

## National Car Test (NCT) New Test Items

Following public consultation in 2009 the Road Safety Authority proposed that a number of new test items be added to the National Car Test (NCT) in early 2010. The new test items will improve the safety of vehicles on our roads, both for the vehicle owners and for other road users. The new items will be part of the NCT test from **1 April 2010**.

The new items are as follows:

**1. Clarity of windscreen and front side windows**

The glass in the windscreen and front side windows will be required to have a light transmission level of not less than 65% in order to pass the test.

**2. Rear fog lamp**

The rear fog lamp, where fitted, will be checked to ensure that when in use it provides a red light which is clearly visible.

**3. Reverse lamp**

The reverse lamp, where fitted, will be checked to ensure that when in use it provides a white light which is clearly visible

**4. Tyres**

A vehicle will fail if an “E” or “e” mark is not visible to ensure that the tyres comply with minimum standards.

**5. Indicators warning of faulty systems for Airbags, Electronic Stability Control (ESC) and Electronic Braking Systems (EBS) / Anti-Lock Brake Systems (ABS)**

The vehicle will fail if a faulty systems indicator is not working or indicates a fault in the system.

**6. Rear registration plate lamp**

If the rear registration number plate lamp(s) is not working properly, a Fail Advisory will issue i.e. it is strongly recommended that the fault be repaired, but, the vehicle will still pass the test.

**7. Vehicle exhaust noise**

The vehicle will be required to have a level of noise no greater than 99dB(A) in order to pass the test to ensure that vehicles comply with acceptable noise levels.

Please note that customers are now required to produce a valid driver’s licence or passport when presenting a vehicle to NCT. Customers should also ensure that their vehicle registration documents match the vehicle as this will be checked against the vehicle file.

Further information may be obtained in the new version of the NCT Manual now available on the RSA’s website at **[www.rsa.ie](http://www.rsa.ie)**