

Appendix D – Responses from DVSA in relation to the use of screens

Sent: 29 May 2020 08:18

Subject: RE: Taxi Safety Screens & MOTs

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your enquiry dated 22 May 2020 concerning a taxi safety screen

The installation of safety screens/barriers in a taxi or private hire vehicle is not part of the MOT test. However, such installations should be safely installed and made from suitable materials.

Additionally, as is pointed out, if such an installation were to affect some other aspect of the test, this has the potential to result in MOT failure.

Restricted movement of a driver's seat adjustment mechanism could be problematic. Technically, if a driver's seat cannot move, or has restricted movement, due to the installation of a screen or partition, this has not adversely affected the seat adjustment mechanism, but has prevented the seat from being fully adjusted due to a modification. I would consider that this does not justify a failure. However, I imagine that many testers would fail for this condition.

In respect of the airbags, there is no suitable reason for rejection for an airbag not being able to deploy correctly because of a modification or obstruction, so this could not fail the MOT test. However, no modification should be made to a vehicle that is going to adversely affect road safety or the crash worthiness of the vehicle.

Kind regards

Customer Service Centre Agent

Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency | Ellipse, Padley Road, Swansea, SA1 8AN

Phone: 0300 123 9000



Driver & Vehicle Standards Agency

Helping you stay safe on Britain's roads

Find out more about government services at www.gov.uk/dvsa

Follow us: [facebook.com/dvsagovuk](https://www.facebook.com/dvsagovuk) | [youtube.com/dvsagovuk](https://www.youtube.com/dvsagovuk) | twitter.com/dvsagovuk

Stay informed: sign up for free email alerts and newsletters from [DVSA Direct](#)