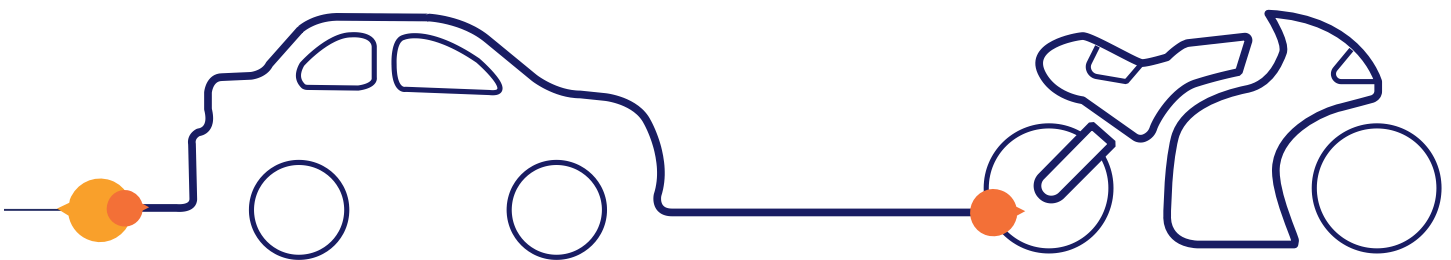




Midland and south

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Hi

August has been a busy month with lots of petrol head events visited by me and it always amazes me the enthusiasm people have for all form of transport myself included.

I was speaking to a member of rospa at one of these events and they mentioned that a test result had been marked down for the lack of overtaking. The examiner explained to the teste that roadcraft states the need to overtake to make progress. This got me thinking so I looked at the book and it states 'Do I need to overtake' this is a very subjective phrase and I am sure we all have a slightly different view on the phrase. My humble opinion would vary on the circumstances and the type of journey, conditions, and numerous other factors. I would like your views?

I have also been asked about the rospa diploma motorcycle course. I have spoken to one of the people that runs the new course. It is a prerequisite to hold a GOLD pass and have a very good knowledge of Roadcraft and the highway code, the course is 5 days and is designed to enable the student to teach advanced motorcycling. It does not teach the student up to the advanced standard as they should already be at the GOLD standard. The courses are held at different locations at various times.

I have also had numerous enquiries about the method that the examiner takes whilst conducting a test. The test can be very nerve racking and when we are put outside our comfort zone we don't always perform at our best. It would appear that rospa has general guidelines but does not have a rigid plan for the tests. I would like to hear your views both good and bad in relation to the tests you have



had and the method the examiner took. I am an examiner myself and will not be offended by any comments.

Thanks Martin Powell

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