

6. Testing Personnel

Inspections must be carried out by a properly approved NT. An assistant must be used, where necessary, to carry out the inspection correctly. The use of an assistant is not mandatory at an ATL approved VTS using the acceptable ATL equipment.

In appropriate cases, the person submitting the vehicle (‘the vehicle presenter’) is permitted to act as an assistant, if they are willing, the NT is satisfied with their competence and that all Health and Safety requirements are met. For example, the presenter will normally be capable of operating light switches etc. but might not be able to properly push, pull or lever road wheels etc.

Only the NT carrying out the inspection is empowered to make a decision about the results of the inspection of a particular item.

7. Vehicle Specific Information (VSI).

The computerized MOT system will provide NTs with additional information About the vehicle under test in the form of VSI.

VSI may also include information regarding the test methods and/or standards to be adopted, where alternatives exist within this Manual.

Some VSI will normally be provided on the MOT checklist (VT40), NT’s should access any further information, where this is provided via the VTS device.

When testing under Fallback, VSI will be available via the SBS Service Desk.

VSI may not be available when testing under ET.

8. The MOT Testing Guide

The Guide explains what is required of people and organizations authorised to conduct statutory tests on certain motor vehicles. It includes amongst other things, the administration of the MOT scheme.

At least one up to date paper copy of the Guide must be available to testing staff at all times in all testing stations.

9. The VTS Device User Guide

The VTS Device User Guide, which forms part of the MOT Testing Guide, explains how to use the VTS Device.

At least one up to date copy of the Guide must be available to testing staff at all times in all testing stations.

10. Road Testing

The statutory test does not specifically include a road test of the vehicle. However, one is permitted if the NT considers one is necessary to check the results of an inspection.

The NT must be qualified to carry out the road test. The NT must also ensure it is safe to conduct the road test.

11. Health and Safety

AEs and their staff are reminded that they are obliged to adhere to all relevant Health and Safety Legislation while MOT testing.

Advice can be obtained from your local Health and Safety Enforcement Officer or Local Authority Environmental Health Officers as appropriate.