, Leeds (Brighouse), Holiday Inn Brighouse 19th Jan, Carlisle, Premier Travel Inn M6 J 44 20th Jan, Preston, Barton Grange Hotel 29th Jan, Altrincham, Quality Hotel 24th Feb, Leeds Otley Road, Ramada Leeds Parkway 25th Feb, Kendal, Castle Green Hotel 26th Feb, Bolton, Ramada Jarvis 9th Mar, Preston, Barton Grange Hotel 10th Mar, Liverpool, Village Hotel & Leisure Club 17th Mar, Rochdale, Norton Grange Hotel 18th Mar, Rotherham, Holiday Inn Rotherham</p>
<p><u>Wales</u> 7th Jan, Cardiff, Premier Travel Inn Cardiff North 8th Jan, Swansea, Marriot Hotel 26th Jan, Pembroke, Cleddau Bridge Hotel 27th Jan, Aberystwyth, Penhros Golf & Country Club 28th Jan, Conwy, Quay Hotel & Spa 11th Mar, Llandrindod Wells, Metropole Hotel 25th Mar, Cardiff, Premier Travel Inn Cardiff North</p>	<p><u>East</u> 12th Jan, Colchester, Stoke by Nayland 2nd Feb, Brentwood, Holiday Inn 24th Feb, Peterborough, Peterborough Football Club 25th Feb, Norwich, Ramada Jarvis 2nd Mar, Kings Lynn, Knights Hill Hotel 3rd Mar, Cambridge, Menzies Cambridge Hotel 4th Mar, Woodbridge, Ufford Park Hotel 10th Mar, Bedford, Corus Hotel 18th Mar, Norwich, Ramada Jarvis</p>
<p><u>South West</u> 5th Jan, Truro, Alverton Manor Hotel 6th Jan, Exeter, Exeter Court Hotel 21st Jan, Bournemouth, Menzies Carlton Hotel 26th Jan, Gloucester, Holiday Inn 27th Jan, Bristol, Alveston House Hotel 28th Jan, Taunton, Lyngford House Hotel 29th Jan, Plymouth, Novotel 5th Feb, Swindon, Menzies Hotel 23rd Mar, Truro, Alverton Manor Hotel 24th Mar, Exeter, Exeter Court Hotel 25th Mar, Bournemouth, Menzies Carlton Hotel 26th Mar, Bristol, Alveston House Hotel</p> <p>Venues may be subject to change. Please check your confirmation letter and local map for final details.</p>	<p><u>South/South East</u> 13th Jan, Sevenoaks, Donnington Manor 14th Jan, Heathrow, Comfort Hotel 15th Jan, Southampton, Chilworth Manor Hotel 19th Jan, Canterbury, University of Kent 20th Jan, Brighton, Brighton Race Course 22nd Jan, Isle of Wight, New Holmwood Hotel 26th Jan, Reading, Calcot Hotel 3rd Feb, Ashford, Holiday Inn 4th Feb, Southampton, Chilworth Manor Hotel 26th Feb, Welwyn, Homestead Court Hotel 2nd Mar, Hastings, Beauport Park Hotel 3rd Mar, Guildford, Holiday Inn 4th Mar, Bromley, Bromley Court Hotel 5th Mar, Woodford Green, Country Hotel 5th Mar, Watford, White House Hotel 11th Mar, Wembley, Quality Hotel 12th Mar, Gatwick, Russ Hill Hotel 16th Mar, Croydon, Hilton National 17th Mar, Arundel, Hilton Avisford Park 18th Mar, Portsmouth, Inn Lodge Hotel 26th Mar, Winchester, The Winchester Hotel</p>