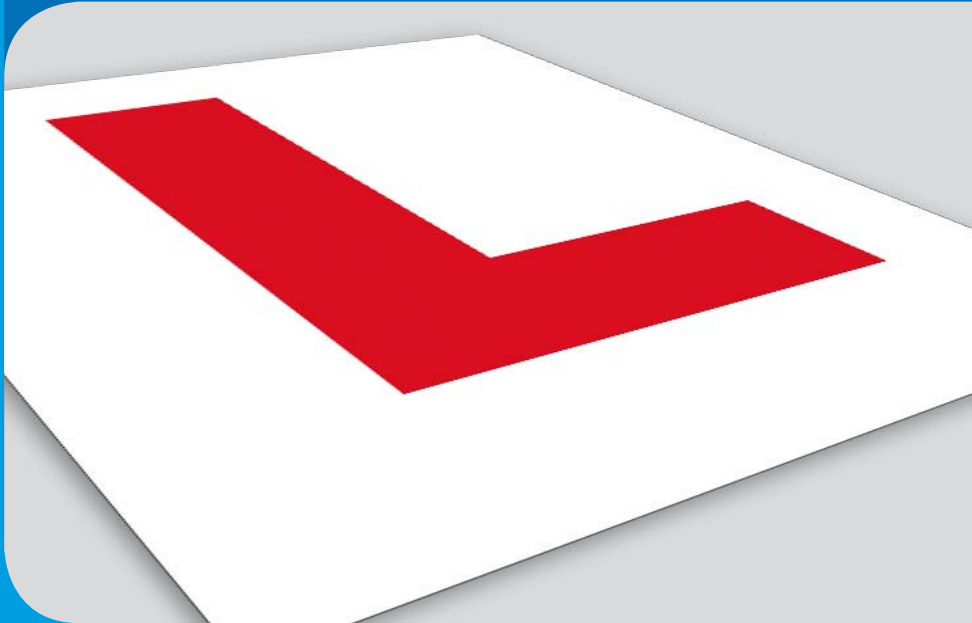


Minimum Test Vehicles

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1. Introduction

This Information Leaflet explains the minimum requirements for vehicles that must be used by candidates for driving tests.

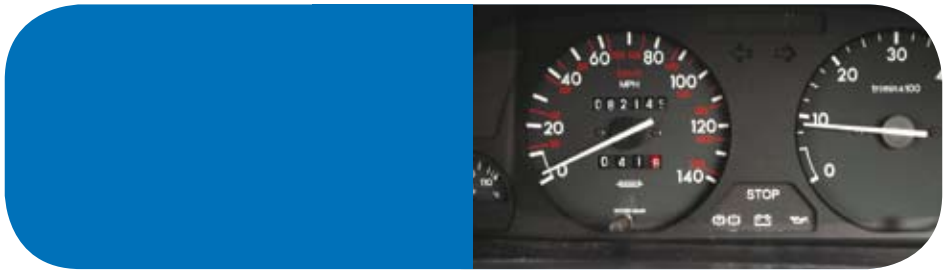
These requirements are set out in the Second EC Directive on the Driving Licence (91/439/EEC) and in The Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (No2) Regulations 1999. They apply to all the countries within the European Union, harmonising licensing and testing standards.

Throughout this leaflet reference is made to the maximum authorised mass (MAM) of vehicles and trailers. This should be taken to mean the permissible maximum weight, also known as gross vehicle weight.

All test vehicles and vehicle combinations must be unladen except for fixed items that are characteristic of the category of vehicle to which it belongs.

All vehicle combinations used for tests in categories B+E, C1+E, D1+E, C+E and D+E must be equipped with suitable coupling and braking systems designed for use when the trailer is fully laden.

In addition, vehicles used for all types of D category test must normally allow the examiner to see the road behind the vehicle clearly from the deck on which the driver is seated without using any optical aid.



2. Minimum test vehicles from 1 January 1997

Category of Vehicle	Minimum Test Entitlement
A1	A solo motorcycle between 75cc and 125cc and power output not exceeding 11kW (14.6 bhp)
A	A solo motorcycle over 120cc but not more than 125cc, capable of 100kph. A test pass on a motorcycle meeting this specification restricts entitlement to riding a motorcycle with a power output not exceeding 25kW (33bhp) for two years. For those aged 21 or over a test may be taken on a solo motorcycle with a power output of at least 35kW (46.6bhp). A test pass on a motorcycle meeting this specification gives direct access to any size of motorcycle. Driving tests taken on motorcycles with an automatic gearbox will restrict further driving as a full licence holder to motorcycles with similar transmission
B1	A motor powered tricycle or quadricycle capable of 60kph
B1	(Invalid Carriage) An invalid carriage
B	A four wheeled motor vehicle capable of 100kph
B+E	A combination of a category B test vehicle with a trailer weighing at least 1 tonne MAM, capable of 100kph
C1	A vehicle weighing at least 4 tonnes MAM and capable of at least 80kph
C1+E	A combination of a category C1 test vehicle with a trailer weighing at least 2 tonnes MAM and with a combined length of at least 8 metres, capable of 80kph
C	A rigid vehicle (not a tractive unit of an articulated vehicle) weighing at least 10 tonnes MAM and at least 7 metres in length, capable of 80kph



C+E	An articulated vehicle of at least 18 tonnes and 12 metres in length, capable of 80kph, or a combination of a category C test vehicle with a trailer weighing at least 4 tonnes MAM and 4 metres in length with a combined weight of at least 18 tonnes MAM and 12 metres in length, capable of 80kph
D1	A passenger carrying vehicle with between 9 and 16 passenger seats, capable of 80kph
D1+E	A combination of a category D1 test vehicle with trailer weighing at least 1.25 tonnes MAM, capable of 80kph
D	A passenger carrying vehicle with more than 8 passenger seats and at least 9 metres in length, capable of 80kph
D+E	A combination of a category D test vehicle with a trailer weighing at least 1.25 tonnes MAM, capable of 80kph
f	Any vehicle in category f
g	Any vehicle in category g
h	Any vehicle in category h
k	Any vehicle in category k
p	Any vehicle in category p

3. Minimum speed requirements

60kph = 37.6mph

80kph = 50mph

100kph = 62.5mph



4. About this information leaflet

This information supersedes that contained in previous information leaflets issued by DVLA. It is not intended to be a definitive statement of the law.

This leaflet relates to driver testing matters only. For details about driver licensing issues please contact the DVLA's Customer Enquiry line. The telephone number is 0870 240 0009. The lines are open between 8.00am to 8.30pm Monday to Friday and 8.00am to 5.30pm on Saturday. You will be answered by an interactive VOICE system but will be able to speak to an operator during office hours. Some calls are monitored or recorded for quality purposes. Fax numbers (from UK) – 0870 850 1285 (from abroad) – +44 1792 783071. Minicom users should ring 01792 766366.

Further information on driving tests or minimum test vehicle requirements may be obtained from the Policy Branch of the Driving Standards Agency at Stanley House, 56 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GU. The telephone number is (0115) 9012515.

Other information leaflets available from www.direct.gov.uk/motoringleaflets or Customer Enquiries, DVLA are:

- INF28** – Driving a minibus
- INF29** – Minimum Test Vehicles
- INF30** – Towing Trailers in Great Britain
- INF38** – Driving in Great Britain as a Visitor or New Resident
- INF40** – Renewing your car driving licence
- INF45** – Your Photocard Driving Licence explained
- INF52** – Special Licensing Arrangements for drivers of large vehicles
- INF90** – A General Guide to Driver Licensing
- INF93** – Photocard Driving Licences
- INF95** – UK Driving Licence System

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If you have changed your name, address or vehicle, please notify DVLA immediately. Failure to do this could cost you a £1,000 fine. If you have a medical condition that could affect your fitness to drive, you must notify DVLA immediately. Please seek advice from your Doctor or Optician if you are in any doubt or visit the website

www.direct.gov.uk/driverhealth

Also see booklet D100 which is on the same website or available from Post Office® branches, DVLA local offices, and Traffic Area Offices.

This booklet only gives general information. It is not a statement of law. The information in this leaflet was correct at the time of printing. Please contact DVLA's Customer Enquiries for the latest information.

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Independent legal advice should be obtained if necessary.



