



VEHICLE ROADWORTHINESS

Did you know?

MOT Tests



Half of all vans fail their MOT at the first attempt.



Enforcement

The police and DVSA have the power to carry out spot checks on vehicles and can stop a vehicle being used if a prohibition is issued.



Roadside Checks

Two thirds of vans stopped at the roadside by the DVSA have a serious mechanical defect.



Overloading

If a vehicle is overloaded, the driver can be given an immediate prohibition notice.



You are Responsible

It is the driver's responsibility to ensure the vehicle is safe and roadworthy.

Penalties for driving an unroadworthy vehicle

Fine up to

£2500

Three penalty points

XXX

A driving ban

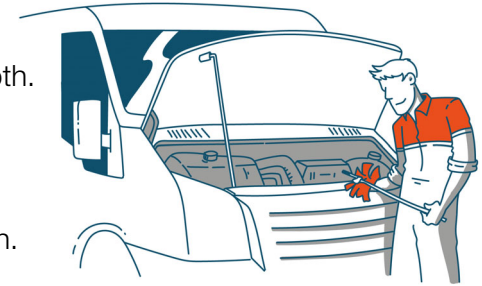


Fines must be paid by the driver.

Minimum pre-use checks

Drivers are required to check the condition of their van every day and report any defects in writing to the owner. Pre-use walkaround checks can be recorded on paper or electronically. Visit **www.gov.uk** and search for 'van driver daily walkaround check'.

- Secure wheel fixings, bodywork and doors.
- All lights and brakes work.
- No fuel or oil leaks.
- Sufficient tyre pressure and tread depth.
- Tyres are free of cuts and defects.
- Clean and undamaged windscreen, windows and mirrors.
- Operational washers, wipers and horn.
- No excessive play in the steering.
- Secure tow bar/trailer coupling.
- Load and tools are to be secure on the vehicle.



Roadworthy means a vehicle is in a suitable operating condition and meeting accepted standards for safe driving on the road. The Highway Code states drivers must ensure their vehicle complies with the full requirements of the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986 and Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989.

There is no set time required to complete a vehicle check, drivers should ensure they take sufficient time for the size and type of their van.

