

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

In February 2009 the Agency carried out 63505 vehicle full tests and 12934 vehicle retests totalling 76439 vehicle tests.	
13505 vehicle full tests and 909 vehicle retests failed the test with 28277 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	6520
2 Suspension system.	4479
3 Electrical System: including Battery; Lights; Wiring; Horn; Wipers; Washers.	4421
4 Brakes Performance: including Efficiency imbalance.	2295
5 Wheels, Tyres & Hubs.	1911
6 Headlamp Alignment O/S Headlamp.	1750
7 Headlamp Alignment N/S Headlamp.	1703
8 Body & Chassis: including attachments.	1502
9 Steering system.	1222
10 Fuel & exhaust system.	966
11 Plates: including registration plate VIN plate.	800
12 Vehicle Interior: including Seats; Seat belts & anchorage; Speedometer; Mirrors; Windscreen & windows.	708
Total number of defects detected	28277

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