

ASK THE MOT EXPERT



Photos at Test and the responsibility of an MOT Tester

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Having spent the start of my career as a DVSA Vehicle Examiner, I've seen MOT testing from both sides of the bay. Ultimately when you record the result on MTS, it's your decision, your responsibility and your name on the certificate.

Recent events in the industry and in the news have brought that responsibility into focus. But this isn't about one court case or one DVSA update. It's about every MOT test taking place across the UK.

The MOT scheme is changing with the DVSA using technology and data to protect the integrity of the test, identify non-compliance and tackle fraud.

The latest development is Photos at Test.

Following successful trials, the DVSA began its national rollout in August, giving around 2,500 garages access to the feature. Testers photograph the vehicle in the testing bay, with the image uploaded directly to the MOT Testing Service as evidence that the vehicle was physically present.

DVSA says access will be extended to all vehicle testing stations over the coming months and has advised testers to familiarise themselves with the system sooner rather than later. This demonstrates the direction MOT testing is heading.

More visibility. More evidence. More accountability.

But technology doesn't replace the tester's responsibility.

You still need to follow the correct testing procedures, apply the Inspection Manual and MOT Testing Guide correctly and record what you find. Whether you've been testing for six months or 30 years, you're expected to meet DVSA standards every time.

And responsibility doesn't stop with the tester.

Authorised Examiners need to know what's happening inside their MOT operation. Are quality checks being completed correctly? Are TQI reports being reviewed? Are risks being identified? Has annual training been completed and logged? Are your testers following current DVSA requirements?

If you don't know, you're guessing.

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MOT testing is becoming increasingly transparent and accountable. That's a positive thing for MOT testers, vehicle testing stations and road users.

Your MOT operation shouldn't rely on what you've always done in an industry that is changing.

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