

The Rossendale Test:

Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Vehicles

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1.0 Exterior of Vehicle		
	Method of Inspection	Reason for Failure
1.1	The exterior of the vehicle bodywork must be in a suitable clean condition to allow for proper inspection of these areas	Contamination preventing proper inspection
1.2	Check all wind-checks to ensure that doors are held in place when fully opened	Failure to hold door in place when fully opened
1.3	Examine external body panels and structure for evidence of body damage, rust or unsatisfactory repairs	Visibly poor or shoddy repairs. A dent on a panel over 2mm deep and over 100mm in diameter at its widest point
1.4	Examine the external paintwork for damage which adversely affects the appearance of the vehicle	Mismatched paint on panels, doors and bumpers. Dull paintwork. Any scratch over 300mm long. More than 3 rust scabs under 10mm in diameter on any single panel or door. A single rust scab or blemish over 10mm wide.
1.5	Ensure that the front and rear bumpers are in good order, securely fixed and without damage	Damaged or inadequately secured front or rear bumpers
1.6	Examine the rubber seals to every door for serious damage, looseness or absence	Doors seals damaged or worn to the extent that air/water penetration may occur
1.7	Check compliance with window tint policy	to be written
1.8	Check vehicle for condition of door stickers, unapproved advertisements	Door stickers damaged, obscured, defaced, unapproved advertising

2.0 Interior of Vehicle		
	Method of Inspection	Reason for Failure
2.1	Examine the floor, upholstery and headlining inside the vehicle for accumulation of dust, dirt, litter, general debris, cigarette ash, staining, damage or excessive wear	A vehicle in a dirty condition with dirt or staining to carpets, upholstery or heading. Carpets, upholstery or headlining which is excessively worn, holed or torn
2.2	Remove all mats from the floor and examine the carpeting for signs of leakage of water into the vehicle	Evidence of leakage of water into the vehicle from rain water penetration or leaking heating system
2.3	Examine any mats provided to ensure they are not worn or damaged	Damaged, holed mats
2.4	Check the operation of interior lights, both manual and door operation	Faulty interior lighting, door switches and light switch
2.5	Check operation of heater/windscreen demister to ensure satisfactory working order	Defective heater/demister
2.6	Check operation of all window winders to ensure they allow windows to be fully lowered and raised easily	Window winders/ electric windows that are defective. Sliding windows that do not easily open or close.
2.7	Check child proof locks, if fitted, are in working order	Defective child proof locks
2.8	Check that there are no unpleasant or excessive odours inside the vehicle	Unacceptable smells of food, vomit or other contaminants

3.0 Boot of Vehicle		
	Method of Inspection	Reason for Failure
3.1	Examine the boot interior for evidence of damage or water penetration	Evidence of leakage of water into the vehicle from rain water penetration or leaking heating system
3.2	Examine the boot interior for accumulation of dirt, dust, grease, litter or staining on any surface with which luggage may come into contact with	Contamination which could soil or damage luggage
3.3	Examine the boot floor covering to ensure in good condition and offers adequate protection for luggage stored in the boot	Damaged or holed floor covering
3.4	Check the boot for the presence of containers of any flammable or corrosive liquids	Containers for the storage of oil, petrol or corrosive or flammable liquids shall not be carried in the boot
3.5	Check boot for loose tools or other items, spare wheel not secured	Any articles that would hinder the storage or damage luggage

4.0 Hackney Carriage Meters (Private Hire if fitted)

	Method of Inspection	Reason for Failure
4.1	Check the siting of the meter - it must be reasonably visible to the hirer throughout the journey	Passengers unable to clearly view the meter
4.2	When switched on, the meter should be suitably illuminated	Defective meter
4.3	The meter tariffs should show the current rates (hackney carriage vehicles only) The meter tariffs should show the current advertised rates as submitted to the Council (private hire vehicles only)	Tariffs not those set by the Council (hackney carriage vehicles only) Tariffs not those submitted to the Council (private hire vehicles only)
4.4	The taxi must have a properly connected roof sign which is illuminated when the vehicle is available for hire (hackney carriage vehicles only)	Light not connected/fails to illuminate (hackney carriage vehicles only)
4.5	Meter checked over distance of two miles to ensure properly calibrated	Defective meter

5.0 First Aid Kit		
	Method of Inspection	Reason for Failure
5.1	Ensure that a first aid kit is provided within the vehicle and examine contents to ensure it conforms to the requirements of the Council	Failure to provide a first aid kit or one that does not conform to the specification
5.2	Ensure the kit is permanently marked with the vehicle registration number	Kit is not permanently marked to that vehicle

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