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Item 1 Mismatches – additional information

The number of instances where MOT database entries are creating Mismatches with DVLA records is still high. Some of these mismatches are being created by NTs repeating VIN/chassis characters in order to make up the standard 17 digit number. Appendix 7, Section 2.1 (a) of the MOT Testing Guide details the procedures to be followed for entering VIN/Chassis numbers.

However, please be aware that if the NT has entered the last 6 digits of the VIN/Chassis number and no match with the DVLA database is found, the full VIN/chassis number must then be entered. If this is less than the standard 17 characters, the NT should input the VIN/chassis number exactly as it is recorded on the vehicle and select the 'enter full VIN' option. It is not necessary to add or repeat digits in order to make the VIN/chassis entry 17 characters in length.

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All Nominated Testers should sign below to confirm that they have read and understood the contents of this Special Notice relevant to NTs for the classes they test. AEs must keep a copy of the signed SN on their records.

Item 2 Motorcycle Tyres - Motocross or Similar

There is a number of Motocross or similar type tyres on the market with the spacing between the block treads greater than the block width and that have been approved for road use. According to the MOT Inspection Manual guidance these tyres should be failed unless they have an approval marking and MST (Multi Service Tyre) moulded into the sidewall of the tyre.

If a machine is presented for MOT test fitted with any of these types of tyres, you should not fail them just because they do not display MST. If the tyre is marked with an 'E' in a circle, or an 'e' in a rectangle, moulded in to the tyre wall, this shows that the tyre has been type approved for road use. Similarly if a tyre is permanently marked with the letters JIS (Japanese Industry Standard) or DOE (American Standard) then the tyre is also approved for road use. These tyres may not necessarily be marked MST as set out in the information column in Section 4.1 page 1 ('Examples of unsuitable tyres' paragraph b.) of the MOT Inspection Manual.

Therefore principal reason for failure 1, 'an unsuitable tyre' in the Motor Bicycle and Side Car Testing Manual section 4.1 page 1 does not apply to these tyres providing they permanently display on a sidewall any of the approval markings mentioned in the above paragraph.

Item 3 New DSM Calibration Procedure – update from item 2 of SN 8-2005

Item 2 of SN 8-2005 announced the calibration certificates issued to the Premier Diagnostics DS2 smoke meters would not be displaying the UKAS logo. For information these diesel smoke meters will now be calibrated by UKAS so new certificates issued will display the logo. It is inevitable there will be some current certificates in circulation without the UKAS logo and these will still be accepted in the interim.

Item 4 Temporary Pages – The MOT Testing Guide Sixth Edition & The MOT Inspection Manual (Car & Light Commercial Vehicle Testing)

Enclosed with this Special Notice is a pack of temporary replacement pages for the MOT Testing Guide Sixth Edition. Please follow the instructions included in the pack to add these pages to your MOT Testing Guide. Any Vehicle Test Station not yet in receipt of a Sixth Edition Testing Guide should store these temporary pages with the Special Notice until their copy is delivered and then follow the instructions included in the pack for adding the temporary pages.

Class III, IV & VII Vehicle Testing Stations will also receive temporary replacement pages for the A5 size Car and Light Commercial Vehicle Inspection Manual. Please follow the instructions included in the pack to add these pages to your Inspection Manual. Any Vehicle Test Station that has not yet received an A5 Inspection Manual should store these temporary pages with the Special Notice until their copy is delivered and then follow the instructions included in the pack for adding the temporary pages.

Please check the issue dates on the pages of your MOT Testing Guide & Inspection Manuals. The current versions are: The MOT Testing Guide - issue date April 2005, The MOT Inspection Manual – issue date 10 January 2005. If your pages are out of date you may order them directly from the Siemens Service Desk on 0845 071 1973, selecting the option for "Payments and Orders" from the automated response menu. You will be asked for proof of your entitlement to free replacement pages.

Item 5 Requirement for access to data sources

This item clarifies item 3 of SN 8-2005;

Once an MOT testing station has been computerised the primary source of testing data such as brake testing weights and ABS light sequence will be the Vehicle Specific Information (VSI) available on the system. In accordance with Section N 6 (page 2) of the 6th Edition MOT Testing Guide, if for any reason the VSI is unavailable via the VTS Device and such information is required to complete the test, NTs should refer to any other reliable source for that information such as manufacturers data, purpose produced wall charts, technical manuals etc.