

The Benefits!

- Improved road safety
- Fewer deaths on Northern Ireland roads
- Increased revenue reduces MOT costs to other motorists
- Reduced costs to the taxpayer
- More efficient cars
- Safer cars
- Cleaner environment
- Less vehicle crime



Vehicle testing improves road safety and contributes to a cleaner environment. The new MOT system is comparable with the best in Europe - vehicles are tested to EC standards and the process is easy for customers to use.

We need your cooperation. Please maintain your vehicle in a roadworthy condition and get it tested by the due date. We will help by introducing easy payment methods, reminder letters and a disc for your windscreen.

Together we can have safer and cleaner vehicles and make a real impact on road safety and the environment.

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'MOT' & The Impact On Road Safety!



Background Information

- Studies suggest that 4% to 5% of road traffic collisions are directly caused by vehicle defects
- In 10% to 13% of road traffic collisions vehicle defects are a contributory factor
- Research in the EU and USA identified a possible reduction in road collisions of 5% to 17% where an MOT system is introduced
- Having an MOT system encourages owners to check their vehicles
- Vehicles involved in crime are frequently non-compliant and are also more likely to be involved in road traffic collisions
- The EU has agreed to a 25% reduction in CO² emissions by 2008
- 28.4%^a of vehicles of MOT age do not have valid certificates
- 71% of vehicles do not have their MOT certificates renewed before the old ones have expired
- The average number of days taken to renew an MOT certificate is 39 days after expiry of the old certificate

The Impact of Non-Compliance

- 6,784^b road traffic collisions in 2002 - statistically 814 could be attributed to vehicle defects
- 150^b people died on NI roads in 2002 - statistically 6 to 7 as a result of vehicle defects
- 1,526 serious injuries in 2002
- Fatal road traffic collisions cost the economy £1.25m per death
- Serious road traffic collisions cost the economy £140,000 per injury
- Road traffic collisions cost the NI economy £512m^c in 2002
- Main vehicle defects relate to tyres, brakes and steering



What We Are Doing!

- Introduction of the MOT disc as an MOT reminder on your windscreen
- Introduction of MOT reminder letters
- Easier methods of booking and paying for tests such as telephone and internet booking and payment by credit card
- Introduction of a new computerised MOT system
- Campaign to advise vehicle owners about the benefits of keeping vehicles in a roadworthy condition
- Introduction of a vehicle identity check system to combat vehicle crime
- Rigorous emission tests carried out as part of MOT system
- Linking with PSNI and DVLNI to enforce regulations
- Roadside inspection of vehicles for roadworthiness
- Fines of up to £1,000 for failing to have an MOT certificate