

In March 2010 the Agency carried out 72511 vehicle full tests and 14942 vehicle retests totalling 87453 vehicle tests.	
15042 vehicle full tests and 1016 vehicle retests failed the test with 31549 defects detected. The table below shows the top 12 reasons for failing the test.	
Failure reason description	Number of defects
1 Brake system.	6970
2 Suspension system.	5397
3 Electrical System: including Battery; Lights; Wiring; Horn; Wipers; Washers.	4894
4 Brakes Performance: including Efficiency imbalance.	2423
5 Wheels, Tyres & Hubs.	2120
6 Headlamp Alignment N/S Headlamp.	2029
7 Headlamp Alignment O/S Headlamp.	1982
8 Body & Chassis: including attachments.	1778
9 Steering system.	1495
10 Fuel & exhaust system.	999
11 Vehicle Interior: including Seats; Seat belts & anchorage; Speedometer; Mirrors; Windscreen & windows.	731
12 Plates: including registration plate VIN plate.	731
Total number of defects detected	31549

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