



**Supplementary Notice 3: under bonnet fires in TX4s  
Owners and drivers of TX4 taxis  
with VIN numbers less than 201000:  
'07' registrations and cherished number plates**

PCO Notice 32/08 published on 19 September 2008 announced the suspension until further notice of London hackney carriage licences for TX4 cabs with registration numbers in the '56' range.

LTI is investigating the possible cause of the fires. All fires so far have been in vehicles produced in the first few months of TX4 production, in particular, within the VIN number range 200001 to 201000.

The great majority of these taxis have registration numbers in the '56' range, but it has come to the PCO's attention that a number of cabs from this early batch have other registration numbers, for example, there are some with '07' registrations and some with cherished number plates.

For the avoidance of doubt, **the licences of all TX4 taxis with Vehicle Identification Numbers in the range 200000 to 201000 are suspended under the same terms as those in PCO notice 32-08.**

These taxis must not be used in passenger service until further notice.

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

- **stop the cab quickly and safely;**
- **immediately remove him/herself and any passengers from the vicinity of the cab; and**
- **call the fire brigade.**

Drivers should **not** open the bonnet.

These taxi licences have been suspended to ensure the safety of drivers, passengers and other road users. The PCO regrets that this action is necessary but, on the best information available at present, it is not appropriate for these vehicles to be used in passenger service.

Further information can be found on [www.tfl.gov.uk/pco](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/pco) or by calling **020 7126 1980** (Monday – Friday 9 am – 4 pm)

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Head of Standards & Regulation  
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