



**Supplementary Notice 5: under bonnet fires in TX4s
Removal of licence suspensions
(and modification of remedial work by LTI)**

PCO Notice 32/08 suspended the licences for all TX4 taxis with a registration number in the '56' range. PCO Notice 33/08 in addition extended the suspension of licences for TX4 taxis to those with a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) in the range 200001 to 201000, which would include some '07' and cherished registrations. These vehicles have been the focus of LTI's recent investigations and inspections.

PCO Notice 34/08 detailed the remedial work that LTI had identified needed to be carried out to enable the affected vehicles to return to service. Having received independent advice the PCO agreed to remove the suspension of licence on affected vehicles once the remedial work had been completed and the owner had been issued with certification to that effect by LTI.

LTI has subsequently informed the PCO that its further investigations have provided sufficient evidence for it to modify the planned remedial work on TX4s with a VIN of 200540 or above. LTI will be issuing a statement to this effect (<http://www.lti.co.uk/news/?cat=2>).

LTI has informed the PCO that it will carry out the following remedial work on these vehicles:

- Replace the Exhaust Gas Recirculation pipe
- Install a heat shield over the Exhaust Gas Recirculation pipe
- Install a formed steel cover to encase the NVH pad to prevent the NVH pad detaching from the bulkhead and provide additional shielding from heat sources in the engine bay.
- Thoroughly inspect all pipe runs and wiring for evidence of unusual wear and replace as necessary

The revised rework plan will only apply to TX4s from VIN 200540 to VIN 205838. The original rework plan, as set out in PCO Notice 34/08, still applies to TX4s with a VIN below 200540.

The PCO has received independent advice that the remedial works listed above, once completed, will reduce the risk of under bonnet fire such that it is acceptable to return the vehicle to passenger service as these works address the safety concerns which led to the suspension.

Accordingly, the PCO will remove the suspension of licence on affected vehicles once the relevant remedial work has been completed and the owner has been issued with certification to that effect by LTI.

- Vehicles with this certification can be returned to service. Any TX4, regardless of VIN, that has already been recalled and certified by LTI in accordance with PCO Notice 34/08 does not need further work to be returned to passenger service.
- Vehicles with a cancelled annual licensing or mid-year appointment at SGS can now re-book this appointment.
- Owners are advised to contact their insurers to clarify their insurance status.

Owners must ensure that the LTI certification remains with the vehicle when placed back into service and be made available when presenting the vehicle for any inspection at SGS or during an 'on-street' compliance inspection by an authorised officer.

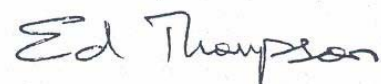
LTI has informed the PCO that it is continuing to contact affected vehicle owners to attend Mann and Overton in order that the remedial works can be completed as quickly as possible and in an orderly manner, in ascending VIN order.

Drivers and keepers of these vehicles do not need to take any action at present. LTI will contact vehicle owners at the appropriate time to arrange for these vehicles to be modified.

Again, the PCO would like to thank every affected vehicle owner for their co-operation during this very difficult period. Further information can be found on www.tfl.gov.uk/tx4 or by calling **020 7126 1980** (Monday to Friday 9am – 4pm).



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