

## **“EXCEPTIONAL CONDITION”: HACKNEY CARRIAGE & PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES**

### **STANDARDS FOR CERTIFICATE OF CONFORMITY TEST**

The standards listed below were adopted by Oxford City Council on 17th March 2006 following consultation with the Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Trade, and are referred to within the Conditions of Fitness found with the Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Vehicle Application Pack.

The Certificate of Compliance Test is of a higher standard than an M.O.T., and the testers will be assessing the following items as well as the mechanical condition of your vehicle.

#### **Exterior:**

- All bodywork to be clean and sound, free from significant or noticeable rust, dents, scrapes scratches or loose panels.
- All paintwork to be in first class condition with no egg-shell finish, different shades or colours either inside or outside which are visible to the Public.
- All wheel trims to be fitted according to the manufacturer's specification and all matched.
- Door or wing mirrors to be in good condition.
- Front and rear registration plates to be clean, clear, not obscured by tow bar etc., unbroken and conform to the relevant legislation.
- Front and rear bumpers to have no significant or noticeable rust, dents, cracks or scrapes properly painted where required and be securely fitted.
- Mud flaps if fitted should be maintained.
- Radiator grills should be secured and the original specification.
- Windscreen and rear screen wiper arms should be in good condition and rust free and properly fitted.
- Wiper blades should be in proper working order and clear the relevant screen properly.
- Windscreen to be clean and free of scratches or chips.
- All door locks and boot locks fitted to be in working order.
- All doors should be easily opened.
- All door handles should be properly fitted easily operated and of original specification.
- A spare wheel which conforms to legal requirements (not spacesaver or similar) must be carried, properly inflated, and securely fitted along with the relevant jack and wheel brace, unless the vehicle is supplied by the manufacturer with approved run-flat tyres or a spare wheel and tyre of a compact design as original equipment, or supplied with the manufacturers approved repair kit (in place of a spare wheel).
- All road wheels to be clean and free from significant marks or damage and rust free.
- Tyres to be inflated to the manufacturers specification.

#### **Interior:**

- All seats to be manufacturers original design and be securely fitted, they should be well sprung and comfortable with no sagging.
- All seat upholstery must match, with no stains, holes or tears.
- Where seat covers are fitted they should be a matching set, a good fit, clean and stain free without sagging, wrinkling, holes or tears.
- All seat belts should be clean, undamaged and in good working order. All anchorage point covers should be properly fitted and match original trim.
- All panels should be clean and match original trim.
- Fitted carpets should be of original specification securely fitted with no stains or holes. No unsecured carpets/mats may be fitted in areas where passengers may stand to enter or leave the vehicle.
- All instruments, accessories, ash trays etc fitted securely, matching the trim and clean.
- Headlining to be stain free, clean with no holes or tears.
- All windows to operate correctly and easily.
- The inside of the vehicle should be free from any trailing or loose wires.
- The boot and/or luggage space should be clean and tidy with an unstained carpet or cover to manufacturer's specification. Any panelling should be in good condition.
- If a hatchback the boot cover must be original with both lifting straps fitted.
- Window locks, handles where provided by the manufacturer to be in working order. All doors must be able to be opened from the inside.
- Heated rear screen, and front if fitted, to be in proper working order.

Should your vehicle fail a Certificate of Compliance Test, you may appeal the decision to the M.O.T. Manager at Cowley Marsh Depot.