

Strictly Enviro



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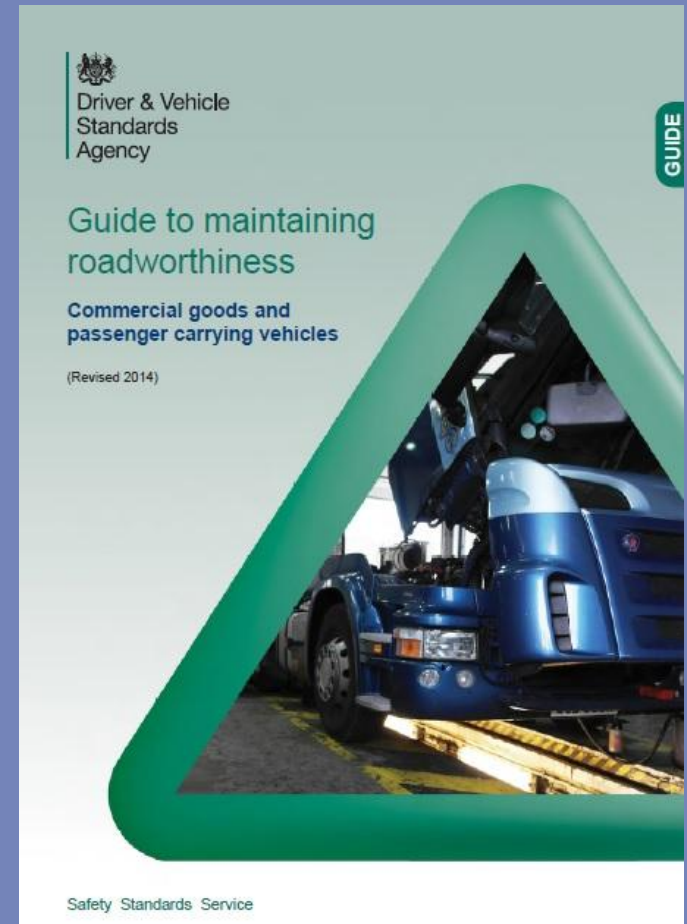
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Guide to Maintaining Roadworthiness



Some of the main changes:

- Safety inspection intervals
- Brake testing
- Inspection facilities
- Older vehicles and trailers



Guide to Maintaining Roadworthiness



Foreword by Traffic Commissioners Sarah Bell and Kevin Rooney



As the two Traffic Commissioners who work with DVSA on enforcement matters at a national level, we are pleased to welcome this updated guidance for the commercial vehicle industries, with particular emphasis on operator licence holders, their drivers and transport managers.

Running roadworthy vehicles is critical to keeping our roads safe for everyone. It's also a vital component of our regulatory responsibilities as traffic commissioners.

This guide sets out industry good practice for keeping vehicles fit and safe. Nothing in the guide is mandatory, but operating as outlined in this guide will ensure you meet the relevant conditions and undertakings on your licence. These are the commitments you make when first applying for a licence.

We encourage you to review the guide in detail and use it to check your own systems and educate your staff on the importance of keeping vehicles roadworthy.

We would also like to draw your attention to three particular areas:

- ▶ flexibility of inspection date
- ▶ unaccompanied trailers
- ▶ professionalism in inspections

Readers will be pleased to see the guide acknowledges that one size does not fit all operations for inspection frequencies. It formally recognises that inspections can be carried out within the week they are due to fall, or mileage based time scale, but should not go beyond.

A new section provides advice to operators who pull third party trailers. If you are doing this type of work, it's vital to have proper procedures so that trailers are roadworthy when they are running under your licence.

Finally, the guide promotes the importance of fit-for-purpose inspection facilities – whether you invest in your own or contract out to a third party.

Transport, whether passengers or freight, is a professional industry. We believe this guide reinforces that.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'K Rooney'.

Kevin Rooney

It is a guide

'nothing in the guide is mandatory, but operating as outlined in the guide will ensure the relevant conditions and undertakings of an operators licence are met'

Inspection intervals

Clarifies previous ambiguity

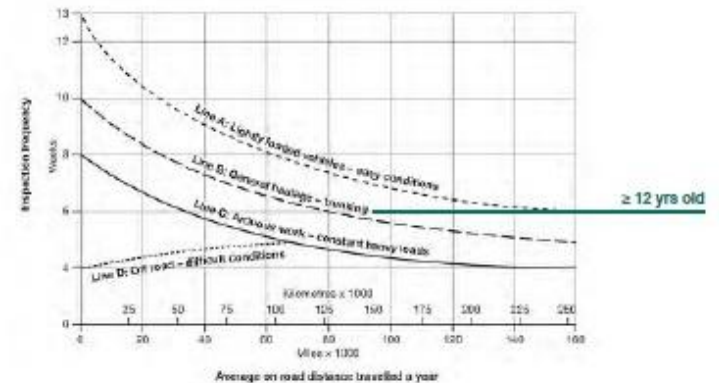
- 6 weeks or 42 days?

Older vehicles

- Six weekly inspections

Annex 4

A guide to safety inspection intervals





Brake testing

Strongly advises

- roller brake test at each inspection

Calibrated decelerometer

- acceptable

Road test method

- not acceptable at all inspections

Normally expected

- At least 3 brake tests plus annual test



Brake testing

Best practice

- Laden
- Print out

Essential

- Results of test recorded on inspection sheet

Flexibility

- Within the same week of the planned inspection



Brake testing

***Brake
performance
issues:***

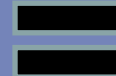
Annual test

***Roadworthiness
inspections***

***Operational
performance***



***Failure to meet
guidance
standards***



***Traffic
Commissioner
may take
regulatory action***



Inspection facilities

Lists facilities which should be in place

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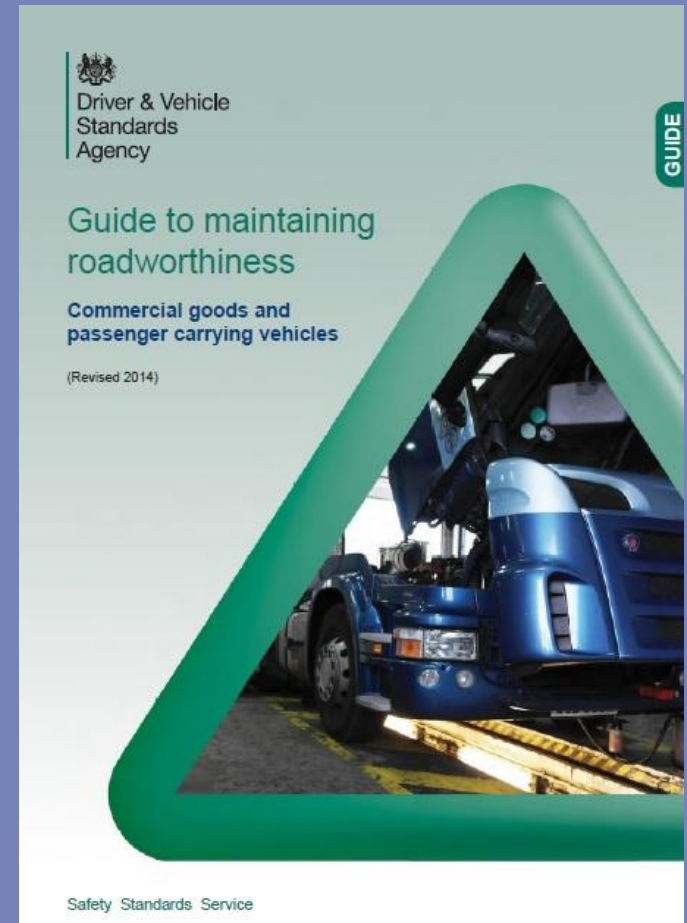
- Traffic Commissioner approval required for any deviation

Final document

- *‘if an operator fails to maintain vehicles in a safe and roadworthy condition with the facilities provided the Traffic Commissioner may take regulatory action’*

Other changes

- Experienced operators
- Third party traction
- More emphasis on competence
- Quality monitoring
- Driver walk round checks
- First use inspections



Refuse and Recycling vehicles



Department for Transport interpretation 561/2006 Article 13.1(H);

It should be carried out either by a public authority or by a private undertaking under contract to a public authority

It should involve the primary collection of waste from household or commercial premises, including the collection of street cleansing waste (e.g. litter from public street bins), whereby the transport activity remains subsidiary to the collection. The waste collected from commercial premises must be similar to or of the same kind as that collected from households, it must be collected in the same way (i.e. door-to-door), it must not be subject to any special collection regime or special rules, and must be collected using the same vehicles

Such operations might involve longer aggregate journeys where there are a number of stops, particularly in rural areas, but such journeys should not normally exceed a radius of 50 kilometres from the place where a vehicle is normally based

Abolition of the tax disc

Removal of the paper counterpart

Upcoming changes to EU drivers hours
rules and regulations

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Abolition of the tax disc

- From 1st October 2014
- Tax (VED) disc no longer produced
- No requirement to display a disc – even if issued before October
- VED not transferred with vehicle
- Automated refund
- New keeper must licence vehicle before use – no legal grace period



Removal of paper counterpart

- Proposed from 1st January 2015
- No longer produced and legal status of counterpart removed
- “View Driver Record” for individual data search
- “Share Driver Record” for corporate data search (employers, hire companies etc.) – expected December 2014
- Counterpart will remain until stakeholders are confident in the replacement systems

Upcoming changes to EU drivers hours rules and regulations

- Approval of fitters, workshops and manufacturers
- Removal of requirement for letter of attestation
- Amendment to certain exemptions increasing radius of operation from 50km to 100km
 - Tools of the trade
 - Transport of live animals
 - Gas or electric propelled vehicles <7.5t



Thank you, any questions?



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