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**From 1 January 2012 all**  
**Vehicle Test Stations**  
**must be able to test**  
**European Standard 13**  
**Pin Trailer Sockets as**  
**part of the MoT test**



## Trailer Socket Tester

From 1st January 2012 there will be a requirement for 13 pin Euro trailer socket wiring test to be part of the statutory annual MOT testing of Class 4, 5 and 7 vehicles in accordance with the Motor Vehicle (Tests) Regulations 1981. The 13 Pin Trailer Socket Tester is VOSA approved for use for MoT Testing and can be used to carry out a quick and simple test of 13pin sockets from the driver's seat. (Optional 7 Pin Adapter Available). Seven dashboard style icons are highlighted to show correct operation of tail lamp, stop lamp, direction indicators and fog lamp circuits. Don't delay, buy now and earn revenue from socket failures whilst keeping customers towing

# MOT SPECIAL NOTICE

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**All Authorised Examiners and Designated Councils in Classes**

**All Classes**

**The last Special Notice issued was**

**9 - 2010 All Classes**

Is it mandatory to print this Special Notice?

**Printed Copy Not Required**

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## Item 1: Diesel Smoke Limits from 01 July 2011

On 01 July 2011 the diesel smoke limit for vehicles first used on or after 01 July 2008 will be reduced to a maximum of 1.5m<sup>3</sup>. As advised in SN 3 – 2010 all diesel smoke meters require an update to test to the new limit on this date.

You are reminded to contact your equipment supplier to arrange for this update to be carried out if you have not already done so.

## Item 2: Advance Notice of New Equipment Required on 01 January 2012

The 2010/48/EU new test requirements being introduced on 01 January 2012 require the introduction of additional test equipment.

**13 Pin Trailer Socket Test Tool:** - A specification has been agreed with suppliers and equipment is starting to be approved. When this process has been completed the equipment will be displayed on the approved equipment list. Only trailer socket test tools on the VOSA list of approved equipment will be acceptable. This can be found via the following link: [www.businesslink.gov.uk/gettingstartedmottesting](http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/gettingstartedmottesting) and then clicking on the following pages, Your business sector>Transport and logistics>MOT testers>Approved equipment for MOT and HGV/PSV testing.

A further special notice will be issued letting you know when to register the trailer socket test tool on the VTS Device.

**Leak Detection Spray:** - A proprietary leak detection spray which meets BS EN 14291:2004 requirements. This will be necessary to confirm a fuel leak on gas powered vehicles. Although this is compulsory equipment there will be no requirement to enter it on the VTS Device. Also there will be no maintenance other than replacement when the manufacturer's expiry date had been exceeded.

All class 3, 4, 5 & 7 VTSs will be required to have this equipment on 01 January 2012.

If you have any queries regarding this Special Notice or other testing matters please call the VOSA Contact Centre on 0300 123 9000.