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### **SCORES OF UNSAFE VEHICLES REMOVED FROM THE ROAD**

**PRETORIA:** Traffic law enforcement officers are stepping up the campaign to removed unsafe vehicles from the roads ahead of the peak festive season travel.

More than 1 800 vehicles have been discontinued after it was discovered that they were being operated on public roads while they had major defects that placed the lives of other road used at risk.

An additional 1465 public transport vehicles have been impounded for operating contrary to their permits and overloading of passengers.

Some of the major defects identified in the vehicles include faulty brakes, dysfunctional steering racks, smooth tyres and badly cracked windscreens. Owners of the vehicles have to fix the defects and subject the cars to roadworthy tests before operating them on public roads against.

Motorists are warned that they risk discontinuation of their vehicles if they have modified the vehicles contrary to manufacturers' specifications.



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Vehicle roadworthiness has been identified as a key area of focus in this year's festive season road safety campaign.

Last year vehicles roadworthiness was a factor in seven percent of fatal crashes that took place over the festive season. This was an increase from four years from the previous year and this warranted focussed attention in this year's campaign.

To assist law enforcement agencies to deal this matter, the Road Traffic Management Corporation has purchased 19 mobile vehicle testing stations and distributed in different provinces to assist in identify vehicles that are unfit to be operated on public roads.

The RTMC reiterates its call to motorists to fix their vehicles before embarking on their journeys and avoid overloading to reduce number of people dying in road crashes.

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