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All Authorised Examiners and Designated Councils in Classes

All Classes

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Item 1: Presence of Catalysts and Particulate Filters on Diesel Powered Vehicles

On 16 February 2014 Section 7.1 of the inspection manual will be amended to include a check for the presence of catalysts and particulate filters on diesel powered vehicles. Any vehicle where a catalytic converter or particulate filter is missing where one was fitted as standard will fail the test.

Item 2: Jacking the Rear of Class 5L Vehicles

The MOT Inspection Manual currently stipulates that there is no requirement to jack the rear axle of any Class 5 vehicle, or a Class 4 with a design gross weight (DGW) exceeding 5000kg.

In respect of Class 5 lightweight (5L) vehicles, this makes little sense as many Class 5Ls use the same basic chassis and running gear as their equivalent light goods vehicle counterparts.

Therefore, from the date of this Special Notice, it will become a requirement to jack the rear of all vehicles with a DGW of 5000kg or less, regardless of their test Class. The Inspection Manual will be updated in due course.

Item 3: MOT Modernisation Updates Available Online

All advice and information about MOT Modernisation - the new 'web-based' system replacing your existing VTS device in 2015 - is going to primarily be made available online.

The work involved in MOT Modernisation is being carried out to modernise and simplify MOT processes and policies to help improve road safety and test quality.

In order to receive updates, you and your testers will need to sign up for free email alerts from our Matters of Testing website.

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If you have any questions or suggestions please send all your feedback to mot.modernisation@vosa.gov.uk.



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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.

If you have any queries regarding this Special Notice or other testing matters please call the VOSA Customer Service Centre on 0300 123 9000.