



Supplementary notice: under bonnet fires in TX4s

Following a further fire in '56' registered TX4 taxis, the PCO is suspending the licences of these vehicles.

The licences for all '56' registered TX4 taxis are therefore suspended subject to the requirements set out below.

While there have been no injuries in any of the fires so far, both the licensing authority (TfL) and the manufacturer (LTI) want to minimise the risks to both drivers and passengers.

What owners must do next:

- a. **if your taxi has been inspected and certified as safe by LTI at Mann and Overton**

You may continue to use your vehicle in passenger service.

- b. **if your vehicle has not been inspected and certified that all engine safety checks have been carried out by LTI at Mann and Overton**

You must not use your vehicle in passenger service until LTI has completed this inspection and you have obtained this certification.

LTI may already have offered you an appointment. If not, you will be offered an appointment shortly. LTI will be working at Mann and Overton until all in-scope taxis have been checked and signed off. See attached statement from LTI.

If you have any queries about your LTI appointment, the LTI call centre number is 0121 322 0710 (hours of operation are: 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 3:00pm Saturday & Sunday).

Precautions for drivers (of any vehicle, but particularly those vehicles referred to above):

LTI advise all taxi drivers that, in the event of smoke or unusual noises originating in the engine compartment of any cab, the driver:

- stops the cab quickly and safely;
- immediately removes him/herself and any passengers from the vicinity of the cab; and
- calls the fire brigade.

The PCO appreciates your co-operation.

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Mary Dowdye
Head Standards & Regulation
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Ed Thompson
Taxi & Private Hire Director

LTI statement

LTI acknowledge the twelfth incident concerning an early built 56 registered TX4 that has had an under bonnet fire. LTI support the PCO in ensuring that passenger and driver safety remains a priority and the cause of the problem is discovered as quickly as possible and a solution put in place.

The PCO has agreed that all 56 TX4s that have already been inspected by LTI and have had their service books stamped accordingly, can remain licensed and in service. Any vehicle that has not yet had an engine bay safety inspection will be allowed back into service once it has been inspected and had the service book stamped.

All drivers must present their service book to have it stamped but where this is not possible, LTI will issue a headed paper stamped and signed by the inspector. This must remain in the vehicle at all times so it can be presented if the vehicle is stopped, as proof the vehicle has had the engine bay safety inspection.

To increase the capacity for inspections, LTI and Mann and Overton will now operate an increased working day as well as opening on Saturday and Sunday of this weekend the 20th and 21st of September.

Drivers will be contacted by the LTI call centre to arrange an inspection or they can contact the centre by email to jtedford@mannandoverton.com or call 0121 3220710.