



**VOSA**

Vehicle & Operator Services Agency



Project update  
– July 2004

## **MOT Computerisation on track for December 2004 launch**

A great deal of work has been going on in preparation for the launch of MOT Computerisation at the end of 2004. We have produced this update to let you know what's been going on, why testing has been extended and details of the new trials and rollout timetable.

The next big milestone in this project is the rollout of the system to 40 VTS garages in August 2004 where it will be trialled in its true working environment. My thanks go to all those garages that have volunteered to take part in trials this year as they will be running both the existing system and new computerised system in parallel.

**Steve Tonks,**

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## **Independent Review – Autumn 2003**

A review was undertaken in the autumn of 2003 by independent consultancies. They concluded that more system testing was required before the project could move to trial stages. As a result of this the launch timetable has been extended to the end of 2004.

## **The New Timetable – 2004**

### **Trial Stage 1 – June/July**

VOSA internal testing of the system to ensure all functionality works in accordance with the system specification.

### **Trial Stage 2 – August/September**

5 GVTS and 40 VTS sites will be trialled alongside Area Offices in 3 areas: Bristol, Sheffield, and Leicester. This will ensure that the new MOT Computerisation system works in the 'real world' i.e. in vehicle testing stations and VOSA sites.

### **Trial Stage 3 – October/November**

995 sites throughout the UK will have the new system installed and will trial MOT Computerisation for a number of weeks. In all trial stages, garages will operate both the new and current MOT systems side by side, although only existing style MOT certificates will be issued.

### **Rollout – December**

Rollout to the remaining 17,500 VTS will commence in December and is scheduled to take approximately 6 months. Around 10 weeks before installation is due at your VTS we will call you to arrange for the SBS Installer/trainer to visit your premises. You will then receive a questionnaire and new documentation over the following weeks before installation of the MOT Computerisation terminal (VTS Device) and training of your staff on your specified day. From then on you will test vehicles under the new computerised system and issue new style MOT documentation.

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