

MOVING BRAKE TEST

Objectives	<p>To confirm that the braking system is working correctly.</p> <p>To establish that steering and stability is not adversely affected (i.e. vehicle pulls up in a straight line under progressive braking).</p> <p>To establish the pressure required on the brake pedal.</p>
Conditions	<p>Ideally on a straight, level road, with nothing in front, behind or to the sides.</p> <p>Not travelling at an excessive speed (25-30 mph)</p>
Conducted	<p>Very early in the observed drive, when it is safe to do so.</p>
Method	<p>Give prior warning of the intention to conduct the test by announcing "Stand By For Moving Brake Test".</p> <p>At the point of test, having validated that conditions are suitable, announce "Braking Now".</p> <p>Declutch (to avoid engine braking interfering with the test).</p> <p>Apply light pedal pressure, braking gradually and progressively.</p> <p>Release the brake pedal <i>before</i> reaching a standstill to confirm that the brakes release fully and are not binding.</p> <p>If the test is satisfactory, announce "Pulling up evenly".</p> <p>Note: there is no need to bring the vehicle to a standstill.</p>