

MOT SPECIAL NOTICE



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All Authorised Examiners and Designated Councils in Classes

All Classes

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Item 1: MOT Computerisation Service Provider

On the 1st July 2011 it was announced that **Atos** had acquired Siemens IT Solutions and Services Limited. As a result all services previously supplied by Siemens will now be re-branded as Atos.

This will not impact on the current services provided or service level agreements. The only difference you may see is the change of name. In the near future, personnel and contractors working for Atos will be issued with ID cards bearing the Atos logo, although in the short term they will continue to use their old Siemens ID cards. If you have any doubt about their identity you should contact the VOSA Service Desk for confirmation.

All publications having references to Siemens, such as the MOT Testing Guide and Inspection Manuals will be updated at the earliest opportunity and consumable documentation updated as current stocks are depleted.

Item 2: Emissions Data Book

On the 1 August the legislation covering the introduction of the new version of the Emissions data book normally comes into force. However due to unexpected delays, for this year, it is not expected to be in place until the latter part of 2011, meaning publication of the 17th edition of the book will be delayed. Therefore the 16th edition (purple colour) held by VTSs will remain in force until further notice.

Item 3: SN 6-2009

Special Notice 6-2009 informed you of the rollout of the new VTS Device base units and required that a hard copy of the SN be retained. From receipt of this SN this requirement has been rescinded. There are now no SNs which are required to be retained in hard copy.

If you have any queries regarding this Special Notice or other testing matters please call the VOSA Contact Centre on 0300 123 9000.

Item 4: Plain Paper MOT Documents

This special notice contains information to keep you updated on the progression to plain paper printing of the MOT certificates agreed as part of the government's austerity measures announced earlier in the year.

The initial phase to upgrade all sites with laser jet printers has been taking place over the summer and is nearing a successful completion. Work is progressing to develop forms that will be printed on a single side of plain A4 paper using black ink (examples of these can be found on www.vosa.gov.uk/MOT-test-forms). To help reduce the amount of paper wherever possible, the advisory notice has been combined as part the VT20/30 certificate. These changes are part of an ongoing initiative to reduce cost and wastage, but also have the benefit of reduced printing times and removing the need to maintain a stock of different forms.

There will be no changes to the test criteria or the method of inspection with the introduction of plain paper printing, only the type and production of documents will be affected. Where a site experiences problems with MOT Computerisation, Stand Alone Testing (SAT), Fallback Testing and Emergency Testing (ET) will remain available as at present. When it is necessary to complete documents by hand, blank forms will be available for completion, and detailed instruction of these will be provided in a future SN nearer the implementation date.

As part of the public awareness campaign a poster has been produced explaining the changes and will be circulated with the next edition of Matters of Testing. Please display this in your reception area, as it can be used as a point of reference should any of your customers require further information.



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All Nominated Testers must acknowledge via the VTS Device that they have read and understood the contents of this Special Notice.