

DEKRA Automotive (PTY) LTD

The Roadworthy Testing and Vehicle Inspection Experts



DEKRA Automotive – SAFETY CHECK

Your Safety is Our Priority

How Roadworthy and Safe is your vehicle really?

An astonishing 1050 South Africans died tragically on our roads during December 2009, a 16% increase on December 2008. By far the majority of the tragic loss were passenger vehicle occupants who accounted for 40% of the total deaths. As at December 2009, there were 691 256* unlicensed and/or unroadworthy vehicles on South African roads (excluding trailers or towed vehicles) out of a total vehicle park of 8 600 031* – 8.04% of vehicles on South Africa's roads today are either unlicensed or unroadworthy.

Apart from the human factors such as driver intoxication that cause road accidents, there are a number of vehicle factors that contribute towards tragic fatalities such as: Smooth or damaged tyres leading to burst tyres (36.30%), Faulty steering systems (25.04%) and Faulty brakes (24.15%). This means that 85.48%* of all road traffic accidents during December 2009 were caused by defective or unroadworthy vehicles and with over 754 000 kilometres of national roads, accidents caused by defective or unroadworthy vehicles are a reality.

The annual summer holidays are but two months away. Thousands of South Africans will take to the national road network in the annual lemming migration to the many beautiful holiday destinations in South Africa and neighbouring countries. Not everyone will return; a chilling thought.

Therefore, the question is...

HOW ROADWORTHY AND SAFE IS YOUR VEHICLE REALLY?

A DEKRA SAFETY CHECK is the answer.

At DEKRA a roadworthy is far more than just the certificate that we print, it goes much deeper. The saving of human life is at the core of every DEKRA Roadworthy Certificate and DEKRA has introduced 85 years of international testing experience to the South African roadworthy industry. As part of DEKRA's commitment to reducing human fatalities on our roads, DEKRA is proud to announce a very special product aimed at ensuring the safety of your family this December and beyond - The DEKRA Safety Check. Whilst it is not intended to be a complete roadworthy, the DEKRA Safety Check is aimed at inspecting the vehicle components that are more likely to fail and covers ten key items that are individually inspected by qualified vehicle Examiners, providing you with peace of mind that your vehicle will carry you and your loved ones safely to your destination, wherever you may be travelling. Where any of the items do not pass a basic roadworthy assessment, these items will be highlighted by the vehicle Examiner and discussed with you.

These ten items include the following:

- Suspension
- Steering
- Visible Fluid Leaks
- Cooling System
- Braking System
- Tyres
- Fan Belt
- Radiator Hoses
- Lights
- Other Items (Seat Belts, Hooter, Trailer Socket, Windscreen Wipers)

Regardless of whether it is a business trip or a family holiday, the safety of your family really matters and your safety is our priority. DEKRA has 50 Test Centres in six Provinces ready to provide you with an affordable and quick assessment of the condition of your vehicle, enabling you to make important repairs (if required) before your travel.

Leave Your Safety to the Experts

Visit www.dekraauto.co.za for a DEKRA Test Centre address near you or call 08610 DEKRA.

Don't become a South African road statistic as a result of a defective or unroadworthy vehicle.

* Source: Road Traffic Report RTMC - 2009

A Safety Check Can Save Your Life!



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