

In October 2009 the Agency carried out 68789 vehicle full tests and 6123 vehicle retests totalling 74912 vehicle tests.

15686 vehicle full tests and 1011 vehicle retests failed the test with 32551 defects detected. The table below shows the top 12 reasons for failing the test.

	Failure reason description	Number of defects
1	Brake system.	7630
2	Suspension system.	5741
3	Electrical System: including Battery; Lights; Wiring; Horn; Wipers; Washers.	4759
4	Brakes Performance: including Efficiency imbalance.	2634
5	Wheels, Tyres & Hubs.	2209
6	Headlamp Alignment N/S Headlamp.	1900
7	Headlamp Alignment O/S Headlamp.	1868
8	Body & Chassis: including attachments.	1783
9	Steering system.	1498
10	Fuel & exhaust system.	1086
11	Vehicle Interior: including Seats; Seat belts & anchorage; Speedometer; Mirrors; Windscreen & windows.	723
12	Plates: including registration plate VIN plate.	720
	Total number of defects detected	32551