

Vehicle Age and Emissions Policies

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Introduction to Cenex

- Independent, not-for-profit, research and consultancy organisation (est. 2005)
- Specialise in delivery of low emission vehicle and infrastructure projects



Taxi Expertise

- ULEV Hackney Carriage Business Case Assessment
 - Trade engagement
 - Trial management
 - Total cost of ownership and emissions modelling
- <u>Licensing Policy Best Practice Research</u>
- ULEV Availability and Suitability Assessment
- Fleet Emissions Modelling
 - Fleet baselining number and type of vehicle, mileage, age and emissions
 - Impact of revised policies on vehicle replacement and emissions
- Plug-In Vehicle and Infrastructure Uptake Scenarios











Introduction - Licensing

Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence (Taxi)



- Can be hailed in the street ('plying for hire) or be pre-booked
- Can operate from taxi ranks

Private Hire Vehicle Licence



- Must be pre-booked through a licensed operator
- Cannot operate from taxi ranks

Vehicle standards set by licensing authority such as:



Turning circle, driver partition, passenger door WAV



National spec hackney carriage or minibus





Number of doors, size, luggage capacity etc.

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Introduction – Range of Typical Taxi Operations

Low Mileage Vehicles

- <60 miles per day (<15,000 miles per year)
- Single driver per vehicle
- Owner driven vehicles
- Dense urban based operation (outside of London)
- 25% of drivers work part time¹





High Mileage Vehicles

- >150 miles per day (>40,000 miles per year)
- Multiple drivers per vehicle
- Operator owned vehicles
- Rural and/or high mileage journeys such as airport transfers
- Full time drivers



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Vehicle Age and Emissions Policy – Current Status

- According to DfT transport statistics 213/315
 licensing authorities specify age limits
- 'Exceptional condition criteria' extends age further
- Very few examples of minimum emissions standards

Advantages

- Maximises use of vehicle as an asset
- Extended age limits can be used as an incentive when decoupled from emissions standards

Disadvantages

- No direct control over emissions standard
- Potential safety concerns
- Lack of modern fleets, customer expectations





Euro Emissions Standards based Policies (~2020)

- Minimum standard of Euro 6 (diesel) and Euro 4 (petrol)





Charging Clean Air Zone













Source: London.gov.uk

Proposed minimum standard of ULEV from ~2025/26 onwards

Advantages

- Large and immediate improvement in air quality
- Compliance with any CAZ via licensing option
- Good vehicle availability

Disadvantages

- Large short term replacement of vehicles
- Minimal impact on CO₂ emissions (whole generation of non ULEVs)
- Enforcement

Regulatory Support Measures

- Acceptance of retrofits that meet minimum standards (e.g. LPG)
- Temporary extensions beyond age limit
- Removal of exceptional condition test

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ULEV Standard based Policies (~2020)

 Minimum standard of Ultra-Low Emission Vehicle for new vehicles (including replacement vehicles once age limit is reached)





All licensed vehicles must be ULEV from ~2026-2030

Advantages

- Immediate improvement in fleet CO₂
- Lowest air quality emissions over licensing period
- Earliest transition to ULEV fleet
- Increased demand for ULEVs

Disadvantages

- Partial compliance with CAZ
- Availability of suitable ULEVs
- Trade acceptance
- Significant financial support required
- Enforcement



Regulatory Support Measures

- Removal of minimum engine capacity requirement
- Extended age limit (ULEVs)
- Access restrictions (non ULEVs)
- ULEV only taxi ranks



Summary of Vehicle Age and Emissions Policy Options

Increasing improvement to fleet emissions, increasing cost/effort to implement

Current Best Practice Revise Age Limit • Enforce existing max age limit • Reduce existing max age limit • Introduce max age limit • Introduce max age limit • All licensed vehicles Aspirational ULEV as minimum standard • <75g CO₂/km (NEDC) • New licences only • All licensed vehicles

Aspirational ULEV as minimum standard • <75g CO₂/km (NEDC) • All licensed vehicles



Long Term Aims

Future Outlook and Enablers

- Increasingly stringent emissions based access restrictions to cities via permits, clean air zones or zero emission zones - licensing policy consistent with CAZ framework
- Increased policy coordination between neighbouring local authorities
- National minimum standards?

















Thank you for listening

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