

## Member Briefing Webinar – Keeping Your Vehicles Compliant

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### Questions and answers

**Q:** What interval would you perform safety inspections on trailers older than 12 years?

**A:** The Guide to Maintaining Roadworthiness recommends trailers over 12 years old are inspected at least every 6 weeks.

**Q:** With reference to roller brake testing imbalance, stamping on the brakes also increases the imbalance dramatically!

**A:** Yes, the likelihood of the brake locking before it has achieved its maximum effort is massively increased by applying the brakes too fast.

**Q:** With reference to transitioning to alternatively fuelled vehicles (AFV), how can vehicle manufacturers be forced to sell AFV's, surely it is down to what customers are buying?

**A:** Yes, legislation means vehicle manufacturers are having to sell more and more alternatively fuelled vehicles and will receive increasing penalties if they don't meet the targets.

**Q:** Is it possible to share the guide to understand your brake test report please, it would be a good quick reference for the technicians?

**A:** Yes, it is available and downloadable via [this link](#).

**Q:** Can you advise why we see brake tests with an overall result of 'Passed' even though there is an imbalance of greater than 30% recorded?

**A:** It will most likely be a result of wheels locking. If, for example, a wheel on one side of the axle achieved a high effort reading but didn't lock, and the wheel on the other side of the axle achieved a lower reading, exceeding 30% imbalance, but locked. The system will disregard the lower reading as you cannot achieve a greater effort from a brake than a locked wheel.

**Q:** Do all trailers need to be added to an operator licence if it's used as a stand trailer storing equipment, not used on the road?

**A:** Longer semi trailers are the only trailers that need to be added to an operator licence. For trailers in use it is good practice, for those not in use there is no requirement. Remember that trailers used for storage could affect the space in your site to accommodate O licensed vehicles and trailers.