

Measuring Vehicle Use; New Data Sources etc.

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- ▶ More and more: accidental (secondary) data (cheap) is appearing bottom-up
- ▶ Accidental data (cheap) plus the right algorithms may be better than bespoke data (expensive)
- ▶ Generally: move away from *aggregate* data towards data that describes *individuals*
 - ▶ (GPS) trace data
 - ▶ Bluetooth MAC acquisitions
 - ▶ UK MOT test results

UK MOT (Ministry of Transport) test

VT20 MOT Test Certificate **VOSA**
Vehicle & Operator Services Agency

This certificate has been issued according to the conditions and notes on the back of this certificate.

Note: If you have doubts as to whether this certificate is valid, please use the service described in note 3 overleaf to check.

MOT test number	Make	Odometer reading
761710136293	VAUGHALL	105420 Miles
Registration mark	Model	Test class
T20JNP	ASTRA	IV
Vehicle identification or chassis number	Colour	Approximate year of first use
WDL0TGP35X0091395	WHITE	1999
Expiry date	Issue date/time	Fuel type
AUGUST 25th 2007 (ZERO SEVEN)	AUGUST 18th 2006 (ZERO SIX) 13:30	Petrol
Authorisation number	Design gross weight (goods vehicles)	kg
	Advisory Notice Issued	NO
084907914489518556410227	Test station number	80572
For all vehicles with more than 8 passenger seats	Seat belt installation checked this test	N/A
	Number of seat belts fitted at time of installation check	N/A
	Previous installation check date	N/A
Issue's name in CAPITALS	Signature of Issue	
D. S. BRYANT		
Warning: A test certificate is not evidence that the vehicle is in a satisfactory condition.		
Check carefully that the above details are correct. Do not accept a certificate which has been altered.		
Reg Mark	Make	Inspection Authority BARHAM MOTORS COMPANY 126 BRYANTS HILL ST GEORGE BRISTOL BS5 5RJ
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- ▶ MOT: the UK's annual safety inspection for all road vehicles older than 3 years
- ▶ Since 2005: the results have been captured and stored digitally
- ▶ In November 2010 — the DfT published the first 5 years of this data online!!!
- ▶ EPSRC pilot with Cairns (TRL), Anable (Aberdeen) and Chatterton (UWE) to investigate applications. Full scale grant (approx 1M) from July 2012

Example results: mileage distributions by area and age

