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All Authorised Examiners and Designated Councils in Classes

All Classes

The last Special Notice issued was

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Item 1: Brake Imbalance Amendment

SN3 – 2013 introduced the new standard for brake imbalance and how to apply them. Soon after though, some of you reported to us that there was the potential for failing vehicles that didn't have a defect due to premature lock up.

We have agreed a change to the way MOT Computerisation works out imbalance. If on an axle the lowest figure is on a locked wheel then imbalance won't be calculated. It will be regarded as a pass.

The brake tester manufacturers have been informed of this change and are working on new software for computerised RBTs. Once this software has been approved it will be made available to VTS as an upgrade.

Until you receive a further special notice telling you the date of the change, carry on using SN 3-2013.

Item 2: Matters of Testing

Matters of Testing gives advice and information for the MOT industry and is available online.

We encourage you and your testers to sign up and receive updates on MOT modernisation, MOT related video clips, common questions, advice, tips and the ever popular horror stories.

It's easy to sign up and it's free.

To sign up with VOSA Direct – for your email alerts

- Go to this website address <https://mattersoftesting.blog.gov.uk> to open the Matters of Testing page
- Click on the '**email alerts**' icon in the top right corner of the page
- Enter your email address and click '**submit**'
- Confirm your email address (You do not need to enter a password – this is optional)
- Click '**finish**'
- Tick '**Matters of Testing**' in the subscription topics under 'Newsletters'.
- Go to the bottom of the page and click '**submit**'.

Continue to the '**About you**' section to enter your area of work details and your MOT station (VTS) number. You can access your subscriber preferences any time to update your subscriptions, and modify your password or email address.

You can also view our 'MOT Matters' videos playlist on the VOSA YouTube channel at <http://www.youtube.com/user/vosagovuk>



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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.

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