

# EURO TECHNOLOGY EMISSION STANDARDS

## How to check your vehicle



The Council has approved a revised Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Emissions Policy, effective from 10 January 2012. The main change is to defer the requirement to achieve Euro 4 technology standards **for existing vehicles**, by 3 years until 1 April 2015.

In addition, with effect from 1 April 2012

- All licensed vehicles must achieve a Euro 3 technology standard.
- All licensed vehicles presented for their **first licence** must achieve a Euro 4 technology standard.
- Conversions and adaptation systems may continue to be approved that enable vehicles to comply with this policy provided that satisfactory evidence is submitted from, for example the Public Carriage Office (PCO) or Energy Savings Trust.
- LPG, bio-diesel and bio-fuel conversions will no longer be accepted for Euro 1 or 2 vehicles.
- Hydrogen fuel cells will no longer be accepted as a means of complying with this policy.

The new policy may be viewed in full by visiting the Council's taxi licensing webpage ([www.plymouth.gov.uk/hackneycarriageandprivatehirelicensingpolicy](http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/hackneycarriageandprivatehirelicensingpolicy)).

This guidance note will help you establish the Euro technology emission standard of your existing vehicle engine or any that you may consider purchasing in the future.

As the proprietor it is your responsibility to satisfy the testing station that your vehicle achieves the Council's current technology standard and you can provide any evidence that will assist in that assessment.

Euro 4 technology standard became mandatory from 1 January 2006, but was phased in between 2005 and 2007 so you will need to check. If your vehicle was first registered from 2007 onwards your vehicle will achieve the Euro 4 standard and therefore no further action is required.

If your vehicle was first registered prior to the 2005 and is a popular make such as Ford, Vauxhall, Renault or Peugeot it **may** also achieve Euro 4 technology standards as large manufacturers would have had a lead-in compliance period.

Euro 3 technology standard became mandatory from 2000 therefore if your existing vehicle was first registered around that time you will need to check. Certain derogations did apply for example to LTI hackney carriages that deferred the implementation of these standards, so please **do not rely on the age of the vehicle but check with the manufacturer**.

It is advised that you undertake the following checks prior to your 12 month vehicle compliance check so that you have the information ready for consideration.

### Step 1

Check the vehicle V5 log book

Note: Your log book may not display the Euro technology standard however its absence may not necessarily be an indicator that the vehicle has not been manufactured to the Euro 4 specification.

## Step 2

Use any of following websites using the precise make and model number of your vehicle;

- [www.nextgreencar.com/vehicle-search](http://www.nextgreencar.com/vehicle-search)
- [www.whatcar.com](http://www.whatcar.com)
- [www.parkers.co.uk/cars/reviews](http://www.parkers.co.uk/cars/reviews)
- [www.tfl.gov.uk/businessandpartners](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/businessandpartners)

These sites do not give definitive answers, but provide a useful guide.

## Step 3

Make enquires with the local dealer and manufacturer quoting the chassis number to request documentary confirmation of your vehicle's Euro technology standard.

Any evidence that you can provide to prove that your vehicle achieves the appropriate Euro technology standard will assist the testing station in their decision making.

**Please remember that the onus of responsibility rests with you and not the testing station.**

If you need any further information please contact this office.

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