

2025 -2026 MOT Annual Training

Classes 1 and 2 MOT Annual Assessment Topics 2025/2026

Corrosion

- Identification and assessment of corrosion
- Prescribed areas
- Non prescribed areas
- Load area
- Load bearing and supportive structures.
- Cab/body mountings
- Tow bar mountings
- Frame arrangements including sidecars
- Engine is a stressed member
- Suitable materials used in repair.
- Bonded repairs
- Repairs to alloy/steel wheels
- Non-metallic structures carbon fibre etc
- Brake pipes

Classification of vehicles

- EU classification of vehicles good vehicles/cars/pickups/quads/motor caravan
- Goods vehicle converted into a motor caravan. What classification (seating capacity etc)? What brake test should be carried out.
- Dual purpose pickup What brake test should be carried out **Please note this will have amendments added to the testers' manual**
- Weight or power output of vehicle presented for MOT test not known.
- Seat belt requirements for quads
- Identification of Quads
- Non testable item relating to vehicles identified as mopeds **Please note this will have amendments added to the testers' manual**

Test procedures, applicable to all classes.

- Correct use of advisory items
- Correct use of the term excessive
- Calibration of equipment
- Wheel alignment of three wheeled class
- Contingency testing
- Forgotten passwords/user identification what steps a tester has to take.
- Who can test three wheeled vehicles? the distance between the centres of the areas of contact between the wheels and the road surface is less than 460mm and when the distance between the centres of the areas of contact between the wheels and the road surface is 460mm or more
- What should be checked during the retest of a vehicle
- What should be done during the pre-check
- What should be done when the vehicle does not have a current MOT and the customer is trying to arrange an appointment.
- The vehicle you are about to test still has 2 months or more remaining on the MOT

Navigating the appropriate testers manual and MOT Guide

- Major fail item identified during pre-check
- Vehicle requires a decelerometer check and dangerous defect has been identified during the test
- Equipment failure during MOT
- Local IT issues during test
- National IT issue with MOT testing service during test
- Training logs (**new information to be produced in MOT Guide**)
- Action a tester must take if they get a criminal conviction.
- Cessation periods
- Action/points awarded if testers apply incorrect standards Pass/major/dangerous
- Action DVSA may take if testers deliberately do not carry out MOT testing correctly and/or follow the procedure in the MOT testing guide and appropriate testers manual. This can include not using the approved MOT Test equipment, not using the approved mot test equipment correctly, not using an assistant correctly, split testing, not completing retests correctly, Reference the disciplinary points in the MOT Testing Guide Appendix 8.

Group A only

- What action to take if a steering damper is fitted
- What action should a tester take if ABS fitted and not working
- What action should a tester take if there is significant parallel misalignment of the road wheels

Classes 4 and 7 MOT Annual Assessment Topics 2025/2026 Corrosion

- Identification and assessment of corrosion
- Prescribed areas
- Non prescribed areas
- Load area
- Load bearing and supportive structures.
- Cab/body mountings
- Tow bar mountings
- Chassis types
- Suitable materials used in repair.
- Bonded repairs
- Repairs to alloy/steel wheels
- Non-metallic structures carbon fibre etc
- Brake pipes

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Test procedures, applicable to all classes.

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- Calibration of equipment
- Contingency testing
- Forgotten passwords/user identification what steps a tester has to take.
- Who can test three wheeled vehicles? the distance between the centres of the areas of contact between the wheels and the road surface is less than 460mm and when the distance between the centres of the areas of contact between the wheels and the road surface is 460mm or more
- Who can test class 5 vehicles
- What should be checked during the retest of a vehicle
- What should be done during the pre-check
- What should be done when the vehicle does not have a current MOT and the customer is trying to arrange an appointment.
- The vehicle you are about to test still has 2 months or more remaining on the MOT

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Group B only

- Seat belts, fitment condition **Please note this will have amendments added to the testers' manual**
- child seat held by isofix, ratchet straps, carabiners, nuts and bolts etc and also the vehicles own seat belt
- Emission/smoke testing temperature, BET test not passed, diesel vehicle plate limits
- Questions on the workaround below quads/trikes **Please note this content will be added to the testers' manual**