



**Economy from Regular  
Maintenance**

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# Our continuing focus and commitment

## Our Principal Concern

Road safety and quality  
of service will remain  
VOSA's primary  
concern



## Our Commitment

*VOSA remains  
committed to providing  
access to testing  
across the UK*



# VOSA are committed to

- Listening
- Good for your business and UK PLC
- Investing in information to drive up road safety
- Driving up standards
- Enhancing targeted enforcement
- Giving more choice and value for money
- Leading the way in effective government choices

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## Businesses can extend inspections to 13 weeks

### CM COVER STORY

OPERATORS NEED not stick to six-weekly inspection periods if they can prove to their TC that they can operate safely for longer periods – up to 13 weeks, in fact.

In a Q&A session published next week in *Motor Transport*, CM's sister title, VOSA customer



director Kevin Rooney says the majority of operators are confused about inspections: “[The six-weekly inspection cycle] is intended for new operators with no experience or knowledge of the performance of their fleet.

“If you can show that you can run to 13-weekly inspections with no serious defects, and any defects [that do arise] are minor and rectified, [then we don't have a problem].”

He says that operators should write to their TCs, providing evidence to justify an extension between inspections.

● See MT, published on 20 August, for the full story.

There are many products on the market that improve fuel efficiency – additives, radiator blinds, electric fans, cruise control etc.

If each one improves the consumption by 10% and you fit 10 devices to a single vehicle, will it run without using any fuel?





# Driver Related Defects



- 192 Defects
- 73 Non driver related
- 119 Driver Related
- Over 60%

April to December 2011

# Driver Related Defects

- Steered axle tyres worn beyond the legal depth limit
- Seat belts defective
- Emergency doors jammed
- Obligatory lights inoperative
- Rear view mirror missing or broken



## Daily Walkaround Checks

- Record the faults
- Take action
- Monitor the roadworthiness
- Vehicle registration
- Date
- Defect details
- Name

# What are we doing?

- GV Simplification
- Self Certification
- 96/96 Directive Review
- Revised brake testing trial
- VOSA Guide to electronic data software

# Introducing Authorised Testing Facilities

After 40 years of testing at dedicated locations across the UK, VOSA is establishing a new Authorised Testing Facilities (ATF) network. This means:

- ATFs will be VOSA-authorized locations where VOSA staff will continue to test vehicles to the same high standards
- Premises with heavy vehicle testing lanes that meet a preset criteria can become an ATF
- It is expected that ATFs will be located where vehicles are currently maintained and repaired
- The market will determine when and where ATF sites are established – this will not be influenced by VOSA



# Key benefits

## Industry & Customers



- Less vehicle 'downtime' with the introduction of 'out of hours' testing
- Improved access to testing with an expected net increase in testing sites
- Across the industry, a reduction in the distance travelled to and from testing sites

## UK Public



- Reducing distances travelled to and from testing sites will mean:
  - Less congestion
  - Fewer accidents
  - Better local air quality, less noise and fewer greenhouse gases
  - Less wear and tear on infrastructure

## ATFs



- A reduction in the overall cost of testing vehicles owned by the operator (taking into account downtime, staff and travel costs)
- Greater convenience by improving the location and flexibility of testing times
- Opportunity to generate income by hosting testing services

# Top tips for economy from maintenance

- Make sure you work with manufacturers
- Tailor your maintenance
- Be aware that a key element are Drivers
- Keep a tight control on drivers reports
- Be up to speed with the law
- Maintenance planner is up to date and accurate
- Analyse all data regularly

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By filling out the details below, you can request your vehicle encounter report. Note: you can choose to request a report using one of your Operator Licence numbers, or all of them.

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\* indicates required fields

Choose your Operator Licence number:	<input type="text" value="-- Please select --"/>
Select all your O Licence numbers:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Start month (mm/yyyy):	<input type="text" value="01/2008"/>
End month (mm/yyyy):	<input type="text" value="01/2009"/>
Report type:	<input type="text" value="Full"/>
Exclude registration marks from report:	<input type="text" value="No"/>
Report format:	<input type="checkbox"/> PDF <input type="checkbox"/> CSV

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### Operator Compliance Risk Score

Operator Compliance Risk Score (OCRS) is a mechanism used at roadside checks to calculate the likelihood of an operator being non-compliant. It is a risk based scoring system and is used as a guide only. It is NOT a mechanism for rating operators. Separate scores are produced for Roadworthiness and Traffic categories.

Your Operator Compliance Risk score are currently as follows:

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Year Operator Licence	Road Worthiness Score	Overall Traffic Score
08015826	<span style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 2px;">R18</span> HISTORIC	<span style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 2px;">T18</span> HISTORIC

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