

5 things you need to know

1.

Defects will be categorised differently

Pass

It meets the minimum legal standard

Advisory

Issue identified could become more serious in the future

Minor

No significant effect on the safety of the vehicle or impact on the environment

Major

It may affect the vehicle's safety, put other road users at risk or have an impact on the environment

Dangerous

A direct and immediate risk to road safety or has a serious impact of the environment

2.

Stricter rules for diesel car emissions



There will be stricter limits for emissions from diesel cars with a diesel particulate filter (DPF). Your vehicle will get a major fault if the MOT tester:

- Can see smoke of any colour coming from the exhaust
- Finds evidence that the DPF has been tampered with

3.

New things will be included in the MOT

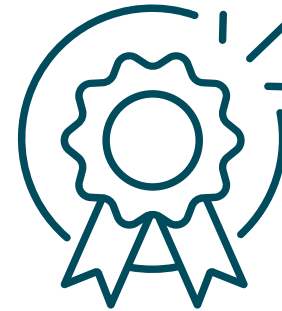


They include checking:

- If tyres are obviously underinflated
- If the brake fluid has been contaminated
- For fluid leaks posing an environmental risk
- Brake pad warning lights and if brake pads or discs are missing
- Reversing lights on vehicles first used from 1 September 2009
- Headlight washers on vehicles first used from 1 September 2009
- Daytime running lights on vehicles first used from 1 March 2018

4.

The MOT certificate will change



It will list any defects under the new categories, so they're clear and easy to understand.

5.

Some vehicles over 40 years won't need an MOT



Cars, vans, motorcycles and other light passenger vehicles won't need an MOT from the 40th anniversary of when they were registered - provided it hasn't been substantially changed.

Did you also know?

You can be fined up to £1,000 for driving a vehicle without a valid MOT.

You can get your vehicle MOT tested one month before the due date.

You can get a free MOT reminder by text message or email a month before your MOT is due

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