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## What does a garage look at during an MOT test?

Components tested during your MOT test:

### for cars...

**Vehicle identification number** - a vehicle identification number must be permanently displayed and legible on a vehicle first used on or after 1 August 1980

**Registration plate** - condition, security, legibility and format of letters/numbers

**Lights** - condition, operation, security and correct colour. The headlamps will also be checked to see if the aim is correct

**Steering and suspension** - correct condition and operation

**Wipers and washers** - operate to give the driver a clear view of the road

**Windscreen** - condition and drivers view of the road

**Horn** - correct operation and type

**Seatbelts** - all seatbelts installed are checked for type, condition, operation and security. All compulsory seatbelts must be in place

**Seats** - front seats secure. Front and rear backseats can be secured in the upright position

**Fuel system** - no leaks, fuel cap fastens correctly and seals securely. The fuel cap will need to be opened. Make sure the key is available

**Exhaust emissions** - vehicle meets the requirement for exhaust emission. These vary on the age and fuel type of the vehicle

**Exhaust system** - complete, secure, without serious leaks and silences effectively

**Vehicle structure** - free from excessive corrosion or damage in specific areas. No sharp edges

**Doors** - open and close. Latch securely in closed position. Front doors should open from inside and outside the vehicle. Rear doors may need to be opened to gain access to testable items

**Mirrors** - presence, condition and security

**Wheels and tyres** - condition, security, tyre size and type, and tread depth. Spare tyres are not tested

**Brakes** - condition, operation and performance (efficiency test). Suitable vehicles will be tested on a roller brake tester. Vehicles such as those with permanent 4-wheel drive will be tested either on a suitable road using a properly calibrated and maintained decelerometer or, if one is installed at the test station, a plate brake tester

## for motorcycles...

**Lights** - condition, operation, security, and correct colour of headlamp(s), rear lights, indicators and reflectors. Also the headlamp(s) will be checked to see if the aim is correct

**Steering and suspension** - condition, security and operation including: forks, mountings, controls, bearings, etc

**Horn** - correct operation and the right type

**Exhaust system** - complete, secure, correct type and not too noisy

**Side car** - includes checks on: attachment, suspension, wheel bearings, wheel alignment, lights and tyres

**Wheel alignment** - correct alignment of front and rear wheels

**Frame** - free from cracks, damage, distortion or corrosion which is likely to affect steering or brakes

**Wheels and tyres** - wheel condition and security, tyre condition, size and type, and tread depth

**Brakes** - condition, operation and performance (efficiency test), and brake controls

**General items** - condition and security of final drive, footrests and seat