

MOT SPECIAL NOTICE



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All Authorised Examiners and Designated Councils in Classes

Classes 4, 5 & 7

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Item 1: Dual Purpose Vehicles

We recently sent out a system message, allowing certain 4 x 4 pickup vehicles with a DGW over 3000kg up to and including 3500kg to be considered dual purpose vehicles for test purposes where no unladen weight data is available.

Following further consultation with the Department for Transport, an amendment to the Motor Vehicles (Tests) Regulations early next year will see the removal of the dual purpose vehicle definition.

You should advise your customers that once the necessary changes have been made to the regulations, scheduled for early next year, all goods vehicles over 3000kg up to and including 3500kg DGW previously accepted as dual purpose vehicles will then fall in to Class 7.

Item 2: Spark Ignition Engine Emission Testing on and After 1 August 2009

This Special Notice introduces the Fifteenth Edition of the "In-Service Exhaust Emission Standards for Road Vehicles" book with graduated orange front cover.

From 1 August 2009 until your analyser database is updated, if you test any vehicle listed you must base your test and pass/fail decision on the limits shown in the Fifteenth Edition. These may vary from those in your analyser database.

All 1996 specification exhaust gas analysers must have the database updated as soon after 31 July 2009 as possible. This is the normal annual update. All databases must be updated by 30 November 2009.

If your analyser can be updated by purchasing a disc and loading it yourself, then we will expect you to do this during August providing the disc is available. Some analysers require an engineer to visit and carry out an update which is why we allow the additional period.

The Fifteenth Edition book will be dispatched through the post. You should receive this before 1 August 2009.

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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.