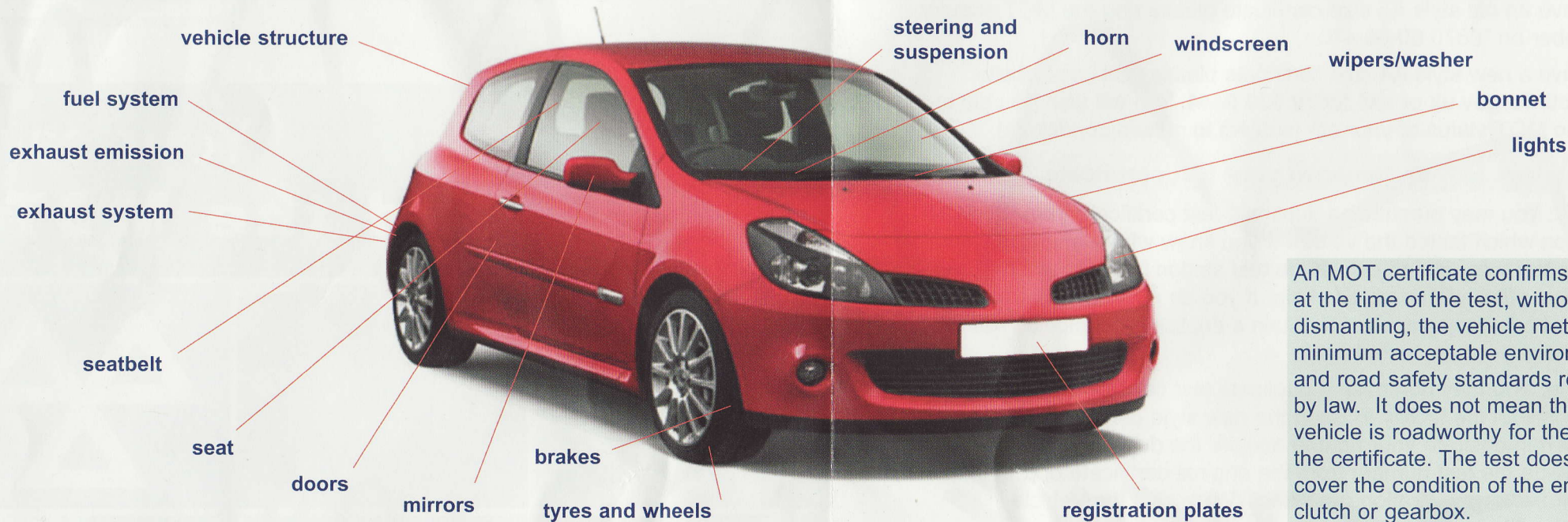


What is included in the MOT test?



An MOT certificate confirms that at the time of the test, without dismantling, the vehicle met the minimum acceptable environmental and road safety standards required by law. It does not mean that the vehicle is roadworthy for the life of the certificate. The test does not cover the condition of the engine, clutch or gearbox.

Vehicle structure: Free from excessive corrosion or damage in specific areas, no sharp edges.

Fuel System: No leaks. Cap fastens and seals securely. The fuel cap will need to be opened. Make sure the key is available.

Exhaust emissions: Vehicle meets the requirements of exhaust emissions, dependant on the age and fuel type of the vehicle.

Exhaust system: Secure, complete, without serious leaks and silences effectively.

Seat belts: All the seat belts installed are checked for type, condition, operation and security. All compulsory seat belts must be in place.

Seats: Front seats secure. Front and rear backseats can be secured in the upright position.

Doors: Open and close. Latch securely in closed position. Front doors should open from inside and outside the vehicle. Rear doors may need to be opened to gain access to testable items.

Mirrors: Presence, condition, security.

Brakes: Condition, operation and performance (efficiency test). **Note** the removal of the road wheels is not part of the test.

Tyres and wheels: Condition, security, tyre size/type and tread depth. Spare tyres are not inspected.

Registration plates: Condition, security, digits correctly formed and spaced.

Lights: Condition, operation, security and correct colour. Also the headlamps will be checked to see if the aim is correct.

Bonnet: Secures safely in the closed position

Wipers/washers: Operate to give the driver a clear view ahead.

Windscreen: Condition and driver's view of the road.

Horn: Correct operation and the right type.

Steering and suspension: Correct condition and operation.

Vehicle identification number: Not more than one different identification number should be present on a vehicle first used on or after 1 August 1980.