

LONDON DIRECT VISION STANDARD CHANGES COMING

What is the DVS (Direct Vision Standard) that is in place now?

Starting in March 2021 the DVS came into force for vehicles of 12t and over, the introduction of the Safe System – a star rated system designed around driver visibility to reduce collisions, and protect more vulnerable road users, such as motor cyclists, cyclists, and pedestrians. Since March 2021 evidence has shown that there has been a reduction in collisions where vision has been a contributing factor.

How does this work?

All vehicles 12t and over coming into the Greater London area (roughly within the M25) must have a DVS Safety Permit (issued free of charge from TfL). Based on the visibility for the driver of the surrounding area. Permits are issued on a star-rated basis. At present all vehicles must have 1-star rating or above.

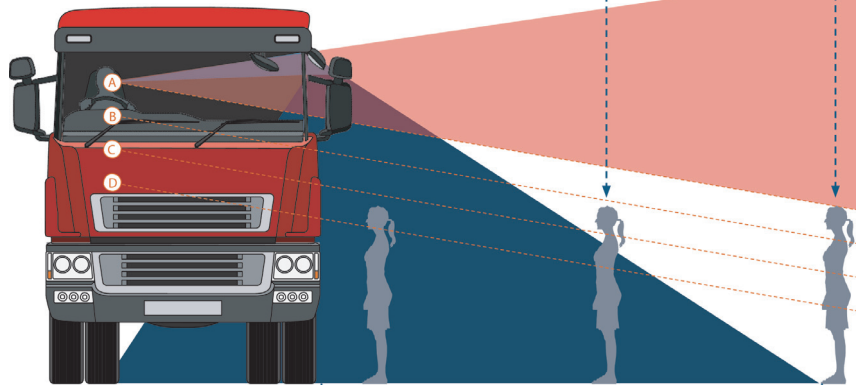
What is the star rating system?



Blind spot between what can be seen in mirrors and what can be seen directly.



With zero star eye point, a driver will not be able to see the head and shoulders of a small European female 4.5m away from the cab side.



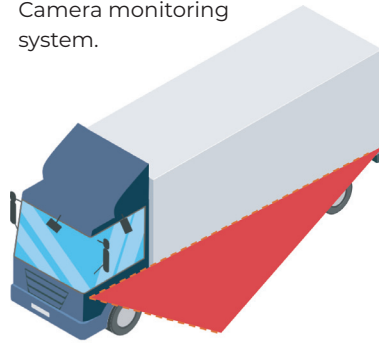
Distance of vulnerable road user from the passenger side greater than 4.5m for zero star.

Category	Description
A	Zero star eye point
B	One star eye point
C	Three star eye point
D	Five star eye point

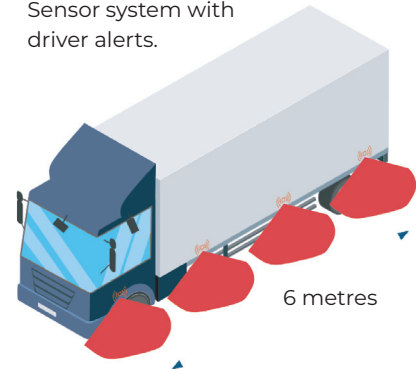
What criteria are in the current Safe System?

- Fully operational camera monitoring system.
- Class V and VI mirrors.
- Sensor system with driver alerts.

Camera monitoring system.

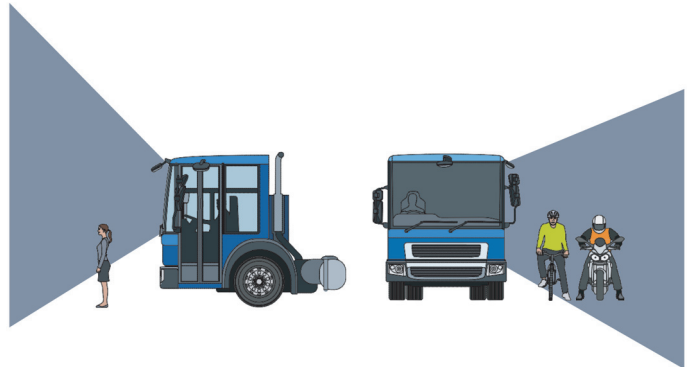


Sensor system with driver alerts.



What are the changes coming into effect in October 2024?

- The move from the Safe System to the Progressive Safe System.
- Increased minimum star rating for all vehicles 12t and over.
- Moving all vehicles from minimum of 1-star to 3-stars.
- This is to ensure that all vehicles of 12t and over have good direct vision.



How will the changes impact on fleets?

- Vehicles with a 3-star rating or above at present will be issued with a 10-year permit.
- Vehicles with a 1 or 2-star rating will need to add equipment to bring them up to 3-star rating.
- Registration for new permits will be opened in June 2024.
- The 3-star minimum permit operational by 28 October 2024.
- Fines of up to £550 per day for vehicles not 3-star rated.

What action should I take for my fleet?

1. Go online and check your vehicles on the TfL website – **TfL Permit Information**
2. Contact FVTH about any vehicles that are not 3-star rated – **s.allen@fvth-ltd.co.uk**

FVTH can help you with the upgrade of vehicles, so that they will be fully compliant with all DVS rules and regulations. **START THE PROCESS NOW – time will be needed to do the work, and then get the permit. Allow yourself time to get this right.**

FVTH - For more information about the Progressive Safe System go to the Transport for London website. (<https://tfl.gov.uk/info-for/deliveries-in-london/delivering-safely/direct-vision-in-heavy-goods-vehicles>).