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Item 1 Registration Plate and VIN Check

A number of additional checks of Registration Plates are being introduced from 1st October 2007. At the same time, checks of Registration Plates and Vehicle Identification Numbers will be introduced for Class V vehicles (New I.M. Section 6.12)

Some of the additional checks are age specific including the background, colour and required legal markings. Other checks relate to the font style and size, margins, borders, use of non-approved markings etc.

The Inspection Manuals on the VTS Device will be updated from 23rd September 2007 to enable testers to familiarise themselves with the new requirements, before they come into effect.

Temporary new pages should be printed from the VTS Device and inserted in the appropriate Manual.

A DVLA poster giving guidance on the registration plate requirements was distributed with the last edition of Matters of Testing and may be displayed in your reception area.

Item 2 Access to Previous Advisory Items During a Partial Retest

When carrying out a partial retest, any testable advisory item(s) issued at the time of the original test must be rechecked. Unfortunately, these were not available to the NT via the VTS Device. From the 23rd September 2007, NTs will be able view, and if necessary, print the previous advisory item(s) on plain paper at the time of registering the partial retest.

Also, when entering the results of a partial retest the previous advisories will again be available and can be re-selected for issue with the partial retest documentation.

If you have more than one VTS device at your site, the advisories will only be accessible on the VTS Device that the documentation for the original test was issued.

Item 3 Introduction of Changes to MOT Documentation

This Special Notice introduces changes to the VT20(W), VT30(W) and VT32(W) forms as well as the way that each will be completed. Changes to the way these forms are completed will take place following a Computerisation update on 23rd September 2007. Actual changes to the forms will take place when all existing stock is used and the next versions are produced.

On all three forms the “**Inspection Authority**” section will now contain the issuing Vehicle Test Station telephone number.

On both the VT20 and VT32 the “**Approximate year of first use**” and “**Fuel type**” sections will be removed.

On the VT20 the “**Authentication Number**” section wording will be amended to read “**Additional information**” as well as the authentication string and bar code no longer printed. In place of the authentication string and bar code VOSA will have the ability to print additional information and at the bottom of this section the customer will be informed of the earliest date a vehicle can be presented for test in order to preserve the anniversary of the expiry date of the certificate.

The VT20 reminder sticker wording will change from “**VTS Number**” to “**Test Station**” and when a VT20 is issued during a training test all information on the reminder will be over printed as “**XXXXXXXX**”.

As well the changes to how each form will be completed from 23rd September 2007 the following interim measures will also be put into effect. On both the VT20 and VT32 the pre printed words of the “**Approximate year of first use**” and “**Fuel type**” sections will be over printed as “**XXXXXXXX**” and the section left blank until such time as the these sections can be removed.

Item 4 New Specification Decelerometer

Decelerometer testing of motorcycles is being introduced on a voluntary basis from 23rd September 2007. Decelerometers approved for motorcycle testing will enable brake performance testing of motorcycles which are not suitable to be roller brake tested due to the type of braking system fitted (e.g. Servo assisted with ABS or some linked systems).

A new Section (3.3E) of the Motor Bicycle and Side Car Inspection Manual detailing the decelerometer brake performance testing procedures will be available on the VTS Device from 23rd September 2007. These temporary new pages should be printed and inserted in the Motorcycle Inspection Manual at the end of Section 3.3.

Approved decelerometers now fall into three categories;

- Category A - all Classes including motorcycle
- Category B - all Classes except motorcycle
- Category C - motorcycle only

Purchase of a decelerometer suitable for motorcycle testing (Category A or C) is not mandatory. Non motorcycle testing stations may wish to consider purchasing a Category ‘A’ decelerometer which are also suitable for testing most tricycles and quadricycles, many of which cannot be roller brake tested.

Item 5 Changes to Motorcycle Inspection Manual

A number of changes have been made to the Motor Bicycle and Side Car Inspection Manual. The changes affect the following Sections:

- Introduction - Pages 3 & 4
- How to Use This Manual - page 9
- Section 1.3 – Information column
- Section 2.2 – Revised Mol 2c
- Section 2.3 – Pages 1 & 2
- Section 3.3 – New Section E, as per item 2 above
- Section 5.1 – Revised Mol & RfR
- Section 6.1 – Revised to include engine mountings, where the engine forms part of the structure
- Section 6.3 – Registration plate changes as per item 1 above
- Section 7.2 – Revised Mol & new RfR for fuel cap missing

These new pages will be available on the VTS Device from 23rd September 2007 and can be printed and inserted in the appropriate places of the Motorcycle Inspection Manual.



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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 relevant to the classes they test. Please print off a copy of this SN and retain on your files for reference.