

## **VOSA ANNUAL TEST MORRIS 8 CARS 1934 to 1938**

I have spent a few moments noting down items of electrical equipment that are often 'grey areas' when subjecting our cars to the dreaded annual test. This is the position as I see it, comments are invited particularly if I am incorrect in any of my assumptions.

Firstly, I suggest that you ask to pay a reduced fee, as our cars are not subject to the full test. Notably no emission tests have to be done, and other items such as seat belts etc. do not require inspection. My garage currently obligingly charges me £35 00p, although I do sit in as the assistant!

- a) Front Side lights are required one each side symmetrically placed.
- b) Rear Tail lights are required one each side symmetrically placed.
- c) Rear Reflectors are required one each side symmetrically placed.
- d) Stop lights NOT required for cars registered before 1<sup>st</sup> January 1936, but if fitted must comply as e) below.
- e) Stop lights are required for later cars, ideally one each side symmetrically placed. However one is permissible e.g on the offside of the number plate.
- f) Rear number plate should be illuminated.
- g) Dip and cut headlamps are currently ILLEGAL for cars registered after 1<sup>st</sup> January 1931. This was I believe brought in with retrospective legislation on April 1<sup>st</sup> 1968, and so all of our cars post 1930 should have double dipping matched headlamps one each side symmetrically placed.
- h) Horn is required.
- i) Wipers/washers required for cars with fixed windscreens, but cars with opening screens are exempt.
- j) However, apparently if a wiper has been fitted optionally to an opening windscreen, then a washer is required too.
- k) Semaphore indicators are satisfactory provided they are lit when in use, no dash warning light being required if they can be seen by the driver when in use. (Hence the fitting of small mirrors).
- l) Flashing indicators can be fitted symmetrically placed and fitted with a warning light.

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