



Vehicle & Operator Services Agency

A guide to the inspection of Dangerous / Hazardous Goods Vehicles

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VOSA has a very robust Health and Safety Policy and takes very seriously the health, safety and welfare of both its staff and customers.

Following a review of the procedures for inspecting vehicles with dangerous / hazardous loads, this leaflet is intended to explain the procedures when presenting a vehicle / trailer for Inspection at a VOSA test station or any Designated Premises.

What is a Hangerous / Hazardous Goods Vehicle?

A Dangerous / Hazardous Goods Vehicle is a vehicle normally used for the carriage of dangerous/hazardous goods. These are classified as:

- Class 1 - Explosives
- Class 2 - Compressed gases
- Class 3 - Flammable liquids
- Class 4.1 - Flammable solids
- Class 4.2 - Spontaneously combustible
- Class 4.3 - Dangerous when wet
- Class 5.1 - Oxidising agents
- Class 5.2 - Organic peroxides
- Class 6.1 - Toxic
- Class 6.2 - Infectious substances
- Class 7 - Radioactive
- Class 8 - Corrosives
- Class 9 - Miscellaneous

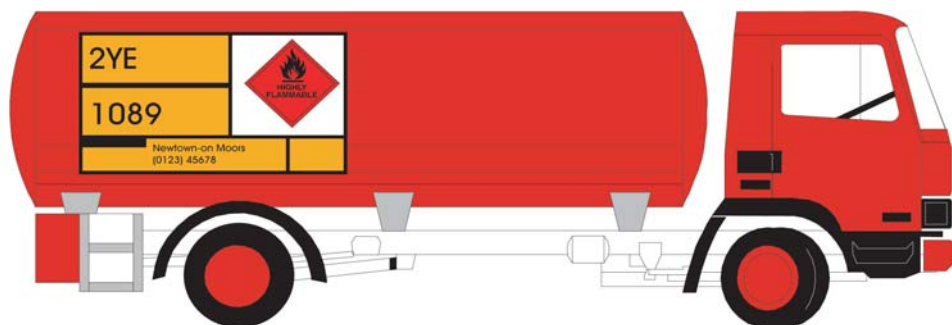


There are a number of other products identified which may not be included in the above which are classified as "Obnoxious" these include animal waste, refuse, hospital waste and other products such as pressurised gases, pressurised liquids, asbestos etc.

Presenting Dangerous / Hazardous Goods Vehicles for inspection

When presenting Dangerous Goods Vehicles (DGV) for Inspection the following steps should be followed:

- Compliance with appointed booking time. Failure to do so could cause delays due to special procedures and Health & Safety requirements.
- The vehicle for Inspection should ideally be rendered safe either by cleaning or purging.
- If the vehicle is to be presented laden with a dangerous / hazardous substance or unladen but not cleaned, then a competent person must accompany the vehicle.
- A competent person accompanying the vehicle will be the holder of a vocational training certificate and the holder of a Valid Hazchem License appropriate to the Class of Dangerous / Hazardous Goods being carried. VOSA Staff will check at the time of inspection the validity of the accompanying person's License. The test may be refused if the accompanying person is not qualified.
- In all cases a Current VTG15 certificate must be completed and accompany the vehicle (see overleaf).
- Vehicles carrying an Orange HazChem Plate (e.g .unfolded), will require a VTG15 to be completed. A VTG15 will not be required for an Articulated Tractor Unit when the orange HazChem plate is folded over, is presented unladen or is drawing a non-hazardous trailer.



Road Traffic Act 1988 Section 49
Plating and Testing of Goods Vehicles

Certificate for Vehicles which carry Dangerous Goods or Hazardous Substances

To be handed in when a goods vehicle used for the carriage of dangerous goods arrives at the VOSA Test Station for testing.

Before completing this certificate, please read all the notes overleaf.

Section 1 Identification of Vehicle and Load Vehicle registration mark or trailer identification mark (if no registration number or identification mark, please record Chassis number). U.N. number and classification (see overleaf) of last or current substance carried on vehicle/trailer.		
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U.N. number	Hazard Classification	
	Primary	Secondary

Now complete either Declaration A or Declaration B

Declaration A <i>I declare that the information given above (of Vehicle and Load) is correct.</i> <i>I certify that the vehicle referred to above has been purged and rendered safe for inspection by VOSA.</i>	
Signed.....	Name.....
Company Name.....	Date.....
Position in Company.....	Tel No.....

Declaration B <i>I declare that the information given above (of Vehicle and Load) is correct.</i> <i>I certify that I have read the notes overleaf and have taken all reasonable precautions with respect to the vehicle referred to above, to render it safe for inspection by VOSA Test Station (under Section 49 of the Road Traffic Act 1988), on (date).</i>	
Signed.....	Name.....
Company Name.....	Date.....
Position in Company.....	Tel No.....

Please note! A new certificate must be presented for any subsequent test or retest.

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Vehicle reg/trailer ID number

U.N. number – for use by emergency services

Primary Classification (see overleaf of VTG15)

Secondary Classification (see overleaf VTG15)

Either

**If completed vehicle/trailer considered safe and
no special procedures necessary**

Or

**If completed, vehicle/trailer considered
potentially dangerous, DGV procedures to be
followed**

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Booking and VTG15 procedure

Booking Procedure

When booking your vehicle for annual test and / or ADR inspection, you must inform us

- If the vehicle is or has been used for the carriage of dangerous / hazardous goods.
- If you will render it safe for the test
- Of the type of dangerous / hazardous goods the vehicle will be carrying or the last load carried.

Note: In all cases a VTG15 will be required.

VTG15 Completion and procedure

- The VTG15 should be completed in all cases where vehicles subject to dangerous / hazardous loads are produced at a test station whether for annual test or are accompanying another vehicle i.e. tractor / trailer combinations-
- The VTG15 should be filled in and signed by a competent person and produced at the test station at time of inspection.
- Each time a vehicle is required to attend a test station, a new VTG15 will be required e.g. retests – presenting after failure
- Complete the box which identifies the vehicle for inspection and load to be carried or previously carried
- Complete declaration A or B whichever is appropriate to your vehicle
- The preparation for the test (guidance notes on the reverse of the VTG15) must be followed.

Information regarding the inspection of dangerous goods vehicles can be obtained from your local VOSA Goods Vehicle Test Station or the VOSA Goods Vehicle Centre, Welcombe House, 91 – 92 The Strand, Swansea. Tel. 0870 60 60 440