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## Automatic MOT extension to end from 1 August - RAC reaction

**Reacting to the news that vehicles will no longer automatically have their MOT due dates extended from 1 August 2020, RAC head of policy Nicholas Lyes said:**

“Extending MOT tests was the right short-term measure after a number of garages closed when all of us were asked to stay at home. But with many more garages now open – including all of those that are part of our [Approved Garages network](#) – and with the easing of movement restrictions, it makes

perfect sense that cars due their MOTs are put through the test on time. If the extension were to continue for very much longer there is a risk of many more unroadworthy vehicles being driven, especially as traffic volumes increase – which is clearly in nobody’s interests.

“RAC research suggests drivers are very wary about making use of the six-month extension and driving cars that have gone past their MOT due date. Just one-in-seven (14%) surveyed said they were intending to do so, with three times that proportion (44%) plan on getting their car checked as normal.

“Drivers shouldn’t be worried about getting routine work completed as all garages that are part of our network have taken steps to protect both customers and staff, with every one signing up to our [COVID-19 code of conduct](#). In addition, around seven-in-10 offer a Collect-and-Return service, meaning in many cases drivers don’t even need to leave their own homes.”

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The RAC, an iconic UK brand, provides complete peace of mind to nearly 14 million UK private and business drivers, whatever their motoring needs. As well as its premium nationwide breakdown assistance service – with an expert branded patrol workforce attending more than two million breakdowns every year – it offers a wide range of market-leading products across insurance, legal services, vehicle inspections and service, maintenance and repair. Included in this is the first-of-its-kind nationwide Mobile Mechanics service which brings the garage to homes and workplaces.

At the forefront of new solutions for business fleets and consumers, the RAC’s breakdown service is electric-ready with mobile EV charging technology and can be called on using [myRAC](#) – the all-in-one route planner, fuel finder and

breakdown reporting app.

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