

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

In December 2008 the Agency carried out 41769 vehicle full tests and 10660 vehicle retests totalling 52429 vehicle tests.	
9744 vehicle full tests and 677 vehicle retests failed the test with 20822 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	4726
2 Suspension system.	3289
3 Electrical System: including Battery; Lights; Wiring; Horn; Wipers; Washers.	3215
4 Brakes Performance: including Efficiency imbalance.	1781
5 Wheels, Tyres & Hubs.	1467
6 Body & Chassis: including attachments.	1263
7 Headlamp Alignment N/S Headlamp.	1207
8 Headlamp Alignment O/S Headlamp.	1157
9 Steering system.	872
10 Fuel & exhaust system.	751
11 Plates: including registration plate VIN plate.	572
12 Vehicle Interior: including Seats; Seat belts & anchorage; Speedometer; Mirrors; Windscreen & windows.	522
Total number of defects detected	20822

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