

MIRRORS AND INDIRECT VISION DEVICES

APPLICATION

This inspection applies to all vehicles and the number and type of mirrors and or indirect vision devices (excluding periscopes) which have to be fitted are shown below.

ITEM	VEHICLE CATEGORY	MIRRORS REQUIRED
1	<u>Any vehicle</u> not listed below	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An exterior mirror on the offside and either an interior mirror (unless this would not give a view to the rear) or an exterior mirror on the nearside.
2	A <u>Bus</u> first used on or after 1 April 1983.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A main exterior mirror on both the offside and nearside.

"Indirect vision devices " means devices to observe the traffic area adjacent to the vehicle which cannot be observed by direct vision. These can be conventional mirrors, camera-monitors or other devices (but not a periscope) able to present information about the indirect field of vision to the driver.

"Interior mirror" means a device as defined in the above paragraph, which can be fitted in the passenger compartment of a vehicle.

"Exterior mirror" means a device as defined in the above paragraph, which can be mounted on the external surface of a vehicle

PROCEDURE AND STANDARDS

The vehicle must be checked to see that the correct number and type of mirrors or other indirect visual devices (e.g. camera & monitor) are fitted. They must be checked for condition, security and position. Indirect vision cameras may replace mirrors on some vehicles. If such devices are fitted, you must inspect the camera(s) and the screen. Indirect visual device monitors used in place of mirrors should be positioned where mirrors would normally be placed.

Internal mirrors must be checked to see that the edges are surrounded by protective material. This does not apply to vehicles registered before April 1969.

For the purpose of this inspection on a left hand drive vehicle the nearside is at the right and the offside at the left.

A cracked mirror is not a Reason for Failure unless the vision is obscured or it is in such a condition that the glass is likely to fall out.

REASONS FOR FAILURE

	Deficiency Category
1. Not fitted with the correct number or type(s) of mirror, or indirect vision device.	MAJOR
2. A required mirror or indirect vision device:	
a. With minor damage that does not obviously interfere with the view to the rear or nearside or front where required of anyone sitting in the driving seat.	MINOR
b. In such a condition that anyone sitting in the driving seat cannot see clearly towards the rear or nearside where required.	MAJOR
3. A mirror, indirect vision device or its mounting bracket insecure or structurally deteriorated.	MAJOR
4. An internal mirror edge not surrounded by protective material or with damaged protective material.	MAJOR