× **Driver & Vehicle** Standards Agency

You should check the condition of your van every day and get any problems checked out or repaired as soon as you can

BRAKES **BODYWORK AND DOORS** Check that: Check that: Check that: > all doors shut properly and are secure when closed foot / service brake works correctly and does not have any excessive travel there are no sharp edges or damage hand / parking brake works correctly and does not no body panels are loose or in danger of falling off have any excessive travel Check that: **CHECK FROM DRIVER'S SEAT CHECK UNDER** BONNET Check that:

TYRES AND WHEELS

Check as much of your tyres and wheels as you can see. There must be:

- a minimum tread depth of 1.6mm
- sufficient inflation of each tyre
- no deep cuts in the sidewall
- no cord visible anywhere on the tyre
- no missing or insecure wheel-nuts

Failing to ensure a tyre is safe and legal can result in receiving 3 penalty points on your licence per tyre.

LIGHTS

Check that:

- all lights and indicators work correctly
- all lenses are present, clean and are the correct colour
- stop lamps come on when the service brake is applied and go out when released
- marker lights are present and work
- all dashboard warning lamps work correctly including:
 - \triangleright ABS
 - airbags (SRS) \triangleright
 - \triangleright EPS
 - \triangleright full beam headlamp warning lamp
 - parking brake warning lamp \triangleright

HORN AND STEERING

Check that:

- horn control is easily accessible from driver's seat
- horn works when its control is operated
- steering has no excessive play

WASHERS AND WIPERS

Check that:

- wipers move continually when switched on
- wiper blades are not so deteriorated that they don't clear the windscreen effectively when used with washers
- washers point at the windscreen and are operational
- washer fluid is topped up

MIRRORS AND GLASS

Check that:

- all mirrors that should be there are properly aligned and secure
- > your view of the road in all directions isn't obscured by damaged or discoloured glass or obstructions such as stickers

SEATS AND SEATBELTS

Check that:

- seats are secure
- seatbelts operate correctly and are free from cuts and damage

BATTERY

Check that:

and not cables

battery is not leaking

battery is held securely in place by the correct means

Van Walkaround Checklist

LOAD

- any load is adequately secured
- van doors have an effective locking device

TOW BARS AND TAIL LIFTS

- b tow bar is secure and any trailer is correctly and securely attached with all electrical connections working correctly
- tail lift is secure and free from damage, functions correctly and the electrics are working correctly

EXHAUST

exhaust doesn't emit excessive amounts of smoke

FLUIDS, FUEL AND OIL

Check that:

- brake fluid, engine coolant, engine oil, power steering fluid, windscreen washer fluid and water levels are correct
- fuel filler cap is securely fitted
- there are no brake fluid, power steering fluid and water leaks by looking for puddles on the ground - if leaks are detected trace the cause

With the engine on, check:

underneath the van for any fuel and oil leaks looking for puddles on the ground