



Supplementary Notice 4: under bonnet fires in TX4s Removal of licence suspensions

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.

LTI has informed the PCO that it has now completed investigations into the cause of the fires and identified what remedial work needs to be carried out to enable the affected vehicles to return to service. The PCO has received independent advice that the remedial works listed below, 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.

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

- Replace the Exhaust Gas Recirculation pipe
- Install a heat shield over the Exhaust Gas Recirculation pipe
- Replace the bulkhead Noise Vibration and Harshness pad with one of a new design and material
- Thoroughly inspect all pipe runs and wiring for evidence of unusual wear and replace as necessary
- Fit a fire suppression system to rebuild driver and passenger confidence

Accordingly, the PCO will remove the suspension of licence on affected vehicles once the 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.
- 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.

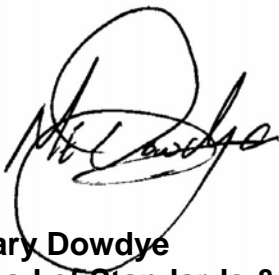
Owners must ensure that the LTI certification remains with the vehicle when placed back into service and be made available when presenting the vehicle for any inspection at SGS or during an 'on-street' compliance inspection by an authorised officer.

LTI has informed the PCO that it is contacting all 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.

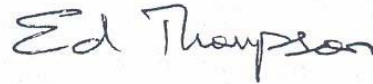
Remainder of TX4 fleet

LTI has also informed the PCO that following this initial recall for remedial works to the above range of TX4s, they will be initiating a recall of remaining TX4s in order that they also have the above modifications carried out.

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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