

The ITV and the traffic office, with the right folder

The test takes half an hour. What costs three weeks is going back for a paper that was at home.

1 · The papers to gather first

Get everything together before you start. Almost every step in this guide stops dead for one missing document, and starting again costs more than waiting a day.

- The registration document and the vehicle's technical sheet, both originals. A photocopy is not accepted at the station.
- Proof of valid insurance, or evidence the policy is up to date.
- The last ITV report if the vehicle has been tested before: it shows which minor defects were recorded.
- Proof of the town hall's vehicle tax, if your municipality requires it for a given step.
- Your identity document and, if you are going for someone else, their signed authorisation with a copy of their document.

2 · The order to do things in

- 1 Check the exact date of your next test on the previous report, not from memory. The frequency depends on the vehicle's age and type and is set by Royal Decree 920/2017.
- 2 Go over the usual failures first: lights, tyres, wipers, emissions, and a legible number plate.
- 3 Book at the station that suits you and go with the car clear inside: the boot has to open and be empty.
- 4 If the result is unfavourable, check the deadline for the retest before you leave the station.
- 5 For any traffic office matter, check on the DGT website whether it can be done online: many no longer need a counter.

3 · The mistakes we see again and again

- Trusting memory for the date. Driving with an expired ITV is an offence in its own right, whatever the car's condition.
- Bringing a photocopy of the technical sheet. The original is required.
- Leaving the car loaded. If an area cannot be inspected, it is recorded as a defect.
- Forgetting a modification not recorded on the technical sheet. A towbar or different wheels will fail the test.
- Going to the traffic office for something already available online, and losing the morning.

4 · Where you can check it yourself

Official pages, checked on 22/09/2026. The administration changes its screens without warning: if something does not match, the official source wins, not this guide.

- **Real Decreto 920/2017, inspección técnica de vehículos**

<https://www.boe.es/buscar/act.php?id=BOE-A-2017-12841>

- **Sede electrónica de la Dirección General de Tráfico**

<https://sede.dgt.gob.es/es/>

- **Ministerio de Industria y Turismo**

<https://www.mincotur.gob.es/>

If you would rather we did it

€79 the ITV appointment, the folder and the pre-check

€89 the traffic office appointment and accompaniment at the counter

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