

# WoF*news*

## Name change

We intend to issue this newsletter to a wider audience than WoF online users and we think that the name *WoF news* is better.

## New scoresheet

Since the introduction of the Performance Review System (PRS) we have received a number of submissions concerning the weighting of the review on 'paperwork' and management aspects (45 percent) as opposed to the 'technical' element (55 percent).

To address these concerns, the LTSA has created a new scoresheet with a weighting of 30 percent on paperwork and management aspects and 70 percent on the technical element. Consultations on this are now complete and the change has been favourably received. This new scoresheet will be used in performance reviews carried out from 1 July 2003.

A copy of this scoresheet is available on the LTSA website under Publications, Vehicle Industry.

## Authorities that have not been used

If you have not performed a WoF inspection in the last 12 months, then we have concerns about your current competence because:

- you are out of practice
- it is probable that you are not up to date with requirements for vehicle inspection.

Therefore we plan to withdraw authority from those who have not practised in the last year. Withdrawal of the authority will be effective from 1 September 2003 and monitoring of inspectors' levels of activity will be ongoing.

## WoF sites for sale

We wish to advise you that it is VCU policy to postpone a scheduled review of a WoF site that is for sale. The review will be postponed for two months. If the site has not changed hands in this time, the review appointment will be rescheduled.

## New LTSA fees

Applications for WoF vehicle inspection authority are accompanied by a fee.

From 1 July 2003:

- the application fee to become a WoF vehicle inspector will change from \$67.20 to \$95.40
- the application fee for additional WoF vehicle inspector authorities will change from \$74.50 to \$95.40
- the application fee to become a WoF vehicle inspecting organisation will change from \$498.00 to \$526.20 per site
- the application fee for additional WoF vehicle inspecting organisation site authorities will change from \$74.50 to \$498.00 if a site visit is required or \$28.20 if a site visit is not required.

There will also be a change from 1 July 2003 to the fee for reviewing WoF off-sites from \$581.50 to \$285.00.

## WoF fee expiry

A vehicle must be re-checked for a WoF without charge if this is done within 28 days from the date of the initial inspection. The 28-day period begins on the day after the initial inspection day.

This means that a fee for a WoF that was failed on Tuesday the first day of a month is good until the close of business on Tuesday the 29th.

## Vehicles awaiting WoF

Remember that a vehicle without a current WoF which is parked on a road may be ticketed. This could happen to your customers' vehicles at any time and you should make them aware of it. It could also happen if you park a vehicle with an expired WoF on the road before you certify it.

## Windscreen delamination

Inspectors are reminded that any sign of discoloration or delamination in a laminated windscreen should cause the vehicle to fail its WoF inspection.

## Nissan Terrano floor pan rust

The correct instruction for the appraisal and repair of Nissan Terrano rear floor pans is contained in Info Sheet 1.35 dated 8 January 1997. This makes it clear that if there are signs of corrosion that may affect the strength of the seatbelt anchorage points, the panel needs to be replaced. A patch repair is not acceptable and is a reason for rejection.

## WoF online help

There is a new XTRA helpdesk number for resolving Internet access problems to WoF online.

**0800 000 533**

The number is for LTSA WoF online users only.

On this number the caller will either hear a network status message or go straight through to an XTRA operator.

## Correct use of Pass Recheck function

Please note that the Pass Recheck function button in WoF online has the effect of creating two records, a fail and a pass, for the vehicle.

Pass Recheck should be used when a vehicle fails for something that is fixed on the premises that same day.

The correct procedure for a vehicle that fails, leaves the premises for repair, and then passes is:

- record the fail
- when the vehicle passes, record a Pass, not Pass Recheck.

## Recent Infosheets

The LTSA has recently released four Infosheets. These are identified as:

- 2.01 Light trailer towing requirements
- 2.02 New requirements for replacing failed retractor seatbelts
- 2.03 Headlamp endorsement on Vintage Car Club Vehicle Identity Cards
- 2.04 (Revision 1) Assessing noise levels of modified exhaust systems.

You will receive a copy of 2.03 and 2.04 (Revision 1) with this newsletter. If you need copies of the other two Infosheets, please contact the Helpdesk on 0800 699 000.

2.04 (Revision 1) replaces any earlier issues of 2.04 which should be destroyed. The revision is to inform you that:

- the Reason for Rejection in paragraph 8, section 11-1 of the VIRM has been clarified
- the fitment of a non-OE (original equipment) or aftermarket exhaust system or component is not, on its own, a reason for rejection.

## WoF online help

**XTRA** — phone 0800 000 533  
(For problems with accessing WoF online)

**TRC** — phone 0800 804 580/fax 06 354 6931  
(For problems after you have accessed WoF online)

**UNISYS** — phone 0800 243 687  
(For problems re user access code and passwords)

**TRC** — phone 0800 108 809  
(For phone inquiries from members of the public)

## feedback...?

We welcome your feedback. Please send any comments to:  
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