

In January 2010 the Agency carried out 58431 vehicle full tests and 10386 vehicle retests totalling 68817 vehicle tests.	
11902 vehicle full tests and 644 vehicle retests failed the test with 24464 defects detected. The table below shows the top 12 reasons for failing the test.	
Failure reason description	Number of defects
1 Brake system.	5301
2 Suspension system.	4539
3 Electrical System: including Battery; Lights; Wiring; Horn; Wipers; Washers.	3713
4 Brakes Performance: including Efficiency imbalance.	1886
5 Wheels, Tyres & Hubs.	1841
6 Headlamp Alignment O/S Headlamp.	1487
7 Headlamp Alignment N/S Headlamp.	1444
8 Body & Chassis: including attachments.	1246
9 Steering system.	1201
10 Fuel & exhaust system.	740
11 Plates: including registration plate VIN plate.	546
12 Vehicle Interior: including Seats; Seat belts & anchorage; Speedometer; Mirrors; Windscreen & windows.	520
Total number of defects detected	24464

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