

Safety Alert - Check your tow bar

The towing hook on a towing vehicle was found to be loose. On investigation under the towing vehicle, a crack was found in the transverse beam behind the towing ball attachment. This is shown in the photo below.



The nuts and bolts shown above are those used to attach the towing hook to the vehicle.

The tow bar is now part of section 6 of the new MOT Testing Manual – ‘Body, Structure and Attachments’. All types of coupling mechanisms and towbars fitted to the rear of a vehicle, including fifth-wheel couplings, will be checked.

Please check your towing equipment before it causes a problem.

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