



UPDATES TO MOT MANUALS AND SPECIAL NOTICES

REGISTRATION PLATES AND VIN (ALL CLASSES)

Section 6.3 has been further updated to cover radically altered vehicles issued with a DVLA VIN as well as black and silver registration plates now being permitted on vehicles manufactured before 1 January 1977.

ACCEPTABLE METHODS OF REPAIR (CLASSES 3, 4, 5 & 7)

Appendix 'C' has been amended to improve guidance on acceptable repair methods, particularly in respect of spot welding a patch repair where the original panel was spot welded.

DUAL PURPOSE VEHICLES (CLASSES 3, 4, 5 & 7)

In order to clear up the confusion with regard to dual purpose vehicles, the following guidance applies with immediate effect:

When a vehicle is presented for test that could meet the definition of a dual purpose vehicle (see Section A4.2 of the MOT Testing Guide) but the unladen weight is unknown, provided the displayed DGW does not exceed 3500kg it should be considered a dual purpose vehicle for the purpose of the test and therefore tested as a Class 4.

Sports/Suburban Utility Vehicles (SUVs) and crossovers are passenger vehicles not dual purpose vehicles. This is because they are designed for the carriage of passengers and their effects in the same way as a car, rather than for the carriage of passengers and goods. These are therefore in Class 4 by default.

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