

APPROVED TACHOGRAPH CENTRE SPECIAL NOTICE
SN – 1/2009
Issued January 2009

Designated Managers (DMs) must read and understand the content of this Special Notice (SN) and sign to that effect in the box below.

DMs must also ensure all Nominated Technicians (NTs) are issued with this Special Notice, read and understand its contents and sign to confirm they have read and understood its contents.

DMs are required to keep the signed Special Notices in the rear of the Approved Tachograph Centre Manual which should always be available for reference.

All NTs must sign in the boxes below to confirm that they have read and understood the contents of this Special Notice.

These Special Notices may be requested by VOSA staff for inspection during routine visits.

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To all Designated Managers and Nominated Technicians in Analogue and Digital approved centres.

The last Special Notice was: 4/2008 August 2008

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Item 1: Change to VOSA Regional Examiners

From 1st December 2008 the VOSA Regional Examiners that have carried out annual Centre visits since June 2005 will no longer be operating in this role.

The auditing of the Centres will be carried out by Road Traffic Enforcement and the visits will be carried out annually by a Traffic Examiner from the Enforcement area in which the Centre is located.

Therefore from 1st December 2008, should a Centre need to contact their Regional Examiner, they should contact the Administration Team in Swansea (01792 454336) or email: tachosection @vosa.gov.uk who will give the name and contact telephone number of their new examiner.

Item 2: Stoneridge – Mazda BT- 50 Digital Tachograph Adaptors

Stoneridge Electronics Ltd has manufactured an adaptor to allow the fitment of a Kitas sender into the gearbox to enable a digital tachograph to be installed on Mazda BT-50, year of manufacture 2007 – on. The adaptor has been accepted by VOSA and full installation instructions are available direct from Stoneridge Electronics Ltd, Dundee on Telephone number 08717007070.

Item 3: Converting a tachograph to be used as a slave speedometer

The practice of labelling an old tachograph as a speedometer and putting a feed from a new tachograph (digital or analogue), **must not be performed**.

The reasons being that the legal definitions of “tachograph” and “speedometer” do not align and neither do the accuracy requirements for displaying speed.

VOSA are at present trying to get the situation clarified by the European Commission as this is not a UK only problem.

Item 4: Ssangyong Kyron Digital Tachograph Adaptor

Continental Automotive Trading UK (VDO) and Ssangyong have developed an adaptor to allow the fitment of a digital tachograph using a mechanical adaptor to the Ssangyong Kyron range year of manufacture 2006 - on. The adaptor has been accepted by VOSA and full installation instructions are available direct from Continental Automotive Trading UK (VDO), Birmingham on Telephone number 01213261234.

Item 5: GM H2 Hummer – Digital tachograph fit

VOSA acceptance has been given to a system that has been developed to allow the fitment of a digital tachograph to GM Hummer H2 limousines. Information regarding the supply and fitment of

this unit is available by contacting; Chester Automatic Transmission Centre, Factory Road, Sandcroft, Deeside, Flintside, CH5 2QJ Tel No. 01244 537070 or via email @ cat@transcentre.co.uk

Item 6: Digital Tachograph clock Test Amendment

On receipt of this Special Notice **ALL** Tachograph Centres are to make an amendment to their copy of the ATCM (June 2005).

The amendment is to be made to Appendix G of the ATCM page 159, it requires you to delete the 4th column of the table entitled Digital Tachograph Tolerances, this column is entitled "Time", and this specifies incorrect clock test tolerance requirements for digital tachographs.

The Appendix incorrectly specifies a time tolerance. The tolerance specified is **ONLY** for "testing in type approval conditions" NOT "in use".

The EC Regs 1360-2002 Annex 1B specifies:

Requirement 030, Time drift shall be within ± 2 seconds per day **in type approval conditions**,

Requirements 255 (installation inspection) & 257 (periodic inspection) require that checks are performed to ensure compliance with the distance and speed tolerances described in Requirements 020-026. Clock testing is not required under Requirement 255 or 257 and must therefore NOT be performed on that basis.

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