

Lagondaforum: LED Headlights and UK MOT change

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Written by Lagonda1928 at Mar 26, 2021 8:28 pm

For those in the UK that have converted their standard headlight bulbs to LED, up until 21/3/21 it would appear these would have created an automatic MOT failure. I hence suspect that any such vehicle could possibly have been deemed unroadworthy in the event of an insurance claim.

The good news however is that from 22/3/21 these may now be legal if installed in a car manufactured prior to 1/4/86.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/special-notice-01-21-headlamp-conversions/mot-special-notice-01-21-headlamp-conversions>

I currently have standard bulbs, but have seen a few Lagondas with LED headlamps retrofitted. If the above is correct (and would suggest that anyone with an interest confirms it for themselves)... I may well consider now taking the plunge with LED's. Any feedback on the effectiveness of LED bulbs from those using them would hence be appreciated.

Re: LED Headlights and UK MOT change

Written by h14 at Mar 27, 2021 12:18 pm

An acquaintance fitted some to his Riley, a 1949 RMA. He had great difficulty getting a good focus and beam pattern, but eventually succeeded. So, worthwhile but perhaps don't expect to simply fit and drive!

Laurence

Re: LED Headlights and UK MOT change

Written by Rich5ltr at Aug 06, 2021 5:21 pm

I am certainly intending to convert the brake lights, tail lights, side lights and indicators to LED they are so much more noticeable in daylight conditions. However, I rarely use my 16/80 at night and would prefer to keep the headlamps as original. I may be strange but I dislike the look of the LED bulbs because they look odd in the P80 headlamps.
