

2025-2026 MOT Annual Training

Classes 1 and 2 MOT Annual Assessment Topics 2025/2026

Electric, Hybrid/Mild Hybrid vehicles and Disabled driver controls and vehicle modifications

- Identifying these vehicles (some electric bicycles are subject to MOT test);
- Identifying high voltage cables (not all are orange);
- Health and safety
- Testing hybrid, electric and hydrogen fuel cell systems
- Disabled driver and rider controls (as an addition to normal vehicle controls and when replacing normal vehicle controls)
- Road testing vehicles fitted with disabled driver and rider controls
- Fuel caps and flaps

Information in the MOT testing Guide

- Replacement certificates
- Disciplinary procedures, points evaluation and possible action
- MOT contingency test procedures
- Who to contact in situations like dealing with an incorrectly registered vehicle, needing testing advice, appealing against disciplinary action, and replacing certificates.

Test procedures

- Using an assistant in both the bike and car test one-person test lane (OPTL)
- Using the decelerometer
- Noise
- Headlamp alignment
- Brake test procedures
- Suspension movement (acceptable or not acceptable)
- Wheel misalignment (shaft drive)
- Belt drive
- Broken or modified levers
- Footrests (missing or not required, single seat conversion)
- Reflectors (position, size, shape) Exhaust modified
- Fuel leak
- Battery security.

The MOT Inspection Manual and MOT Testing Guide

- Number plates (including vehicle registration dates for grey characters or 3D effects)
- Using an assistant in both the bike and car test one-person test lane (OPTL) and automated test lane (ATL)
- Lighting
- When the interaction between lamps is acceptable or not acceptable (for example, a daytime running lamp (DRL) is permitted to switch off when the same side indicator is operating)
- Locking devices.

Classes 4 and 7 MOT Annual Assessment Topics 2025/2026

Electric, hybrid and mild-hybrid vehicles, disabled driver controls and vehicle modifications

- Identifying these vehicles
- Emissions, smoke and visual tests on hybrid vehicles
- What to do if the beam jack cannot extend clear of the batteries in the floor of an electric vehicle
- Identifying high voltage cables (not all are orange)
- Health and safety
- Testing hybrid, electric and hydrogen fuel cell systems
- Disabled driver and rider controls (as an addition to normal vehicle controls and when replacing normal vehicle controls)
- Road testing vehicles fitted with disabled driver and rider controls
- Fuel caps and flaps.

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Test procedures

- Using turning plates correctly
- Using an assistant in both the bike and car test one-person test lane (OPTL)
- Suspension checks, suspension bearing on a seized car
- Using the decelerometer
- Smoke test, temperature
- Smoke test pre-checks
- Smoke test plated values
- Noise
- Sound deadening material, noise suppression
- Fuel system (gas powered vehicles leak check) heat shields, leaks
- Headlamp alignment
- Brake test procedures
- The age of the vehicle
- Seating capacity
- L category vehicles

- Modified engine or emission control equipment
- Goods vehicles
- Conversions.

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