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NOTES OF GUIDANCE FOR TAXI / PRIVATE HIRE TESTING

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TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE TESTING

1. Vehicle testing for East Renfrewshire Council is now being carried out in-house by the Council's Commercial Operations Department at its depot in Carnwadric Road, Thornliebank G46

This document is intended to give taxi and private hire operators an indication of the requirements of the test and should be used as guidance for ensuring that vehicles are suitably presented for testing.

2. Private Hire vehicles do not require an MOT until they are 3 years old however Taxi Vehicles (public hire) require an MOT after 1 year. In each case an MOT where requested by either Public or Private Hire Vehicles will be carried out as part of the vehicle inspection. Items listed in VOSA Inspection Manual and NOT included in these guidance notes may be tested.
3. Please note that the decision as to whether a vehicle passes or fails the test rests entirely with the Commercial Operations Department which has been granted full discretion in this matter and the Taxi Licensing Section at Council Headquarters will not enter into any discussions or queries arising from testing of a particular vehicle.
4. The Council requires to levy an administrative charge to cover all costs associated with vehicle inspections. The total fees which will be charged (inspection plus administrative charge) are posted on the Council website.

Arrangements for payment of fees etc. should be made through the Customer First, Council Headquarters, Eastwood Park, Rouken Glen Road, Giffnock G46 6UG or Council Offices, 211 Main Street, Barrhead G78 7 days prior to appointment unless otherwise advised.

5. The Council requires a copy of the pass certificate for the vehicle inspection which is issued by the Commercial Operations Department along with a copy of any MOT Certificate issued. This should be handed into the Licensing Section at Council Headquarters immediately on issue.
6. Fixing Kits must be affixed to the **front and rear** of the vehicle Council Tariff Sheet to be displayed at all times in Taxis except for new grant applications which may fix them once the licence is granted and before commencing any hire work.

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INTRODUCTION - HOW TO USE THIS ADDENDUM

1. This addendum is intended to be used as a guide to assessing vehicle condition for the purpose of East Renfrewshire Council Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Inspection as required within the provision of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act, 1982 and should in conjunction with an Inspection Report Sheet approved by the Council. (appendix 1)
2. Standards to be applied are those already known and understood by operators and repairers familiar the requirements of East Renfrewshire Council. This guidance is an interpretation of the specifications for Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle testing..
3. For the purposes of East Renfrewshire Council Taxi and Private Hire Licence Inspection a Class 4 MOT test will be carried out at the same time as the Taxi Test. Details of the class 4 MOT test can be found in the MOT Inspection manual published by the Vehicle Inspectorate and used for statutory testing of private cars. Note should be taken that all Public Hire Vehicles require to have a valid MOT certificate once the vehicle becomes one year old after first date of registration. If you do not require an MOT Certificate then please notify the testing centre in advance.
4. Taxi operators and presenters are advised to prepare vehicles for inspection in accordance with these guidance notes and to ensure that vehicles are presented in a clean and tidy condition.
5. Taxi and Private Hire Vehicles are constructed to an approved standard and operators are required to maintain these vehicles to that standard. Modifications must not be carried out without the approval of East Renfrewshire Council. Further advice on this may be obtained from the council.
6. Licence Fees – Please refer to the Council Website for latest fees.
7. Vehicle Requirements
 - A. Must be wheelchair accessible (new grants only for life of licence)
 - B. Age limit applies, 10 years maximum (12 if wheelchair accessible), and 5 years maximum for new grant or substitution (7 years for wheelchair accessible)
 - C. No Minimum engine capacity
 - D. Minimum rear seat measurement of 1220 mm
 - E. Minimum of 4 doors
 - F. Saloon, Estate, Hatchback or MPV.
 - G. British Standard Approved fire extinguisher must be fitted in the vehicle.
 - H. Front and Rear fixing kits must be affixed to vehicle prior to inspection. (except new vehicle first inspection)
 - I. Any vehicle using a trailer must arrange to have the trailer inspected annually.
 - J. Minimum boot space – must be able to carry two medium size suitcases.

Any vehicle not meeting these requirements may be considered for approval, please discuss your proposal with the council prior to making an application or making any financial commitments.

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Driver's Compartment and Controls

Information

General: The purpose of these inspections is to ensure that vehicles are safe, aesthetically pleasing and present both East Renfrewshire Council and the taxi operator in a favourable light.

Drivers Seat: A small tear on a driver's seat covering of less than 1" is acceptable; as are properly executed repairs. Adhesive tape repairs are not acceptable.

Method of Inspection

Cleanliness

1. Check cleanliness and presentation of driver's compartment.

Drivers Seat

2a. Examine the condition and security of the driver's seat, its mounting and any seat adjusting mechanism, noting movement relative to the vehicle structure.

2b. Check that the driver's controls can be operated from the driver's seat.

Driver's View of the Road

3a. Check view to front and rear. Check that there is a reasonable view from the driving seat having regard to the original design of the vehicle.

3b. Check condition of windscreen and glass.

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Reason for Failure

1. The driver's accommodation is dirty, or contains rubbish or other items liable to interfere with the proper control of the vehicle.

2a.

(i) Driver's seat insecure, structurally weakened or its padding or covering seriously deteriorated.

(ii) A seat adjusting mechanism insecure or ineffective.

2b. A driving control cannot be operated from the driver's seat.

3a. Any object on the vehicle which is to located or is of such a size that the driver has a restricted view of the road ahead or view to the rear having regard to the original design of the vehicle.

3b. A crack, surface damage or discoloration in glass or other transparent material which:

(i) Impairs the driver's front, side or rear view of the road.

(ii) Presents a danger to any person in or outside the vehicle.

Driver's Compartment and Controls

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Heating and Ventilation

All units should be checked

Method of Inspection

Heating and Ventilation

- 4a. Check the operations of all ventilation equipment and heaters
- 4b. Check ventilation and heater units for condition and security.
- 4c. Check operation of heating and ventilation controls.

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Reason for Failure

- 4a. A heater which does not emit heat or ventilation equipment which does not adequately supply air to screen or car interior.
- 4b. A unit which is not secure or which is leaking.
- 4c. A control mechanism for adjusting the output of heating ventilation equipment inoperative or ineffective.

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Two-way Radios: Where apparatus for the operations of a two-way radio system is fitted no part of the equipment may be fixed in the passenger compartment or in the rear boot if LPG tanks or equipment are situated therein.

Other Radio Transceivers: Must be of an approved type and properly licensed. Advice on fitment and use of radio communications equipment can be obtained from the Radio Communications Agency, part of the DTI.

Fire extinguisher must be of an approved type to BSEN3, secured in the Driver's area or secured within an exposed area of the boot compartment.

Method of Inspection

Fire Extinguisher

5. Examine Fire Extinguisher for presence, accessibility, type and condition .

Radios

6. Check as practicable all radio equipment for position and security of fitment.

Reason for Failure

5. A fire extinguisher missing, obviously discharged, inaccessible, damaged or not of a type conforming to BSEN3 or equivalent containing Dry Powder to an original weight of 1.00kg. BSEN3 must be legible.

6. Part of a two-way radio system fitted insecurely, fitted within the passenger compartment or in a rear boot area containing LPG tanks or equipment.

Vehicle Interior and Passenger Compartment

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Information

General: The purpose of these inspections is to ensure that taxis are safe, comfortable and aesthetically pleasing to passengers.

Operators may display a company ID sign on both front doors only or advertising on all 4 doors or front headrest.

Interior Lights: Operation of interior lighting should be automatic when passenger doors are opened. (Only if manufacturers original equipment)

Method of Inspection

Cleanliness and Comfort

- 1a. Check interior and passenger compartment for cleanliness and absence of rubbish.
- 1b. Check all interior upholstery for presence, security, cleanliness and condition.

Display of Signs and Notices

- 2a. All Vehicles fitted with Meter must carry a Tariff Sheet. Make available for inspection on demand.
- 2b. Check that Advisory Notices do not obscure the driver's view.
- 2c. Public Hire Vehicles are required to have a roof mounted Taxi sign.

Interior Lighting

- 3. Check interior lights for presence, operation, security and condition.

Reason for Failure

- 1a. The interior and passenger compartment are not clean or contain any rubbish.
- 1b. Upholstery, trim or headlining dirty, missing, insecure, torn or in such a condition as to soil clothing or adversely affect passenger comfort.

- 2a. A statutory sign or notice not displayed or a Tariff sheet not available.

- 2b. An advisory notice which obscures the driver's view of the road.

- 2c. A sign which is insecure

- 3. An interior light is missing, broken, insecure or does not operate.

Vehicle Interior and Passenger Compartment

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Method of Inspection

Reason for Failure

Interior Trim and Seats

Seat Dimensions: Dimensional requirements need only be assessed objectively.

4a. Check all passenger seats for number, security, condition and cleanliness.

4a. A passenger seat dirty, missing, insecure; surface covering torn or in such condition as to compromise passenger comfort or safety or soil clothing.

4b. Check that rear passenger seat dimensions provide a minimum width allowance of 48" spread evenly amongst up to 3 passengers.

4b. Seat dimensions inadequate.

4c. Check all additional seating above 4 passengers is adequate in dimensions, leg room, head room, and has a reasonable standard of access for adults.

4c. Additional seating above 4 passengers is inadequate for the transport of adults in reasonable comfort.

Repairs to Upholstery and Trim: Tear or splitting of stitching or interior trim or upholstery may be repaired provided the repair is properly executed and is acceptable in appearance. Adhesive tape repairs are not acceptable.

4d. Check floor coverings, mats and steps for cleanliness, wear and security.

4d. Floor coverings, mats or steps insecure or in such a condition as to be likely to cause tripping or slipping.

Windows and Glass

Security Partitions: May be safety glazing for approved applications. Approved security grills may also be fitted.

5a. Examine windows for presence, condition, security and for suitability of type.

5a. A window missing, insecure or not made of safety glass.

5b. Examine windows that open for operations and security.

5b. A window designed to open does not open, is insecure at any one or more positions or operated beyond its designed limits.

Windows and Glass: On rear passenger door windows it is permissible to affix a No Smoking sign of Max. Dimensions 3" square to the glass.

5c. Check for presence, security and condition of glass and draught excluders.

5c. Glass trim or draught excluder missing, defective or failing to prevent draughts.

Vehicle Interior and Passenger Compartment

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Method of Inspection

Reason for Failure

Steps and Entrances:

Steps and Entrances

Dimensional requirements need only be assessed objectively where there is reason to believe the vehicle is not to its original certified specification

6a. Check that the risers of all steps are of closed design.

6a. The riser of a step is not enclosed.

6b. Check that all steps, or where there are no steps, the outer edge of the floor at each entrance, if used as a step, is fitted with non-slip treads.

6b. A step or the outer edge of an entrance used as a step not fitted with non-slip treads.

Wheelchair accessibility

7a. Wheelchair accessible vehicle (WAV's) Must be capable of transporting a wheelchair whilst Occupied by it user in a safe manner and in Reasonable comfort. And such vehicles must Have appropriate type approval in connection with It's construction or conversion. Any lifting Equipment must comply with the Lifting Operations And Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998 (LOLER Regs).

7a. WAV not suitable for safe transport of wheelchair user in reasonable comfort, no type approval exhibited, no compliance with LOLER Regs.

ERC does not publish a list of approved vehicles but will keep a record of vehicles which have previously been approved an you are advised to discuss the suitability of a vehicle in advance with the council before you make an application for a licence or make a financial commitment.

Driver's Compartment and Controls

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Doors and Fittings: On All vehicles approved original equipment central locking systems are permitted

Method of Inspection

Doors and Fittings

7. Open and close each door to the fullest extent and check:
- (i) the operation of the opening mechanisms
 - (ii) the security and condition of hinges and door pillars
 - (iii) the effectiveness of locks and other devices used for holding doors securely in the closed position
 - (iv) the effectiveness of devices used for holding the door open.

Reason for Failure

7. A door:-
- (i) opening mechanism inoperative or incomplete
 - (ii) hinge worn or insecure or a door pillar insecure or weakened by damage or corrosion
 - (iii) which cannot be latched securely in the closed position
 - (iv) which cannot be opened to the designed extent, does not automatically stay open in that position or can be over extended to a point where it may contact the vehicle's bodywork.

Vehicle Exterior

Information

Dimensional requirement need only be assessed objectively where there is reason to believe the vehicle is not to its original certified specification.

Body: Body repairs and maintenance are generally expected to adhere to the original vehicle manufacturer's service recommendations.

Stickers and Badges etc: If any stickers or badges etc which are not original, manufacturer supplied or optional extra when the vehicle was manufactured are fitted to the bodywork then these must be removed prior to inspection to allow the condition of the bodywork to be inspected.

Aesthetics: The purpose of this inspections to ensure that the vehicle is aesthetically pleasing and presents both the East Renfrewshire council and the taxi operator in a favourable light. Damage within the acceptable limits, or outwith the limits but not clearly visible from eye level, where inspection is carried out in good light from a distance of about 3 metres, is acceptable.

Method of Inspection

Dimensions

1a. Check for obvious non-conformity to vehicle dimensional specifications

Body

2a. Check exterior body panels, fitting and trim for condition and security. Stickers which are being Used to hide paintwork damage must be removed Prior to inspection.

2b. Check vehicle paintwork for condition and matching colouring. Stickers which are being Used to hide paintwork damage must be removed Prior to inspection.

2c. Check presence, position and legibility of: Front and Rear Licence Plate

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Reason for Failure

1a. Dimensional requirements for passengers not met.

- 2a. (i) Any body panel loose
(ii) Any dent where the paint has not been broken which is no longer than 30mm at its widest point
(iii) any trim loose or damaged
(iv) any body repair not carried out to a satisfactory standard.
(v) body cannot be inspected due to presence of Stickers or badges etc being used to hide damage
(vi) Body extensively corroded

2b. Paintwork:

- (i) clearly not all the same colour or the same shade
(ii) not to a uniform standard of finish
(iii) has obvious surface deficiencies such as "orange peel", paint runs or peeling
(iv) is scratched or otherwise blemished e.g. flawed, defective, stained (tar etc)
(v) Affected by corrosion such that the paint surface is broken.
(vi) Stickers or badges etc fitted to vehicle not original or manufacturer fitted or optional extra.

2c. A statutory sign or notice not displayed. Not secured with approved fixing kit as per note 6 on page 1 of guidance manual.

Engine and Luggage Compartment

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Method of Inspection

Bonnet

- 1a. Check bonnet release mechanism for location, condition and security.
- 1b. Check engine compartment and underbonnet area for cleanliness.
- 1c. Check presence, condition and security of acoustic insulation.

Batteries

- 2a. Examine all batteries and carriers for security and leaks.
- 2b. Check that battery boxes are vented.
- 2c. Check battery terminals for security and condition.

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Reason for Failure

- 1a. The bonnet release mechanism is incorrectly placed, insecure or defective, the bonnet does not release or cannot be closed securely.
- 1b. Oil or dirt contamination in the engine compartment or under bonnet area.
- 1c. Acoustic insulation missing, badly deteriorated, insecure, soiled or oil contaminated.
- 2a.
 - (i) Battery or carrier not secure
 - (ii) Battery leaking
- 2b. A battery box not vented or vent blocked.
- 2c. Battery terminals badly corroded or insecure.

Engine and Luggage Compartment

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Method of Inspection

Reason for Failure

Engine and Ancillaries:

Engine and Ancillaries

These checks are primarily a visual examination of items readily observable.

3. Check engine and ancillaries for cleanliness, security, condition and operation.

3 (i) Dirty engine compartment, engine or ancillaries.

Examination will not be expected to require the use of specialised equipment or tools beyond those available for MOT inspection.

(ii) An insecure engine or defective engine mounting, a loose or insecure ancillary item.

(iii) Excessive play, movement, wear or obvious maladjustment of a component which could compromise the safety or reliability of the vehicle.

(iv) Oil, water, fuel, air or vacuum leaks.

Engine and Luggage Compartment

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Method of Inspection

Reason for Failure

Fuel System

Fuel System

When LPG tank fitted in spare wheel well, the spare wheel can be fitted in the luggage area but must be secure and covered so as not to reduce the luggage carrying capacity.

4a. Check fuel tank for position and protection.

4a. Fuel tank placed under the bonnet or not protected from collision damage.

4b. Check that all fuels tanks and all apparatus supplying fuel to the engine are so placed or shielded that no fuel overflowing or leaking can foul or accumulate upon any part or fitting where it is capable of being ignited or can fall into any receptacle where it might accumulate.

4b. Fuel tanks and apparatus not shielded or fuel overflowing or leaking and accumulating on any fitting or receptacle.

All Vehicles

4c. Check that in the case of an engine powered by LPG the emergency fuel cut-off device is visible and readily accessible from outside the vehicle.

4c. In the case of an engine powered by LPG the emergency fuel cut-off device is not visible or readily accessible from outside the vehicle.

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Method of Inspection

Boot

- 5a. Check condition of the body structure within the boot area.
- 5b. Check tidiness and cleanliness of the boot area.
- 5c. Check condition and operation of boot latch.
- 5d. Check presence and condition of spare wheel or if supplied new without spare wheel then manufacturers supplied emergency repair and inflation kit

Luggage

- 5e. Check for presence of jack and tools required for spare wheel replacement.
- 6a. Check the adequacy of luggage carrying capacity (must be able to carry two medium size suitcases)..
- 6b. On estate cars, check for presence and condition of guards between the passenger and luggage compartments. These guards must be erected at time of inspection.

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Reason for Failure

- 5a. Corrosion or damage in the boot area such that luggage is likely to become dirty or damaged.
- 5b. Boot area dirty or untidy/
- 5c. Boot lid insecure, latch operation defective, or hinges excessively worn.
- 5d. (i) Spare wheel or tyre defective.
(ii) Spare tyre must be of full size. Space saver style is acceptable if supplied as manufacturers original equipment. However, if fitted to the vehicle (e.g. due to puncture) then **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES will passengers be carried until a full-sized wheel & tyre have been re-fitted.**
(iii) Emergency Repair and Inflation Kit not supplied.
- 5e. Jack and tools required for wheel replacement missing.
- 6a. Insufficient provision for passengers' luggage.
- 6b. A guard missing, incomplete or ineffective.

General Electrical and Transmission Inspection

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Method of Inspection

Reason for Failure

Electrics

1. Examine where possible all electrical wiring and equipment for condition, security, position and, as appropriate, presence of acceptable types of circuit breaker or protection devices.

1.
 - (i) wiring not insulated
 - (ii) wiring not secured
 - (iii) wiring or equipment heavily contaminated with oil
 - (iv) wiring so positioned that it is chafing or likely to be damaged by heat
 - (v) circuit protection clearly inadequate or defective.

Transmission

2. Examine all transmission components, shafts, flanges, flange bolts, shaft bearings, flexible couplings, constant velocity and universal joints for condition, wear and security.

Check for clearance between shafts and adjacent components.

2.
 - (i) A loose or missing flange bolt, a flange cracked or loose on the transmission shaft
 - (ii) Excessive wear in a shaft bearing which may cause a shaft to whirl, or vibrate
 - (iii) A bearing housing cracked, fractured or insecure
 - (iv) Excessive wear in a universal joint
 - (v) Serious deterioration or transmission shaft flexible coupling
 - (vi) A damaged, cracked or bent shaft
 - (vii) Serious deterioration of a flexible mounting of a bearing housing
 - (viii) Evidence of fouling between any shaft and an adjacent component.

Road Test and Associated Checks

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Method of Inspection

Reason for Failure

Steering, suspension and brakes

1. Check for obvious signs of incorrect steering or suspension geometry and where appropriate check turning circle.
2. Check for any braking system faults

1.
 - (i) Obviously incorrect steering or suspension geometry.
 - (ii) Vehicle ride height uneven or incorrect.
 - (iii) Turning circle falls outside of the laid down parameters.
2. Any faults affecting the performance of the braking system

Road Test

2. During a short road test check whilst in use:
 - (i) Engine performance
 - (ii) Transmission noise
 - (iii) Speedometer, inc. Odometer where fitted
 - (iv) Clutch operation
 - (v) Selection of gears
 - (vi) Operation of direction indicator cancel mechanism
 - (vii) Ride of vehicle

2.
 - (i) Engine performance such that the vehicle is incapable of maintaining a reasonable pace with other traffic.
 - (ii) Transmission excessively noisy
 - (iii) Speedometer, inc. Odometer where fitted, inoperative or obviously malfunctioning
 - (iv) Clutch slipping or non progressive in operation
 - (v) Difficulty in selecting gears
 - (vi) Direction indicator cancel mechanism inoperative
 - (vii) Vehicle ride such as to cause distress or discomfort to passengers.

Road Test and Associated Checks

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Method of Inspection

Reason for Failure

Approved Taximeters:

1. Novas
2. Digitax
3. Rem 3
4. Sheriff
5. Antello
6. Halda
7. Cavalier
8. Lucas
9. Signas
10. Hale
11. Aquila
12. Epsilon TM 1000

Meter Check -Appropriate Vehicles

3a. Check that an approved taxi meter is fitted

3a. An approved taxi meter is not fitted to a vehicle.

Calibration Check - Appropriate Vehicles

3b. During a short road test check for correct operation and calibration with regard to distance.

3b. Calibration of the taximeter is shown to be incorrect during a measured test.

Scales of charges for time and mileage are displayed on the Tariff Sheet.

3c. Check for presence/condition of meter seal.

3c. Meter seal is missing or damaged.

Other tariffs on the meter.

No rates higher than the Councils, shall be permitted on the meter.

Wheelchair Facilities

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Method of Inspection

Reason for Failure

Wheelchair anchorages:

Anchorage should comply with British Standard requirements.

4a. Check presence, location and security of side/rear ramps.

4a. A side/rear ramp is missing, inaccessible or insecure.

4b. Check that side ramps can be satisfactorily attached to the vehicle.

4b. A side ramp attachment inadequate or defective or has no valid LOLER certificate

4c. Check wheelchair passengers' seatbelt anchorages for condition and security.

4c. Wheelchair passenger seat belt anchorage missing, insecure, fractured or excessively weakened by corrosion.

4d. Check presence of safety notices to driver and passengers outlining the need to ensure the fitment of wheelchair restraint and seatbelt.

4d. A safety notice for the driver or passenger not clearly displayed.

Information

General : The purpose of these inspections is to ensure that the trailers are safe and have the capacity to carry the luggage in a dry and clean condition

Rear fog lamps.
The inspection for rear fog lamps is confined to one rear fog lamp, which is required to be fitted to the centre or offside.

The number plate must be illuminated.

Method of Inspection

Trailer luggage area.

1a/ Inspect luggage area for cleanliness / tidiness

1b/ Check for presence and condition of luggage protector / cover.

Trailer body, capes and mudguards.

1a/ Examine the condition of the body of the trailer.

1b/ Check for presence and security of mudguards.

1c/ Check condition of prop stand (if fitted)

Electrical and legal markings

1a/ Check the operation of all lights and reflectors

2a/ Check for security and condition of rear number plate.

2b/ A correct licence plate must be displayed at the rear.

Reason for Failure

1a/ A luggage area which is dirty or untidy

1b/ A luggage protector, which is missing, or torn/damaged to an extent that it would not keep luggage clean and dry.

1a/ Any part of the body inside and out which is badly damaged or rusted.

1b/ Any mudguard that is badly damaged or badly corroded.

1b/ Any mudguard that is not properly secured to the body

1b/ Any mudguard that is missing.

1c/ A prop-stand that is damaged or insecure.

1. Any light that :-

1a/ not fitted

1b/ not working, or

1c/ flicker when tapped lightly by hand

2a/ A number plate which is missing, incorrect, insecure, faded, dirty or deteriorated.

2b/ A licence plate that is missing, incorrect, insecure, faded, dirty or deteriorated.

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Method of Inspection

Reason for Failure

All trailers over 750 Kg , must be fitted with over-run brakes

Trailer brakes and suspension.

- 1a/ With both wheels raised check operation of over-run brakes
- 1b/ Check brake cables/ rods for security/ operation
- 1c/ Check for chaffed rods or leavers, corroded or frayed or knotted cables
- 1d/ Examine brakeaway cable for damage or wear

- 2a/ Examine the condition of all suspension components and their attachment to chassis
- 2b/ With the vehicle raised check the condition of stub axles and wheel bearings

- 1b/ Over- run brake that does not lock wheels
- 1b/ Insecure rods, any part of linkage that is seized.
- 1c/ Brake rod reduced in thickness by 1/3. Brake cable corroded, frayed or knotted.
- 1d/ Worn, frayed or damaged cable

- 2a/A suspension unit which is broken, worn or not fully secured to the chassis
- 2b/ A wheel bearing which has play or roughness or tightness when the wheel is spun. Any excessive movement in the stub axle.

Tyres and wheel rims.

The minimum tread depth for a tyre is at least 1.6 mm over the centre ¾ of the tyre.

- 1a/ With the trailer wheels raised spin the wheels and check the condition of the tyres.
- 1b/ Check the condition of wheel rims for cracks, damage and distortion
- 1c/ Check all wheels for security
- 1d/ Check the condition of spare wheel.

- 1a/ A tyre which is worn has a lump, bulge or is incorrectly seated on the rim or is cut or any part of the cord exposed. Or under- inflated.
- 1b/ A wheel damaged distorted or cracked.
- 1c/ A wheel insecure
- 1d/ A wheel damaged distorted or cracked.or not secured in the carrier.

Chassis and tow hitch assembly.

- 1a/ Check the condition of the chassis damage or corrosion.
- 2a/ Check tow hitch for security to chassis or for wear on any parts

- 1a/ Any part of the chassis that is damaged, insecure or excessively corroded.
- 2a/ A tow hitch that is lose or is worn .

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