



Traffic Commissioners
for Great Britain

APSE Seminar

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Top compliance issues

- TM failure to exercise continuous management
- Missed PMIs / poor documentation
- Poor driver walk-round checks
- Failure to download/analyse tachos
- Bridge strikes
- Poor driver behaviour

Preventative Maintenance Standards

- Tyres recorded at 1.5mm – no comment
- Brake disc surface corrosion – action - “monitor”
- “Check brake system” MIL illuminated – action – “advise”
- Engine management MIL illuminated – action - “advise”
- Brakes – “Visual Check, all OK”

All signed off as “roadworthy”

Tyres

From February 2021:

- Illegal to have > 10 year old tyres on HGV/PSV front axles
- + on rear axle of minibuses (single wheels)

Tyres

Watch for:

- Incorrect tyres (size, rating etc)
- Bulges, cuts to chords, deflated tyres
- Tread depths

Drivers Hours

Common issues:

- Vehicle Units not locked in – and never downloaded
- No analysis of vehicle unit or driver card data
- Failure to tackle driver infringements
- Poor understanding, especially daily rest

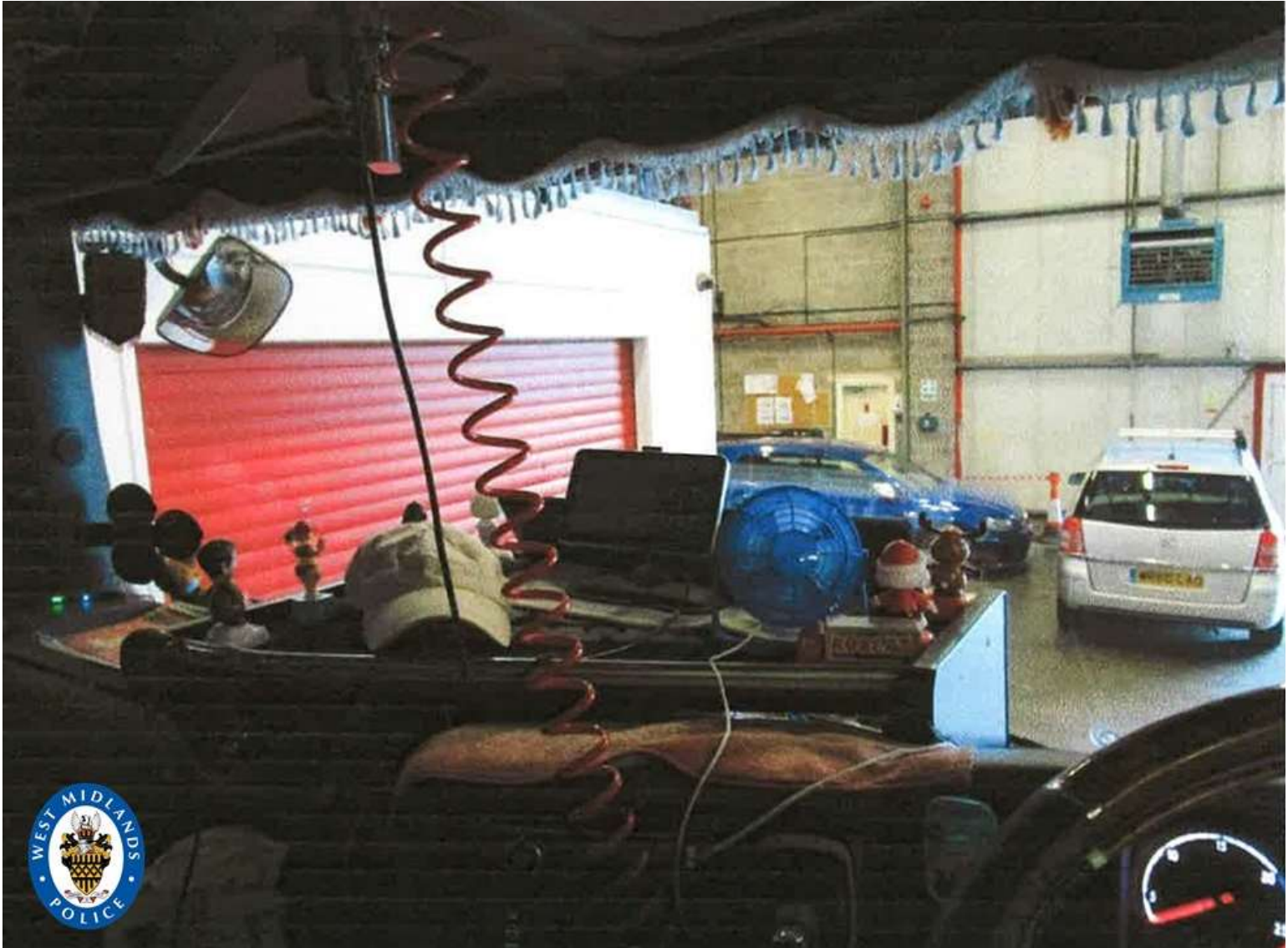
Working Time

- Reference period for 48 hour average
- 60 hours maximum in any one week
- Break after 6 hours

Poor driver behaviour

Examples:

- Clutter on Dashboard
- Idling
- Dangerous parking
- Leaving vehicle unattended







Bridge Strikes

Importance of

- In-cab height indicator accuracy
- Measurement devices
- Route planning
- Policy on driver satnavs
- Bridge strike avoidance strategy





Highway authority littering







– Search “Traffic Commissioner Email Alert”

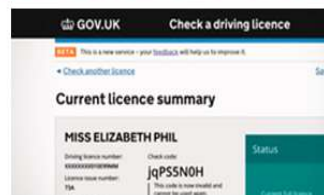
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Checking driver licences online

DVLA service available for employers



Making sure your drivers are licensed to drive commercially is really important.

As a compliant employer, you should carry out regular checks to make sure your drivers have the right entitlement.

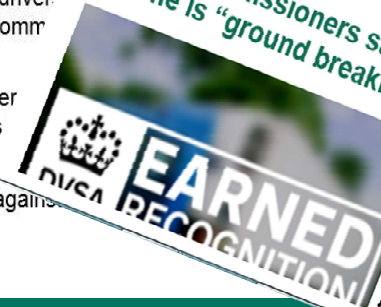
You also need to be sure there's no action recorded against your drivers, such as a suspension or disqualification.



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Earn some recognition for being an open and trustworthy operator

Traffic commissioners say DVSA's Earned Recognition scheme is "ground breaking" for compliance



As specialist regulators, traffic commissioners promote compliance and fair competition, which supports a safe road transport industry.

Working with enforcement agencies to target dangerous operators

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Traffic commissioners recognise industry commitment to safe operations

Regulators' annual report for 2017/18 published

The Traffic Commissioners have used their latest report to praise hard working, compliant operators in the truck, bus and coach industries.

The regulators recognise the vast majority of PSV operators are committed to running and working within the rules.



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