



Ministry of Transport and Public Works: Western Cape

Ministerie van Vervoer en Openbare Werke: Wes-Kaap

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MEC for Transport and Public Works, Robin Carlisle, was in for a surprise earlier today when he visited the Boston Circle AVTS Roadworthy Station to mark the beginning of the Free Safety Check Campaign, a joint initiative of the Retail Motor Industry Organisation (RMI) and Safely Home.

This festive season initiative offers Western Cape motorists the opportunity to get their vehicles tested for roadworthiness absolutely free - before they load up their families to take them on holiday or to visit loved ones over the festive season. Carlisle, not one to pass up a bargain, opted to have his Ministerial vehicle, a 2009 Mercedes Benz ML350 tested, and to his great surprise, it failed. The vehicle was found to have a faulty headlight and the pressure on one rear wheel exerted by the hand-brake was found to be inadequate.

Minister Carlisle addressed all motorists planning to travel this festive season, saying "I am very impressed by the test. If my ministerial vehicle, which is a 2009 model, and professionally maintained to a high level, can develop hidden safety risks without me realising, then any vehicle can too. I urge all motorists to take advantage of the offer of free roadworthy testing before loading up loved ones. I am insisting that my family bring in their vehicles as soon as possible, especially the youngsters, and will be bringing in the Landy, my personal vehicle. You have absolutely nothing to lose if you do, and absolutely everything to lose if you don't."

Carlisle congratulated AVTS Group MD Ferose Oaten and her team of inspectors on her exceptional facilities and the willingness of AVTS to take part in this important initiative, together with Safely Home and RIM. He further promised to attend to the issues identified immediately and at time of going to press, the MEC's vehicle had been handed into the government garage for repair.

The tests can be taken at the following locations:

- AVTS Strand, 2 Calvyn St, Strand, 021-853 0880
- AVTS Kenilworth Branch, 422 Lansdowne Rd, Lansdowne, 021-696 7096
- AVTS Wingfield Branch, Olympic Park, Voortrekker Rd, Goodwood, 021-592 4522
- AVTS Culemborg Branch, Culemborg Motor City, Oswald Pirow Rd, CT, 021-419 4677
- AVTS Bellville, Cnr Voortrekker and Duminy St, Bellville, 021-949 6944
- AVTS Airport Branch, Boston Circle, Airport Industria, Cape Town, 021-934 4900
- AVTS Tableview, 139 Baauberg Rd, Tableview, 021-556 6309
- Lansdowne Vehicle Test Station, Lansdowne Junction, Blomvlei & Jan Smuts, 021-692 3569
- Formula One Roadworthy, 41 Induland Crescent, Lansdowne, 021-691 8554
- Epping Roadworthy Centre, Cnr Gunners Circle & Glenvill Ave, Epping 1, 021-532 2664
- Mitchell's Plain Vehicle Test, Cnr Bravo St and 12th Ave, M/Plain Ind., 021-376 4960
- Retreat Roadworthy Centre, 5 Keyser Rd Retreat, 021 7120368
- Athlone Vehicle Test Centre, Cnr Klipfontein Rd & Orion Rd Surrey Estate, 021-6990936
- Diep River Roadworthy Centre, 127 Main Rd Diep River, 021-7157911

A copy of MEC Carlisle's test can be found below.

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SAFETY TEST REPORT

The following vehicle was tested at the above test station as part of the RMI / NVTA Road Safety Campaign.

NAME / Infrastructure No of TEST STATION	AVTS AIRPORT
TEL NO , CONTACT PERSON	021-9344900

VEHICLE TYPE	SEDAN	4X4	LDV	M/BUS	YEAR
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Make: M/BENZ Reg No: CA115018 Engine No: 37296730948563 Odometer: 0832688208
 Chassis No: WDC1641862A426603 Owner's name & contact telephone: ROBIN CARLISLE

Why did you come for a free vehicle test?	
Where did you hear of the free vehicle tests?	
Would you rank the condition of your vehicle as:	1=good, 2=fair, 3=poor, 4=have no idea
When last did your vehicle have a major service	(in months ago)
Who undertook the service	1=dealer, 2=RMI garage, 3=independent mechanic, 4=owner service, X=other

The following items were checked and the results are as follows:-

ITEM / S	PASS	FAIL	Comments
All lights including indicators	/	X	R/F HEADLIGHT n/w/working
Seat belts	/		
Wipers	/		
Front Tyres <u>235-65R17</u>	/		CONTIS
Rear Tyres <u>235-65R17</u>	/		CONTIS
Foot-brake front	/		
Foot-brake rear	/		
Hand-brake (Brake readings below)		X	R/F HANDBRAKE LOCK
Steering mechanism (steering control arm, steering box & tie rod ends)	/		
Front and rear suspension	/		
Exhaust	/		
Wheel alignment <u>-03</u>	/		
General Comments	<u>TYRES RUNNING OFF ON INSIDE ± 1.3. MM THREAD. FRONT.</u>		

BRAKE READINGS

SERVICE BRAKE	LEFT FRONT	<u>4.3</u>	RIGHT FRONT	<u>4.2</u>
	LEFT REAR 1	<u>3.3</u>	RIGHT REAR 1	<u>3.5</u>
	LEFT REAR 2		RIGHT REAR 2	
EMERGENCY PARKING BRAKE	LEFT SIDE 1	<u>2.8</u>	RIGHT SIDE 1	<u>1.2</u>
	LEFT SIDE 2		RIGHT SIDE 2	

EXAMINER NAME AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO: MCOOSA 195016114

DATE: 30-11-2010

TEST STATION STAMP

NOTE: THIS IS NOT A ROADWORTHINESS TEST. SO NOT ALL THE ROADWORTHY ITEMS HAVE BEEN CHECKED. THE TEST STATION PERFORMING THIS SAFETY CHECK WILL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY ERRORS, OMISSIONS OR LATENT DEFECTS ARISING SUBSEQUENT TO THE CHECK. THE COMMENTS AND RESULTS LISTED ABOVE ARE ONLY VALID AT THE SPECIFIC DATE AND TIME OF THE TEST.

TEL: 934-4900