Procedure concerning radiator hoses that loosen, P 44408 - P 44508

Since several cases have occurred when the lower radiator hose has slipped out of position, we request you to carry out the following checks and cleaning procedure immediately.

1. On all vehicles in stock, remove the lower radiator hose and wash it thoroughly internally with alcohol. Check that the hose has not been damaged by the hose clips and refit it in position. If the hose is damaged, replace with a new hose which should be cleaned with alcohol before fitting. During manufacture, the hoses are treated with glycerine and this must be removed to prevent the hoses from slipping out of position when they are fitted.

Make sure that the hoses are otherwise in good condition and that the clips are correctly in position and well tightened.

2. A careful check of all the radiator hoses should be carried out on all vehicles coming in for 1st or 2nd Service Inspections. Make sure that the hoses are correctly in position and are in good condition. Check that the clips are properly tightened. Replace damaged hoses. Wash new hoses in alcohol before fitting.

3. Any stocks you have of lower radiator hoses should be immediately cleaned in alcohol. As far as the check of vehicles in stock is concerned in accordance with point 1 above, the factory will pay compensation in accordance with Operation No. 2814 in the Flat Rate Manual as well as the costs for any replaced radiator hoses. For the sake of simplicity, all vehicles and all working costs can be included on the same claim form.

The above-mentioned procedure is not necessary on the following vehicles:

P 44408 - chassis no. 133726 onwards