

MINIMUM TEST VEHICLES (MTV's) SUITABLE FOR TEST PURPOSES

The MTV's below only apply to vehicles registered before 1 October 2003. For vehicles registered on or after 1 October 2003 see under **New MTV's**.

B + E A Category B vehicle towing a trailer of at least 1 tonne Maximum Authorised Mass (MAM), capable of 100 kph (62.5 mph).

D1 A PCV with 9-16 passenger seats, capable of 80kph (50mph).

D1 + E A Category D1 vehicle towing a trailer of at least 1.25 tonnes MAM.

D A PCV with 9 passenger seats or more, at least 9 metres in length and capable of 80kph (50mph).

D + E A Category D vehicle towing a trailer of at least 1.25 tonnes MAM.

NEW MTV's

The minimum MTV's below only apply to vehicles registered on or after 1 October 2003. However, this is a transitional concession. All vehicles must comply with the new MTV's by **1 July 2007**.

***MAM** Maximum Authorised Mass = the permissible weight of the vehicle, trailer or vehicle/trailer combination.

****RTM** Real Total Mass = the actual weight of the vehicle presented for test.

*** **Ratios** At least 8 forward ratios.

From 1 April 2006, test vehicles used for large vehicle and vehicle-trailer combination tests (bus/lorry) and car plus trailer tests will need to be fitted with outside, nearside and offside mirrors for use by the driving examiner during the test. From the same date, seatbelts for the examiner and any supervising officer will also need to be fitted to lorries used for test, including with-trailer and LGV register tests. Seatbelts will need to be fitted to all buses used for test from 1 July 2007, to tie in with other Europe-wide changes to test vehicles.

Category D1					
MAM*	Length (metres)	Width (metres)	Speed Km/h	Engine capacity	Ratios***
4 tonnes	5	N/A	80	N/A	N/A
ABS	Tacho	Cargo/Compartment. /Trailer	RTM**		
Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A		

Category D1+E (Cat. D1 towing vehicle)					
MAM*	Length (metres)	Width (metres)	Speed Km/h	Engine capacity	Ratios***
4 tonnes + 1.25 tonne trailer	N/A	N/A	80	N/A	N/A
ABS	Tacho	Cargo/Compartment. /Trailer	RTM**		
Yes	Yes	Closed box trailer – at least 2m high and 2m wide	800kg for the trailer		

Category D					
MAM*	Length (metres)	Width (metres)	Speed Km/h	Engine capacity	Ratios***
N/A	10	2.4	80	N/A	N/A
ABS	Tacho	Cargo/Compartment. /Trailer	RTM**		
Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A		

Category D+E (Cat. D towing vehicle)					
MAM*	Length (metres)	Width (metres)	Speed Km/h	Engine capacity	Ratios***
1.25 tonne trailer	N/A	2.4	80	N/A	N/A
ABS	Tacho	Cargo/Compartment. /Trailer	RTM**		
Yes	Yes	Closed box trailer – at least 2m high and 2m wide	800kg for the trailer		