




## Vehicle inspection prices

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### The cost of an inspection

These cost from as little as £128 for AA Members (£142 for non-members). But the cost of an inspection depends on the engine size and the type of inspection.

#### Basic inspections

Available for vehicles up to 8 years old, this inspection covers mechanical and vehicle operations, and also checks for body damage. See what we check.

Engine size	AA Member	Non-member
Up to 1800cc	£128	£142
Over 1801cc	£146	£162

#### Comprehensive Inspection

This inspection is available for vehicles up to 15 years old, and covers the bodywork, paintwork, interior, visible mechanical and electrical components and equipment. It includes an up to 10-mile road test, multi-page written report and a verbal report. See what we check.

Engine size	AA Member	Non-member
Up to 1400cc	£172	£191
1401 to 2000cc	£182	£202
2001 to 2500cc	£229	£254
Over 2501cc	£275	£305

#### Four-wheel drive inspection

This Comprehensive Inspection also covers the 4WD operation of the vehicle. See what we check.

Engine size	AA Member	Non-member
Up to 1400cc	£172	£191
1401 to 2000cc	£182	£202
2001 to 2500cc	£263	£294
Over 2501cc	£309	£345

**Vans and motorhomes up to 3,500kg**

See what we check.

Engine size	AA Member	Non-member
<b>Van</b>	£174	£193
<b>Motorhome</b>	£214	£238

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### Why buy AA Vehicle Inspections

Get a vehicle safety check and road test before you buy

- up to **206 checks** per car
- **same-day** feedback, written report within one day
- fixed rated, no hidden costs
- impartial advice to help you negotiate a price
- available for **cars, vans and motorhomes**

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#### Why check a car before you buy

An AA customer recently saved himself £17,500. He got the AA to check a used car before he bought and found out it had been stolen.

#### Comprehensive inspection

206 safety checks, includes all basic inspection checks plus additional checks on:

- roadworthiness
- mechanical and main electrical functions
- previous body repairs
- 10-mile road test

Basic inspection

Over 154 safety checks completed for vehicles up to 8 years old, including

- mechanical and vehicle operations
- previous accident damage

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## Frequently asked questions

All you need to know about Vehicle Inspections

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### Types of vehicle inspected

What vehicles do you inspect?

We can inspect the majority of cars, light vans and motorhomes up to 15 years old, either before purchase or after purchase. Vehicle age is determined by the year of manufacture and may differ from the year of registration

What vehicles do you not inspect?

- any vehicle over 15 years old
- refrigerated units and bodywork, body tipping gear, tail lifts
- any vehicle over 3,500kg
- horse boxes
- American imports
- kit cars
- limousines
- hybrid/dual-fuel vehicles
- motorcycles
- London taxis (black cabs)
- specific high performance vehicles

**Can you inspect disability cars?**

Yes, as long as they don't have disability controls.

**Do you inspect Imports?**

Yes, if the import is registered in the UK and is recognised in the UK, with the exception of American imports.

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**Booking an inspection**

**In which geographical areas do you carry out inspections?**

Inspections are only available on the mainland of Great Britain.

Vehicle inspections are not available on any of the Islands or in Northern Ireland, and some areas of Scotland and Wales.

**Do you inspect within congestion charging zones?**

The engineers can enter a charging zone, but the payment for any congestion charges due for the vehicle being inspected and the engineer's vehicle is your responsibility and will be charged appropriately.

**Do engineers work out of hours?**

No. They work Monday to Friday 8:30am to 5pm.

**Why do I need the vehicle registration number?**

The registration number enables us to identify the vehicle, and to allocate the price and type of inspection.

**Can the vehicle be inspected without a current MOT Certificate?**

If the vehicle does not have a current MOT certificate, or in the opinion of the inspecting engineer the vehicle is unroadworthy, the road test will not be carried out. There is no refund due if this part of the inspection cannot be carried out.

**Do I have to do anything else before the inspection?**

- Tell the owner that you are arranging an inspection
- Obtain the owner's permission to road test the vehicle
- Check that the vehicle will be available to allow the inspection and road test to take place
- Check that the vehicle has a current MOT certificate (if applicable) and has sufficient fuel for the road test
- The vehicle must be located on a hard, level surface off the public highway
- The vehicle should be reasonably clean



**Can I contact the engineer?**

Yes. You will be emailed his contact details with confirmation of the inspection being assigned to him.

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**The vehicle inspection**

**How soon is the inspection after booking?**

The owner/vendor is contacted as soon as possible to arrange a time that is mutually convenient. Most inspections are carried out within three working days, but this cannot be guaranteed.

**Can I book a specific appointment time for the engineer?**

No. Most inspections are carried out within three working days, but this is dependant on the owner/vendor, who will be contacted to arrange the appointment.

**Do I have to be present at the inspection?**

No. We will arrange the inspection with the owner/vendor (or the garage).

**What does a Basic Inspection cover?**

- available on cars up to 8 years old
- mechanical function
- short road test â€" length subject to traffic and road conditions
- detailed written report

**What extras are there in the Comprehensive Inspection?**

- available on vehicles up to 15 years old
- body exterior â€" panel condition and alignment, paintwork, trim, bumpers, soft-top operation and condition
- electrical checks â€" mirrors, heater/fan controls, air-conditioning operation, and an opinion is given regarding the condition and operation of the radio/cassette/CD/aerial, if fitted
- interior â€" steering wheel, seat upholstery, carpets, luggage/door trim panels, door fittings/operation, door seals/hinges, interior seals, visors, sun roof, dash panel condition, cigarette lighter, illumination lights
- corrosion protection
- 4WD operation
- full road test

**What is not included in the inspections?**

- dismantling the vehicle or any of its components
- any indication as to the accuracy of the mileage reading â€" we recommend an AA Car Data Check
- oil and fuel consumption
- source of oil leaks
- TV/DVD/satellite navigation systems
- cylinder compression
- air-conditioning function and efficiency by the use of specific diagnostic equipment
- vehicle electrics and electronics by the use of specific diagnostic equipment

- exhaust emissions and/or catalytic converters using gas analysing equipment
- habitation area of motorhomes: electrical systems and appliances, water fittings and appliances, gas fittings and appliances, body/caravan area for water ingress or dampness

**How long does the inspection take?**

It will take from one to two and a half hours, depending on the inspection type, location, the vehicle concerned and its condition.

**How long is the road test?**

A Comprehensive Inspection is usually 10 miles, and 5 miles for a Basic Inspection. However, the distance is dependant on location, traffic levels, fuel level and the engineer's judgment.

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**After the inspection**

**How soon do I get a verbal report?**

This will be late in the day or early evening after the engineer has completed his daily inspection workload and written the report.

**How will the inspection report be sent to me?**

You will receive an email that contains a link to the report, which can then be downloaded from the website.

**Will you do a discount on re-inspections to see if the owner has made the changes as a result of an initial inspection?**

Yes. A re-inspection is available at a reduced price. Please call 0800 056 8040, Monday to Sunday 8am to 8pm, to speak to an advisor.

**Are there any guarantees?**

The report is based on the opinions and expertise of the engineer following a visual assessment as to the condition of the vehicle at the time of the inspection.

**What if I have a complaint?**

Please call 0800 056 8040, Monday to Sunday 8am to 8pm, and an advisor will help you in accordance with our complaints procedures.

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## Vehicle inspection checklist

Please note that some checks may not be applicable to the vehicle you are buying.

	Body Exterior	Comprehensive	Basic	Van	Motorhome
Panel condition/alignment		yes	no	no	yes
Paintwork		yes	no	no	yes
Exterior trim		yes	no	no	yes
Glass		yes	yes	yes	yes

Body Exterior	Comprehensive	Basic	Van	Motorhome
Bumpers and number plates	yes	no	no	yes
Door locks	yes	yes	yes	yes
Fuel Filler cover/cap	yes	yes	yes	yes
Soft top operation	yes	no	no	no
Body damage	yes	yes	yes	yes
Corrosion	yes	yes	yes	yes
Corrosion Protection	yes	no	no	yes
Mud Flaps	yes	yes	yes	yes
Bonnet catch	yes	yes	yes	yes
Bonnet Hinges	yes	yes	yes	yes
Body load space condition	no	no	yes	no
Engine Compartment	Comprehensive	Basic	Van	Motorhome
Coolant level/Condition	yes	yes	yes	yes
Coolant Leaks	yes	yes	yes	yes
Anti Freeze	yes	yes	yes	yes
Radiator/Cap	yes	yes	yes	yes
Hoses/Pipes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Drive Belts	yes	yes	yes	yes
Water Pump	yes	yes	yes	yes
Power Steering (oil level)	yes	yes	yes	yes
Clutch Fluid	yes	yes	yes	yes
Brake Fluid	yes	yes	yes	yes
Engine Oil level	yes	yes	yes	yes
External Leaks (Upper engine)	yes	yes	yes	yes
Engine Mountings	yes	yes	yes	yes
Carburettor/Fuel Injection	yes	yes	yes	yes
Turbo/Supercharger	yes	yes	yes	yes
Fuel Pump/Pipes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Accelerator Links	yes	yes	yes	yes
Cold starting	yes	yes	yes	yes
Fast Idle (cold)	yes	yes	yes	yes
Noise Level (cold)	yes	yes	yes	yes
Excess Fumes/Smoke	yes	yes	yes	yes
Electrical Controls	Comprehensive	Basic	Van	Motorhome
Starting Systems/Ignition lock	yes	yes	yes	yes
Battery Condition	yes	yes	yes	yes



Electrical Controls	Comprehensive	Basic	Van	Motorhome
Battery Voltages	yes	yes	yes	yes
Headlights	yes	yes	yes	yes
Sidelights	yes	yes	yes	yes
Rear lights	yes	yes	yes	yes
Stop Lights	yes	yes	yes	yes
Indicators/Hazard lights	yes	yes	yes	yes
Reverse/Fog lights	yes	yes	yes	yes
Auxiliary Lights	yes	yes	yes	yes
Interior/Panel lights	yes	yes	yes	yes
Mirrors (electric)	yes	yes	yes	yes
Controls/switches	yes	yes	yes	yes
Instruments	yes	yes	yes	yes
Horn	yes	yes	yes	yes
Radio Aerial	yes	no	no	yes
Heater/Fan controls	yes	no	no	yes
Air Con operation	yes	no	no	yes
Windows/sun roof	yes	yes	yes	yes
Wipers/washers	yes	yes	yes	yes
Headlamp wash/wipe	yes	yes	yes	yes

Interior/Luggage Compartment	Comprehensive	Basic	Van	Motorhome
Steering wheel alignment/Adjustment	yes	no	no	yes
Seat Upholstery	yes	no	no	yes
Seat adjustment	yes	yes	yes	yes
Seat belts	yes	yes	yes	yes
Carpets	yes	no	no	yes
Door trims panels	yes	no	no	yes
Door fittings/Operations	yes	no	no	yes
Door Seals/Hinges	yes	no	no	yes
Interior sills	yes	no	no	yes
Headlining/Visors	yes	no	no	yes
Sun Roof	yes	no	no	yes
Dash panel (condition)	yes	no	no	yes
Cigarette Lighter	yes	no	no	yes
Mirrors (Internal)	yes	yes	yes	no
Rear Parcel shelf	yes	yes	yes	no
Boot/Tailgate lock	yes	yes	yes	no

Interior/Luggage Compartment	Comprehensive	Basic	Van	Motorhome
Luggage area trim condition	yes	no	no	no
Illumination light	yes	no	no	yes
Tool kit	yes	no	no	yes
Soft top (condition)	yes	no	no	no
Tonneau cover	yes	no	no	no

Front Suspension/Steering/Under frame	Comprehensive	Basic	Van	Motorhome
Engine underside leakage	yes	yes	yes	yes
Steering joints/ball joints	yes	yes	yes	yes
Steering box/rack	yes	yes	yes	yes
Chassis members	yes	yes	yes	yes
Power Steering (operation)	yes	yes	yes	yes
Wheel hubs/bearings	yes	yes	yes	yes
Springs/suspension units	yes	yes	yes	yes
Pipes/hoses	yes	yes	yes	yes
Dampers (condition/leaks)	yes	yes	yes	yes
Gaiters	yes	yes	yes	yes
Sub frames mountings	yes	yes	yes	yes
Suspension arms/mounts	yes	yes	yes	yes
Tie bars/anti roll bars	yes	yes	yes	yes
Corrosion Protection	yes	no	no	yes
Corrosion-floor/chassis	yes	yes	yes	yes

Rear suspension/Under Frame	Comprehensive	Basic	Van	Motorhome
Springs/suspension bars	yes	yes	yes	yes
Anti roll bar	yes	yes	yes	yes
Dampers/bushes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Suspension arms/fixings	yes	yes	yes	yes
Location rods/fixings	yes	yes	yes	yes
Bump stops/gaiters	yes	yes	yes	yes
Wheel hubs/bearings	yes	yes	yes	yes
Pipes/hoses	yes	yes	yes	yes
Sub frames/mountings	yes	yes	yes	yes
Chassis members	yes	yes	yes	yes
Corrosion Protection	yes	no	no	yes
Corrosion-floor/chassis	yes	yes	yes	yes

Clutch/Transmission	Comprehensive	Basic	Van	Motorhome
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Fluid/oil leaks	yes	yes	yes	yes
Cables/Adjustments	yes	yes	yes	yes
Hydraulic system	yes	yes	yes	yes
Linkage (wear)	yes	yes	yes	yes
Casings	yes	yes	yes	yes
Mountings	yes	yes	yes	yes
Drive shaft assembly	yes	yes	yes	yes
Universal/sliding Joints	yes	yes	yes	yes
Backlash	yes	yes	yes	yes
Gaiters	yes	yes	yes	yes
Prop shaft(s)	yes	yes	yes	yes
Bearings/supports	yes	yes	yes	yes
<b>Exhaust System</b>	<b>Comprehensive</b>	<b>Basic</b>	<b>Van</b>	<b>Motorhome</b>
Manifold	yes	yes	yes	yes
Pipes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Silencer(s) Catalyst	yes	yes	yes	yes
Heat shields/Mountings	yes	yes	yes	yes
Joints/couplings	yes	yes	yes	yes
System condition	yes	yes	yes	yes
<b>Fuel System</b>	<b>Comprehensive</b>	<b>Basic</b>	<b>Van</b>	<b>Motorhome</b>
Tank	yes	yes	yes	yes
Tank Fixings	yes	yes	yes	yes
Fuel lines	yes	yes	yes	yes
Breather pipes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Evidence of leaks	yes	yes	yes	yes
<b>Brakes</b>	<b>Comprehensive</b>	<b>Basic</b>	<b>Van</b>	<b>Motorhome</b>
Master cylinder security	yes	yes	yes	yes
Fluid Leaks	yes	yes	yes	yes
Servo/power system	yes	yes	yes	yes
Flexible hoses	yes	yes	yes	yes
Pipes/connections	yes	yes	yes	yes
Discs/pads (if visible)	yes	yes	yes	yes
H/Brake/operation adjustment	yes	yes	yes	yes
H/Brake linkage	yes	yes	yes	yes

<b>Brakes</b>	<b>Comprehensive</b>	<b>Basic</b>	<b>Van</b>	<b>Motorhome</b>
Pedal/linkage	yes	yes	yes	yes
<b>Wheels and Tyres</b>	<b>Comprehensive</b>	<b>Basic</b>	<b>Van</b>	<b>Motorhome</b>
Wheel Rims	yes	yes	yes	yes
Wheel Trims	yes	yes	yes	yes
Right front tyre	yes	yes	yes	yes
Left front tyre	yes	yes	yes	yes
Right rear tyre	yes	yes	yes	yes
Left rear tyre	yes	yes	yes	yes
Spare tyre	yes	yes	yes	yes
<b>Road Test</b>	<b>Comprehensive</b>	<b>Basic</b>	<b>Van</b>	<b>Motorhome</b>
Distance covered where possible	10 miles	5 miles	5 miles	10 miles
Final drive operation/noise	yes	yes	yes	yes
Gearbox operation/noise	yes	yes	yes	yes
Engine performance	yes	yes	yes	yes
Engine noise	yes	yes	yes	yes
Excess smoke	yes	yes	yes	yes
Overheating evidence	yes	yes	yes	yes
Auto changes/kick down	yes	yes	yes	yes
Instruments/controls operation	yes	yes	yes	yes
Steering wheel alignment	yes	yes	yes	yes
Clutch operation	yes	yes	yes	yes
4WD operation	yes	no	yes	yes
Cooling fan operation	yes	yes	yes	yes
Steering effort	yes	yes	yes	yes
Hot restart	yes	yes	yes	yes
Road holding/stability	yes	yes	yes	yes
General steering/handling	yes	yes	yes	yes
Foot brake operation	yes	yes	yes	yes
H/Brake operation	yes	yes	yes	yes
Suspension noise	yes	yes	yes	yes
Warning Lights	yes	yes	yes	yes
<b>Final Check</b>	<b>Comprehensive</b>	<b>Basic</b>	<b>Van</b>	<b>Motorhome</b>
Uneven tyre wear	yes	yes	yes	yes
Oil leaks	yes	yes	yes	yes
Coolant leaks	yes	yes	yes	yes



## 10% AA member discount

If you hold another AA product such as breakdown cover or insurance, you'll have been issued with an AA card, which gives you 10% off your inspection today.

Have your AA card to hand when you book your inspection online or over the phone.

You just have to give us the 16-digit number when asked to claim your 10% discount. ([Terms and conditions apply.](#))

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