

In October 2008 the Agency carried out 70,650 vehicle full tests and 15,274 vehicle retests totalling 85,924 vehicle tests.

15979 vehicle full tests and 1007 vehicle retests failed the test with 33542 defects detected. The table below shows the top 12 reasons for failing the test.

Failure reason description		Number of defects
1	Brakes Performance: including Efficiency imbalance.	7599
2	Electrical System: including Battery; Lights; Wiring; Horn; Wipers; Washers.	5219
3	Suspension system.	5154
4	Brake system: including Pipes; Hoses; Cables;linings; Disc's; Drums; Calipers and Wheel cylinders	2890
5	Wheels, Tyres & Hubs.	2416
6	Headlamp Alignment N/S Headlamp.	2142
7	Headlamp Alignment O/S Headlamp.	2020
8	Body & Chassis: including attachments.	1838
9	Steering system.	1395
10	Fuel & exhaust system.	1175
11	Plates: including registration plate VIN plate.	879
12	Vehicle Interior: including Seats; Seat belts & anchorage; Speedometer; Mirrors; Windscreen & windows.	815
Total number of defects detected		33542