

Exhaust System and Emissions

The exhaust system must be free from any excessive gas leaks

All exhaust mounting rubbers and brackets must be fitted

The tail pipe must be fitted and not excessively corroded and holed.

All vehicles must not emit any smoke excessively

For petrol-engined vehicles, the limits of Carbon Monoxide (CO) and Hydrocarbons (H.C's - unburnt fuel maybe due to a misfire) vary. The CO is measured as a percentage of the total gas emitted, H.C's as Parts Per Million (ppm). These are as follows:

Age of Vehicle	H.C's	Volume CO
First used before August 1976 (Up to M Reg)	Visual Check	
First used between August 1976 and July 1986 (P - C Reg)	1200 ppm	4.5%
First used between August 1986 and July 1992 (D - J Reg)	1200 ppm	3.5%

Note: For diesel-engined vehicles, the amount of black soot emitted is tested, with turbo-charged vehicles allowed to be slightly sootier than non-turbo charged.