

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

In March 2009 the Agency carried out 67311 vehicle full tests and 13961 vehicle retests totalling 81272 vehicle tests.		
14117 vehicle full tests and 950 vehicle retests failed the test with 29593 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	6728
2	Suspension system.	4823
3	Electrical System: including Battery; Lights; Wiring; Horn; Wipers; Washers.	4631
4	Brakes Performance: including Efficiency imbalance.	2286
5	Wheels, Tyres & Hubs.	2015
6	Headlamp Alignment N/S Headlamp.	1914
7	Headlamp Alignment O/S Headlamp.	1829
8	Body & Chassis: including attachments.	1529
9	Steering system.	1263
10	Fuel & exhaust system.	940
11	Plates: including registration plate VIN plate.	839
12	Vehicle Interior: including Seats; Seat belts & anchorage; Speedometer; Mirrors; Windscreen & windows.	796
Total number of defects detected		29593

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