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Press Information

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MOT Test Changes – Towbar Checks

The Department for Transport has announced the introduction of towbar checks to the MOT test effective from 27th April.

The new check is to help ensure that, where a vehicle is presented for test with a towing attachment fitted, that device is not in an obviously unroadworthy state, or in such a condition that it is unlikely to become detached from the vehicle under any circumstances, including when it is under load and being used to draw a light trailer.

The main purpose for the addition of this test is to help reduce the number of accidents caused by the detachment of light trailers from the towing vehicle. Although many such accidents arise because the driver has either driven inappropriately or has failed to connect the trailer properly, the Department of Transport believes that some accidents may nevertheless be attributable to poor condition of the towing attachment and/or its poor method of attachment to the towing vehicle.

The check involves a quick visual inspection so as not to impact on the time it takes to complete the MOT test. Bosal supports the need for more comprehensive checks and recognises this change as a step in the right direction towards ensuring safe continued use and function of the 'safety critical' towbar.

Bosal produces over 1,100 EC94/20 Type Approved Towbars for passenger cars & light commercial vehicles as well as a range of complimentary vehicle specific wiring kits.

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