

**"This table shows the total number of defects recorded under each of the 12 reasons for failure"**

In November 2008 the Agency carried out 53929 vehicle full tests and 13203 vehicle retests totalling 67123 vehicle tests.	
12459 vehicle full tests and 931 vehicle retests failed the test with 26473 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	6050
2 Suspension system.	4090
3 Electrical System: including Battery; Lights; Wiring; Horn; Wipers; Washers.	4036
4 Brakes Performance: including Efficiency imbalance.	2217
5 Wheels, Tyres & Hubs.	1897
6 Headlamp Alignment O/S Headlamp.	1659
7 Headlamp Alignment N/S Headlamp.	1579
8 Body & Chassis: including attachments.	1576
9 Steering system.	1125
10 Fuel & exhaust system.	892
11 Plates: including registration plate VIN plate.	707
12 Vehicle Interior: including Seats; Seat belts & anchorage; Speedometer; Mirrors; Windscreen & windows.	645
<b>Total number of defects detected</b>	<b>26473</b>

**"It should be noted that vehicles which fail may have had more than 1 defect and more than 1 reason for failure"**