

In May 2010 the Agency carried out 66440 vehicle full tests and 14681 vehicle retests totalling 81121 vehicle tests.	
14526 vehicle full tests and 1043 vehicle retests failed the test with 38772 defects detected. The table below shows the top 12 reasons for failing the test.	
Failure reason description	Number of defects
1 Brake system.	10514
2 Electrical System: including Battery; Lights; Wiring; Horn; Wipers; Washers.	6493
3 Suspension system.	6389
4 Body & Chassis: including attachments.	2685
5 Brakes Performance: including Efficiency imbalance.	2439
6 Wheels, Tyres & Hubs.	2298
7 Headlamp Alignment N/S Headlamp.	1899
8 Headlamp Alignment O/S Headlamp.	1852
9 Steering system.	1612
10 Fuel & exhaust system.	1005
11 Vehicle Interior: including Seats; Seat belts & anchorage; Speedometer; Mirrors; Windscreen & windows.	814
12 Plates: including registration plate VIN plate.	772
<b>Total number of defects detected</b>	<b>38772</b>

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