

Appendix A

The Rossendale Test

TESTING REQUIREMENTS GUIDANCE

This guidance should be used in conjunction with the Rossendale Test inspection form

1. Exterior of Vehicle	
Method of inspection	Reason for failure
<p>1.1 Check that all passenger door locks and handles are easily Operated from inside and outside the vehicle, as appropriate.</p> <p>Check security and condition of bonnet sound proofing material.</p> <p>Check front and rear bumpers for security, positioning and damage.</p> <p>Examine interior and exterior of body to identify corrosion, cracks or damage and condition of paintwork.</p>	<p>Bonnet does not latch securely in the closed position or cannot be opened by single person operation.</p> <p>Bonnet support struts insecure/unsafe or missing.</p> <p>Bonnet soundproof material insecure or contaminated with fuel or oil (creating potential fire hazard).</p> <p>Exterior/interior release lever missing or broken.</p> <p>Bumpers missing, insecure, incorrectly positioned, corroded or damaged.</p> <p>Protruding or sharp edges.</p> <p>Severe corrosion causing weakening or disfigurement of structure or panels.</p> <p>Cracked panels/sections.</p> <p>Paintwork in poor condition due to accident damage or scrape.</p> <p>Damage which is a potential hazard to the public.</p> <p>Paintwork not a uniform colour match.</p>

1.2

Check door seals, handles, bonnet catches and support struts for security and condition.

1.3/1.4/1.5

Check the condition of all internal screens partitions, side, rear, roof and doors windows/glass for cracks, surface damage and discoloration.

Check that all windows that are designed to open can do so.

Check for security, wind and water tightness. From inside the vehicle, check that all windows and screens are free from any defect or other objects, which may excessively impair vision and conform to manufacturers specification.

Check that occupants are clearly visible from exterior of vehicle. Stickers are not permitted on windows unless they have been approved by the licensing authority.

Paintwork blistered or eroded.
Poor quality repair or repair not uniform.

Doors will not open easily, sticking doors.
Doors will not lock internally or difficult to lock.
Door check strap missing/broken or incorrectly fitted.
Door seals missing/damaged/incorrectly fitted or not creating a proper seal.
Door handles or interior panelling insecure/sharp edges/damaged or incorrect type.

A crack, significant surface damage or discoloration in glass or other transparent material.
Tinted windows – must allow at least 70% visible light transmission in all windows except front windscreen which must be 75%.
(Tinted window film is not allowed).
Occupants not clearly visible from exterior of vehicle.
Window will not open/close or is difficult to open/close.
Window will not open completely to manufactures specification.
Interior of vehicle not wind and water tight.

Stickers attached to windows or screens.
Objects attached to front windshield within range of wipers.
Any missing or broken glass/scored glass/cracked or holed glass, which may be likely to deteriorate quickly and cause a failure.

2. Interior of Vehicle	Reason for Failure
<p>2.1/2.2/2.3/2.4/2.5/2.6 Examine all interior panels for security and condition.</p> <p>Examine sun visors for condition and security.</p> <p>Examine vehicle for interior and exterior cleanliness, including seating, carpets or matting and luggage area.</p> <p>Examine the underside of the vehicle and engine compartment for cleanliness.</p> <p>Examine vehicle to determine suitability for Hackney carriage or Private hire use.</p> <p>Check that all windows that are designed to open can do so.</p> <p>Check operation of interior lights with door shut.</p> <p>Open each door individually and check the operation of the interior lights. Operate internal switches to check correct operation of interior light(s).</p> <p>Examine heater for operation, security and condition. Check condition of heater hoses</p>	<p>Insecure panels or sun visors. Damaged panels or sun visors. Sun visors will not remain in closed position. Headlining insecure, dirty, stained or poorly repaired. Any raised item or hole on floor which could be a potential trip hazard Worn carpets/matting, which could be a potential hazard to passengers. Dirty or wet seating/interior trim/carpets/matting/loose objects accumulated on seat/floor/rear parcel shelf/scuttle panel/in luggage boot. External body of vehicle excessively dirty. Foul odour in vehicle. Engine or underside of vehicle in a dirty condition.</p> <p>Window will not open/close or is difficult to open/close. Window will not open completely to manufacturer's specification. Interior of vehicle not wind and water tight. Interior light does not operate when any one door is opened (where fitted). Interior light does not operate when switched on. Interior light not giving off sufficient light so as to cause difficulty in vision to both rear and front seated passengers. Lamp or switches damaged or faulty in operation. Noisy operation. Leaking matrix or hoses. Insecure installation. Heater faulty or inoperative. Controls or switches faulty.</p>
3. Boot	

<p>3.1/3.2 Check for presence/security/ condition and weather tightness of boot lid/tailgate support struts/ mechanism and weather seal.</p> <p>Check that they support the boot lid/tailgate safely in the open position and seal correctly in the closed position. Check condition and presence of weather seals.</p> <p>Check for presence/security/ condition of parcel shelf/luggage cover Check Condition and security of spare wheel</p>	<p>Support struts/mechanism missing/insecure/leaking or damage. Boot lid/tailgate is not self-supporting in the fully open position. Damage or missing boot door/tailgate weather seal.</p> <p>Parcel shelf/luggage cover missing/insecure or damaged.</p> <p>Spare wheel insecure, unsuitable</p>
<p>4.Hackney Carriage Meter (Private hire if fitted)</p>	
<p>4.1/4.2/4.3/4.4/4.5</p> <p>Switch on vehicle lights and check that all panel lights and meter/taxi lamp operation.</p>	<p>Panel or meter lights inoperative/faulty. Panel or meter light dim. Taxi illumination lamp inoperative or dim. Meter does not show correct fares at 1, 2 and 3 Meter not fixed so as to be clearly visible to hirer Roof light not operated by meter Meter does not trip at correct point on 1 measured mile</p>