

# **VTs Trial Fitment Review.**

## **Wessex Route.**

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## ***VTs - Purpose***

VTs is being introduced to improve the safety of our staff by helping them to drive within the speed limit by providing a system that enables drivers to moderate their speed in real time and reduce road risk.

VTs is a primary safety system. The key purpose, is to provide live data to the vehicle driver and enable the driver to receive real time feedback to support them to drive both safely and in compliance with the law.

# Why are we implementing VTS?



Driving is Network Rail's highest workforce risk.

Between 800 and 1000 people are killed annually in work-related road traffic accidents

Network Rail has a road fleet of c8000 vehicles and drive approximately 128 million vehicle miles per year

Since the Life Saving Rules were introduced in 2013, 306 Network Rail employees have been injured in 242 road traffic accidents (RTAs)

Over 85% of the 242 RTAs occurred in 30, 40 and 50 mph zones



## Who is the supplier and what are the services?

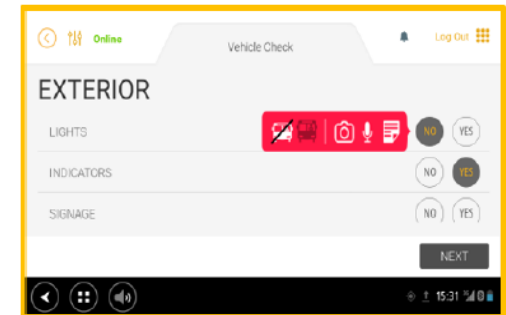
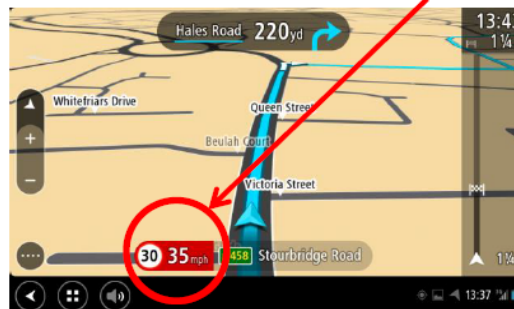
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*\* Driver Data Terminal fitted to Dashboard*

### \* Mapping System Inc. Speeding Visual



*\* Vehicle Check App*



*\* Example images of road mapping and application design, subject to NR detailed design of VTS solution*

# Speeding offences – Detected by Police

## Notices of Intended Prosecution

In period 10 we had 31 NIPS compared to 34 in 2015.

Despite showing an overall reduction in speeding events in comparison to PD 1 to PD 10 2015/2016 (19%) The significant reduction we saw following the driving safety stand down (Pd5) has begun to be eroded.

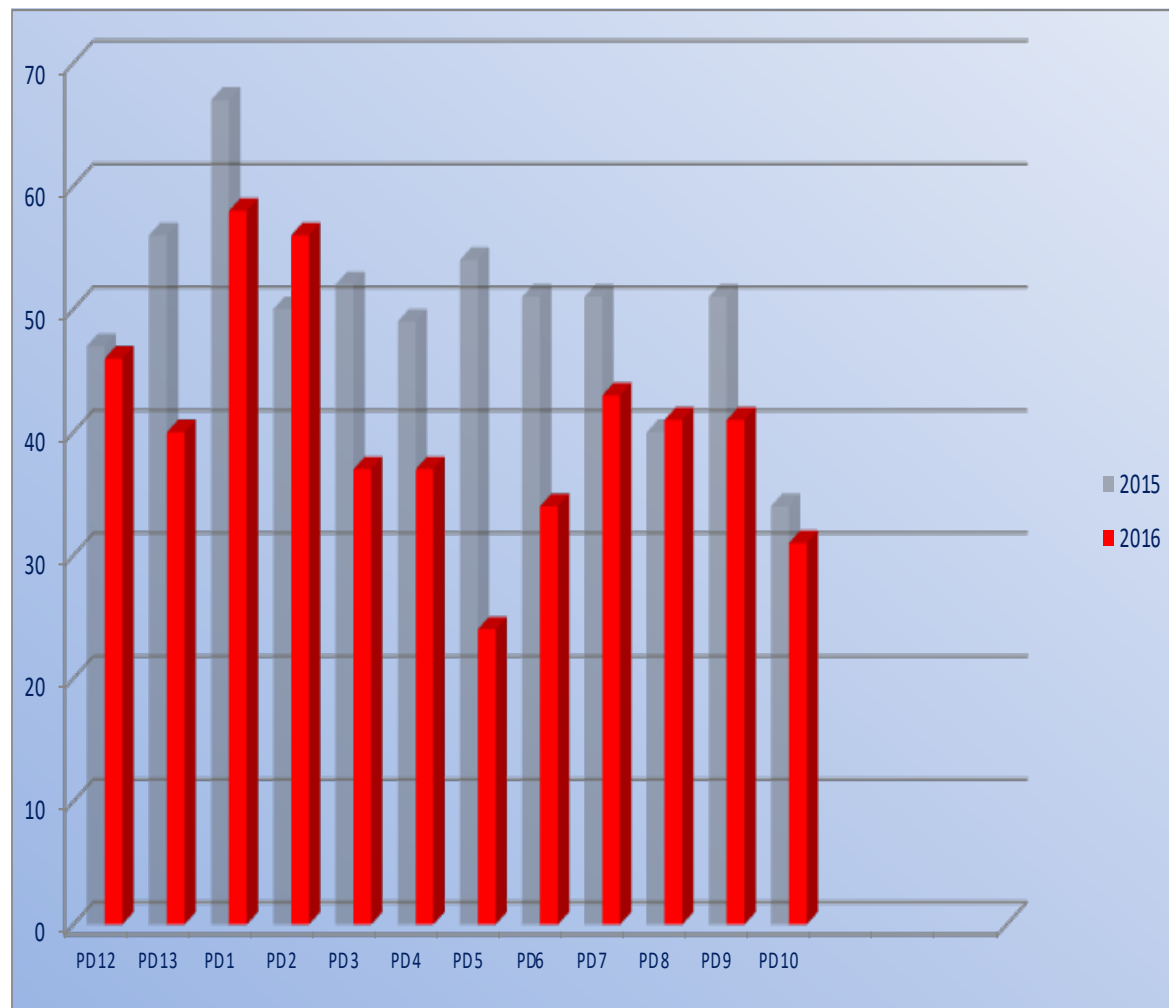
Although the comparable numbers post the stand down show that NIPs reduce by 46% in the subsequent 8 weeks to the event.

Calendar year to date we have seen a 19.5% reduction in prosecutions.

No Changes have been made to the

way we report the numbers.

	NIPS	2015	2016
PD 12		47	46
PD 13		56	40
PD 1		67	58
PD 2		50	56
PD 3		52	37
PD 4		49	37
PD 5		54	24
PD 6		51	34
PD 7		51	43
PD 8		40	41
PD 9		51	41
PD 10		34	31



- We fitted the system to 40 vehicles in Wessex as a trial
- Drivers knew what the system was for and why we were fitting it, but felt more training on unit could have been provided about how to use the system. We have developed further resources in response to this issue.
- An issue was found where the screen of the VTS unit reflected in the side window of the vehicle and the feedback questioned the position of the unit. A site visit was made, followed by the installer visiting and the system was updated. This has solved the issue.
- We have produced an animated film that will help them understand the unit and leaflets will be posted to all drivers that have completed an electronic license check
- No drivers were identified and the agreement with the TU's was that we would not action any data collected
- 28 vehicles of the 40 presented a speeding event of some sort.
- 1 Vehicle had 39 speeding events recorded across 10 working days
- During the pilot we collected Zero breaches of the speed limit of over 20mph+
- 107 events of 10mph+ were recorded during the pilot
- 329 speeding events in total were recorded of +10% of speed limit
- 101 events happened between 23:00 – 06:00



- **Initial feedback on the unit**
- The positive comments are that it is clear to read, easy to use, with a large display.
- Some say it is too large and bright. It appears at this stage that the software wasn't right and it didn't dim correctly at night time. David Burgess visited site in Basingstoke where this was fed back. Traffilog attended site and provided solution.
- The units return to medium settings for volume and brightness when the vehicle is switched off.
- Brightness and volume can be adjusted by the driver and if necessary the display can be switched off to support reversing etc.
- If switched off the data is still collected as the telematics is hidden in the vehicle and not physically connected to the driver display unit.
- Some stated that it beeps too much. It beeps when over the road speed or if the driver is approaching a speed camera and the bleep will stop once under the legal road speed limit.

- Initial communications from Road Fleet will include FAQ's and a description of how the fitment takes place.
- Fitting times have been amended in line with feedback from fitting locations to suit business needs and ensure vehicles are available.
- Key things for the fitment location to do are: Have someone on site on the first day to familiarise the fitters with the site, have a point of contact for the fitters, have keys available or made available.
- Position of the driver terminal in the vehicle has been justified and traffilog fitters are compliant to the agreed principals.
- The data supports our initial concerns that our vehicles are routinely speeding.



It is important that communication comes from one source, all communications and briefings will come from the Safety Team

## Communications



**Management of Occupational Road Risk (MORR)**

Driving represents a significant risk for Network Rail. With a fleet in excess of 7500 vehicles and 15,000 drivers that drive approximately 120 million miles a year it is no wonder that driving incidents occur frequently. Our fleet team deal with numerous incidents of vehicle damage, 1000+ traffic offences, road traffic accidents and road traffic fatalities.

**Useful links**

- Road Fleet website
- Network Rail driver safety information

**Safety Central updated to include VTS information, Video of Mark Carnes support of VTS and a Q&A sheet.**


**Safety Hour Discussion Pack**  
Vehicle Telematics Systems (VTS)

**Purpose of discussion**

In the past five years, 12 colleagues have been killed as a result of incidents while driving.

A Vehicle Telematics System (VTS) will be installed in all of the most at-risk fleet vehicles between December 2014 – February 2015, with the purpose of encouraging drivers to improve their driving safety and help reduce the risk of an accident.

**Take off the discussion**

Several of Network Rail's industry colleagues have already introduced VTS and experienced a great reduction in speeding offences.

These VTS will speed up the rate of reduction from 120 recorded offences in May 2014 to just 50 in June 2014 after just one month of VTS implementation. The following 6 months experienced less than 10 offences per month.

These new regulations have resulted in a great improvement to safety.

**Discussion points**

Use the questions below to facilitate discussion. Remember, you don't have to have all the answers – the role of the facilitator is to create an engaging discussion where everyone shares ideas and knowledge.

Discussion points	Supporting notes
1. Why is VTS being used in fleet vehicles?	Driving is one of the biggest risks for our employees. VTS is being used to help reduce the risk of an accident and get everyone home safe every day.
2. How will data captured by the VTS be used?	VTS is an in-car display that can tell a driver how they are speeding. This gives them the opportunity to reduce their speed and the risk of an accident before it's too late for the road.

### Safety Hour Discussion Pack



**MORR standard being developed and 'Drivers handbook' will be updated to include VTS guidance**



# Key Messages

The feedback from the route trial was very valuable

Early response to the feedback was important, including, site visits and solution

Drivers are responsible for the operation of the vehicle and compliance with the relevant speed limits and legislation

Staff personal data is secure

Unique Driver IDs and VTS supporting documents will be issued to all Drivers who have completed an electronic licence check, only NR HRSS know which driver ID relates to which employee

Managers cannot and will not be able to track vehicles or staff

The system is designed to help staff comply with the speed limit and reduce road risk significantly. All drivers to be instructed on the VTS hardware and system application to provide clear understanding by Traffilog

Fitment (all routes) to be 90% completed by 31st March 2017



Always obey the speed limit and wear a seat belt.



Never use a hand-held or hands-free phone, or programme any other mobile device, while driving.