

# Vehicle Testing by RTA

In alignment with its vision to ensure Safe and Smooth Transport for all, Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) launched many **Vehicle Testing Centers (VTC)** all around the emirate of Dubai to provide different services related to vehicle inspection.

In this document you will find the most Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) related to vehicle testing and safety.

**For inquiries or more details, please contact 8009090.**

## FAQ's

➤ Why do I require to test my vehicle?.....	2
➤ When do I require to test my vehicle?.....	2
➤ Where can I go to test my vehicle?.....	4
➤ How long does the vehicle inspection take? .....	5
➤ What is the validity of the test ? .....	6
➤ What are the requirements before I visit the Vehicle Test Centre?.....	6
➤ What documentation do I need?.....	6
➤ When is the last day I can test my vehicle? .....	7
➤ What are the fees associated with the test? .....	7
➤ What are the consequences if I do not pass the Vehicle test?.....	8
➤ Where can I go for a re-test? .....	8
➤ May I test my vehicle in a different emirate to where my car is registered?.....	8
➤ What if I believe that my vehicle test result is incorrect? .....	8

## Items checked when testing your vehicle

➤ **Why do I require to test my vehicle?**

- As per the Legislation in Dubai, vehicles must undergo vehicle tests at their respective frequencies to ensure the vehicles are road worthy. In line with Dubai’s strategic vision of ‘safer vehicles’, the vehicle testing promotes vehicle safety as unsafe vehicles will not be able to pass the test and therefore must rectify the defects before being able to be driven on the roads of Dubai.

➤ **When do I require to test my vehicle?**

- The below table provides the various types of vehicle tests that may be required to be performed in order to comply with the RTA Safety Regulations.

<b>Test Type</b>	<b>Definition</b>
<b>Defect Test*</b>	The defect test refers to the event where the vehicle is taken to the Vehicle Testing Partners’ site for tests following a roadside inspection or a remote detection of defect(s).
<b>Export Test</b>	The export test refers to the test required prior to exporting a vehicle outside the UAE. This involves capturing of vehicle identification data such as chassis and engine details.
<b>New Vehicle Registration Test</b>	The new vehicle registration test refers to the test required prior to registration of a vehicle purchased from outside an authorised vehicle agency in UAE. This test is also required when transferring vehicle ownership or when re-registering a vehicle.
<b>Periodic Vehicle Test</b>	The periodic vehicle test refers to the periodic testing of vehicle safety, roadworthiness aspects and exhaust emissions applicable to most vehicles. This test is required to renew the vehicle registration.
<b>Re-tests</b>	The re-test refers to the test performed upon failure of any of the above tests.

- The below table provides the frequency at which the defined tests may be performed.

Test Type	Vehicle Category	Frequency
<b>Periodic Vehicle Test</b>	Light Vehicles	Private Vehicles: 3 – 1 – 1 – 1... Commercial Vehicles: 1 – 1 – 1 – 1...
	Heavy Vehicles	1 – 1 – 1 – 1...
<b>New Vehicle Registration Test</b>	Light Vehicles	Triggered upon: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purchase from outside the authorised vehicle agencies in the UAE</li> <li>• Transfer of vehicle ownership</li> <li>• Re-registration of vehicle</li> <li>• Post the new vehicle registration test, the vehicles in all categories must be tested annually</li> </ul>
	Heavy Vehicles	
<b>Re-test</b>	Light Vehicles	Triggered within 30 days of failure of compliance to above test standards
	Heavy Vehicles	
<b>Export Test</b>	Light Vehicles	Triggered when exporting a vehicle outside Dubai.
	Heavy Vehicles	

➤ **Where can I go to test my vehicle?**

- There are multiple vehicle testing facilities all over the emirate. Please find below the details:

**VTC : Branches, Location, Services & Timings**

<b>VTC Name</b>	<b>Branch / Location</b>	<b>Services</b>	<b>Operation Hours</b>
<b>Tamam</b>	<b>Ras al Khor</b> Community 613, Ras al Khor 4	- Light vehicle, Heavy vehicle &Trailer - Renewal test, Registration test, Export test	8:00am to 10:00pm
<b>Cars</b>	<b>Deira</b> No. 8 Al-Khabeesi area, Opposite Hamarain Center P.O. Box 5239	- Light vehicle, Heavy vehicle &Trailer - Renewal test, Registration test, Export test	7:00am to 10:00pm
<b>Tasjeel</b>	<b>Warsan</b> Warsan, University City Street	- Light vehicle, Heavy vehicle &Trailer - Renewal test, Registration test, Export test	8:00am To 10:00pm
<b>Tasjeel</b>	<b>Jebel Ali</b> Jebel Ali Free Zone, Entrance 18 - Roundabout 13	- Light vehicle, Heavy vehicle &Trailer - Renewal test, Registration test, Export test	08:00am am to 03:00pm
<b>Tasjeel</b>	<b>Barsha</b> Sheikh Zayed Road, Al Quoz Industrial 3 - Bur Dubai Traffic Building	- Light vehicles - Renewal test, Registration test, Export test	8:00am To 10:00pm
<b>Tasjeel</b>	<b>Qusais</b> Beirut Street, Al Qusais Industrial 5	- Light vehicles - Renewal test, Registration test, Export test	8:00am To 10:00pm
<b>Tasjeel</b>	<b>Awir</b> Ras Al Khor - Used Car Complex	- Light vehicles - Renewal test, Registration test, Export test	7:30am To 9:00pm
<b>Shamil</b>	<b>Muhaisana</b> Qusais Industrial 2,	- Light vehicles - Renewal test,	8:00am To 10:00pm

	Beirut Street		Registration test, Export test	
Shamil	Nad al Hammar Nad Al Hamar, Nad Al Hamar Street	- -	Light vehicles Renewal test, Registration test, Export test	8:00am To 10:00pm
Shamil	Adhed Hudaiba - Sheikh Rashid Road - Opposite Modern International Hospital	- -	Light vehicles Renewal test, Registration test, Export test	8:00am To 10:00pm
Wasel	Al Jadaf Al Jadaf - Behind Al Wasl	- -	Light vehicles Renewal test, Registration test, Export test	7:00am To 09:30pm
Wasel	Al Mizhar Arabian Centre	- -	Light vehicles Renewal test, Registration test, Export test	8:00am To 10:00pm
Mumayaz	Al Mihzar	- -	Light vehicles Renewal test, Registration test, Export test	8:00am to 10:00pm
Mumayaz	Al Humriyah	- -	Light vehicles Export test	8:00am to 10:00pm
Shirawi	Sheikh Zayed Road	- -	Heavy vehicles Renewal test, Registration test, Export test	8:00am to 10:00pm

➤ **How long does the vehicle inspection take?**

- On an average it may take up to 15 minutes to test a light vehicle. The average end to end service time ranges from 20 – 40 minutes, depending on the volume of Customers.
- On an average it may take up to 20 minutes to test a heavy vehicle. The average end to end service time ranges from 25-45 minutes, depending on the volume of customers.
- End to end service refers to the moment when you hand over your car to perform the inspection until when the inspection is complete and you have received your vehicle.

➤ **What is the validity of the test ?**

- The test certificate issued by the RTA is valid for 30 days from the issue date. You must complete the transaction following the test within the test certificate validity period.

➤ **What are the requirements before I visit the Vehicle Test Centre?**

The driver must ensure the following requirements are met prior to a vehicle test:

- Clean vehicle.
- Clean vehicle plate number.
- Remove underside cover, if present.
- Make sure the safety triangle, spare wheel and fire extinguisher (as applicable to your vehicle category) are in a visible/accessible location.
- No advertisements and/or stickers of any sort on the vehicle without prior approval from the RTA.

➤ **What documentation do I need?**

- The following documentation must be present when performing a vehicle test:
  - Vehicle registration card.
- However to perform vehicle registration, you must :
  - Ensure that the vehicle test (if applicable) is performed and a valid vehicle insurance policy is obtained.
  - Present the following documents:
    - Emirates ID.
    - Vehicle Registration card.
    - Commercial license copy (applicable for commercial customers only).

➤ **When is the last day I can test my vehicle?**

- For registration renewal, the vehicle test can be performed up to 6 months prior to the expiry of the vehicle registration. In the case where the vehicle test is not performed within 6 months of expiry of the vehicle registration, the test must be performed no later than 1 month after expiry of the vehicle registration in order to avoid penalties of any form.

➤ **What are the fees associated with the test?**

Test Type	Vehicle Category	Fees (in AED)
<b>Periodic Vehicle Test</b>	Light Vehicles	120
	Heavy Vehicles	150
<b>New Vehicle Registration Test</b>	Light Vehicles	120
	Heavy Vehicles	150
<b>First Re-test</b>	Light Vehicles	-
	Heavy Vehicles	-
<b>Second Re-test</b>	Light Vehicles	35
	Heavy Vehicles	37.5
<b>Export Test</b>	Light Vehicles	25
	Heavy Vehicles	25

Effective January 1<sup>st</sup> 2013 the following will apply. Please note that the second re-test will not be applicable anymore and in turn there will be a fee for the one and only re-test as shown below.

Test Type	Vehicle Category	Fees (in AED)
<b>Periodic Vehicle Test</b>	Light Vehicles	120
	Heavy Vehicles	150
<b>New Vehicle Registration Test</b>	Light Vehicles	120
	Heavy Vehicles	150
<b>First Re-test</b>	Light Vehicles	35
	Heavy Vehicles	50
<b>Export Test</b>	Light Vehicles	25
	Heavy Vehicles	25

➤ **What are the consequences if I do not pass the Vehicle test?**

In the event of a failed vehicle test, you must repair the vehicle defects within 30 days, in which 2 vehicle re-tests are permitted. In the event, you do not obtain a valid test certificate, then you will bear the following consequences:

- Road usage charge – the Customer will be charged with monetary fine by the RTA Vehicle Licensing department for every additional day the vehicle is not renewed.
- No vehicle registration – You will not be able to renew your vehicle.
- Fine from Dubai Police or other Emirates Police if unable to present a valid vehicle registration.
- Renewal of commercial license – fleet operators will not be able to renew their commercial license if more than 10% of their fleet is not registered.

Effective 01<sup>st</sup> Jan, 2013, only 1 re-test attempt is permitted within 30 days of the issue date of the initial test certificate. Upon failure of the re-test, you are required to perform a fresh vehicle test.

➤ **Where can I go for a re-test?**

- The re-test can be performed in any Vehicle Testing Centre branch, but must be performed in within the same Vehicle Test Company as the initial test.

➤ **May I test my vehicle in a different emirate to where my car is registered?**

- No, the vehicle must be tested in the emirate in which their vehicle is registered to.

➤ **What if I believe that my vehicle test result is incorrect?**

- In this case, you may approach the RTA with your case through the RTA call Centre at 8009090, or email the RTA at [ask@rta.ae](mailto:ask@rta.ae). A dedicated RTA team may contact you to verify details, perform investigation and provide you with a response within 5 working days.



## 2– ITEMS CHECKED WHEN TESTING YOUR VEHICLE

<b>Light Vehicles</b>	
<b>Vehicle Identification</b>	
Criteria	Sub Criteria
Vehicle Identification	Registration Plate Chassis Number
<b>Emission Testing</b>	
Criteria	Sub Criteria
Exhaust emissions	Motor vehicles powered by petrol engines non injection Motor vehicles equipped with compression-ignition (petrol) engines Motor vehicles equipped with compression-ignition (diesel) engines
<b>Brake Testing</b>	
Criteria	Sub Criteria
Braking systems	Service Brake Mechanical condition and operation Parking brake performance and efficiency
<b>Visually Inspected Parameters</b>	
Criteria	Sub Criteria
Braking systems	Mechanical condition and operation
Steering and steering wheel	Mechanical condition Steering Play Steering system attachment and coupling
Visibility	Field of vision Condition of glass Rear-view mirrors Windscreen wipers Screen washers
Lighting equipment	Main and dipped-beam headlamps Condition and operation, condition of lenses, colour and visual efficiency of:
Axles, wheels, tyres, suspension	Axles Wheels and tyres Suspension
Chassis and chassis attachments	Chassis or frame and attachments Chassis or frame and attachments Bodywork
Other equipment	Mounting of driver's seat Mounting of battery Audible warning device Warning triangle Safety belts

## Heavy Vehicle

### Vehicle Identification

Criteria	Sub Criteria
Vehicle Identification	Registration Plate Chassis Number

### Emission Testing

Criteria	Sub Criteria
Exhaust emissions	Motor vehicles powered by petrol engines non injection Motor vehicles equipped with compression-ignition (diesel) engines

### Brake Testing

Criteria	Sub Criteria
Braking systems	Service Brake Mechanical condition and operation Parking brake performance and efficiency

### Visually Inspected Parameters

Criteria	Sub Criteria
Braking systems	Mechanical condition and operation Service Brake Mechanical condition and operation Parking brake performance and efficiency
Steering and steering wheel	Mechanical condition Steering Wheel Steering Play
Visibility	Field of vision Condition of glass Rear-view mirrors
Lamps, reflectors and electrical equipment	Main and dipped-beam headlamps Side lamps and end-outline marker lamps Stop Lamps Direction-indicator lamps Reversing lamps Rear registration plate lamp Retro reflectors Electrical connections between drawing vehicle and trailer or semi-trailer
Axles, wheels, tyres, suspension	Axles Wheels and tyres Suspension
Chassis and chassis attachments	Chassis or frame and attachments Cab and Bodywork
Other Equipment	Safety belts (Driver) Safety belts (Passengers) Fire extinguisher Warning triangle First-aid kit Audible warning device
Nuisance	Noise

### Head Light Testing

Criteria	Sub Criteria
Lamps, reflectors and electrical equipment	Main and dipped-beam headlamps

## Trailers

### Vehicle Identification

Criteria	Sub Criteria
Vehicle Identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registration Plate</li> <li>Chassis Number</li> </ul>

### Brake Testing

Criteria	Sub Criteria
Braking systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Service Brake Mechanical condition and operation</li> <li>Parking brake performance and efficiency</li> </ul>

### Visually Inspected Parameters

Criteria	Sub Criteria
Braking systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mechanical condition and operation</li> <li>Parking brake performance and efficiency</li> </ul>
Lamps, reflectors and electrical equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Side lamps and end-outline marker lamps</li> <li>Stop Lamps</li> <li>Direction-indicator lamps</li> <li>Reversing lamps</li> <li>Rear registration plate lamp</li> <li>Retro reflectors</li> </ul>
Axles, wheels, tyres, suspension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Axles</li> <li>Wheels and tyres</li> <li>Suspension</li> </ul>
Chassis and chassis attachments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chassis or frame and attachments</li> <li>Cab and Bodywork</li> </ul>
Other equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fire extinguisher</li> <li>Warning triangle</li> <li>Wheel chock(s)</li> <li>Loading legs</li> </ul>
Braking systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mechanical condition and operation</li> </ul>