

Confusion on MOT checks and legal requirements



Research by consumer intelligence of 2,000 adults found 9% of drivers were not aware that an MoT certificate was a legal requirement for cars over three years old in the UK.

9% of drivers also didn't realize car insurance was compulsory and 10% said the same about a valid tax disc. Ignorance surrounding what is or is not mandatory for driving in the UK was most prevalent amongst younger drivers

There were also many who thought regulations were stricter than they are. 20% incorrectly believed an annual service was a legal obligation and 46% mistakenly thought that the law required them to carry a spare tyre in the UK.

The greatest confusion of all centered on checks included in an MoT raising concerns that millions of drivers could be relying on the MoT test to ensure the safety of items that are not part of the checklist. For example, 40% said they expected their car's oil levels to be checked as part of an MoT whilst 38% expected their battery condition to be assessed and 58% expected brake fluid to be checked.

The checks included in an MoT test are:

- Vehicle Identification Number
- Registration Plate
- Lights
- Steering & Suspension
- Wipers and washer bottle
- Windscreen
- Horn
- Seatbelts
- Seats
- Fuel System
- Emissions
- Bodywork
- Doors
- Mirrors
- Wheels & Tyres
- Brakes