

In August 2008 the Agency carried out 55168 vehicle full tests and 11586 vehicle retests totalling 66754 vehicle tests.

11871 vehicle full tests and 773 vehicle retests failed the test with 25365 defects detected. The table below shows the top 12 reasons for failing the test.

Failure reason description		Number of defects
1	Brake system: including Pipes; Hoses; Cables;linings; Disc's; Drums; Calipers and Wheel cylinders	5672
2	Suspension system.	4020
3	Electrical System: including Battery; Lights; Wiring; Horn; Wipers; Washers.	3984
4	Brakes Performance: including Efficiency imbalance.	1997
5	Wheels, Tyres & Hubs.	1885
6	Headlamp Alignment N/S Headlamp.	1571
7	Headlamp Alignment O/S Headlamp.	1543
8	Body & Chassis: including attachments.	1501
9	Steering system.	950
10	Fuel & exhaust system.	914
11	Plates: including registration plate VIN plate.	689
12	Vehicle Interior: including Seats; Seat belts & anchorage; Speedometer; Mirrors; Windscreen & windows.	639
Total number of defects detected		25365