



Vehicle & Operator Services Agency

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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

I refer to your email of 16th February 2013. We have dealt with this under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

It is apparent that there are two parts to your request for information, I have responded to each matter in the order that they have been asked.

It is a requirement for all garages which undertake MOT testing on behalf of the Secretary of State for Transport to display a notice entitled **MOT Test: Fees and Appeals** on a notice board within public view. This notice provides the following;

- a) all items which attract a free re-test;
- b) the timescale of when a free re-test is applicable, and
- c) the timescales for when a re-test fee may be levied and the maximum charges which may apply in line with current legislation.

I have attached a copy of this notice to the covering e-mail for your information.

The second part of your request deals with the failure of a testable item and the lack of availability of a replacement part at the time of your pre-booked MOT test.

Section 7.2 of the MOT Inspection Manual relates to checks of the fuel system including fuel tank cap.

The method of inspection is covered at point 4 of this section by the following wording:

4. Check fuel tank cap/filler neck sealing device for presence, positive fit and condition of sealing washer and flange.

Under **Reason for Rejection** the following is given;

4. A fuel tank cap/filler neck sealing device:

- a. missing
- b. does not fasten/close securely:
by a positive means, and
such that pressure is not maintained on the sealing arrangement
- c. sealing washer torn, deteriorated or missing, or a mounting flange/sealing method defective such that the leakage of fuel is possible.

It is not necessary for the fuel cap fitted to be an authentic Renault fuel cap, provided that the temporary fuel cap fitted fastens or closes securely and the condition of the sealing washer or flange is in good condition. A full copy of the MOT Inspection Manual can be found by clicking on the following link <http://www.transportoffice.gov.uk/crt/doitonline/bl/mottestingmanualsandguides/mottestingmanualsandguides.htm>

If you are unhappy with the response provided, you may ask for an internal review. To request an internal review, please write within two calendar months from the date of this letter to:

VOSA Corporate Office,
Berkeley House,
Croydon Street,
Bristol,
BS5 0DA

or email vosa.corporateoffice@vosa.gsi.gov.uk

giving the reasons for your dissatisfaction. It will help us if you quote the reference number for your case.

If you do not agree with the outcome of the internal review, you may lodge an appeal with the Information Commissioner (www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk). The Information Commissioner is an independent official appointed by the Crown to oversee the Data Protection Act 1998, the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

The Information Commissioner can consider complaints about any aspect of the way in which requests for information have been handled. Please note: the Information Commissioner would be unlikely to consider your complaint if you have not first requested an internal review.

You can write to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,

Wilmslow,
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us, quoting reference **F0004780**.

Yours sincerely

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