



MOT Changes Overview

The changes to the (draft) MOT inspection manual being introduced from **May 20th 2018** are to bring MOT testing in the UK in line with European Directive 2014/45/EU.

The changes include:

- the adoption of European vehicle classifications for example L2e L5e, M1, M2 to run alongside our class 3, 4, 5 and 7. The full classification details can be found in the introduction section of the latest draft version of the new MOT Manual available [here](#)
- new categories of: minor defect, major defect and dangerous defect, to replace the old advisory and fail system
- new manual layout. The three columns listing information, methods of inspection and reasons for rejection have been replaced with information and guidance followed by a table containing the defect and failure category
- sections have been reorganised from 0 to 10 and new sections added. An example of this is Section 8 "nuisance", which covers noise, emissions and other environmental items. **It should be noted** that many testable items have moved to new sections. There have also been significant changes to the appendices
- new testable items have been added throughout the manual

The latest Special notice providing additional guidance for Vehicle Test Stations can be accessed [here](#).

Further information and regular updates are available at: www.gov.uk/government/publications/matters-of-testing and www.gov.uk/topic/mot/manuals

The IMI MOT qualification guidance and assessment documentation is in the process of being updated to reflect these changes. We will be advising when this new documentation is to be used to deliver training and advise all centres to begin familiarising themselves as soon as it is made available.

In addition draft [HVG](#) and [PSV](#) inspection manuals have been released and are available by clicking the links in this text.