

The Belgian Car-Pass system



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1. The problem of odometer fraud





Tampering the odometer or clocking is technically speaking a piece of cake

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- It took a few minutes to lower the mileage of 3 recent models: Ford Kuga (2019), Opel Grandland X (2020) & Peugeot 208 (2019)
- For 170 recent car models tools and software are available to manipulate the odometer

Study by European Parliamentary Research Service and Gdansk University (January 2018):

• Total consumer damage between € 5,6 and 9,6 billion in the whole Union (for cross border transactions only)





2. The Belgian Car-Pass system



Legal framework: stage 1 (federal law of 11 June 2004)

- Mileage fraud is considered a serious crime sanctioned with severe penalties (up to 1 year imprisonment)
- Creation of a central database containing the odometer readings of all vehicles registered in Belgium
- All professional car dealers and repair shops are required to transfer VIN number, mileage and date when repairing or maintaining a vehicle or replacing parts (ex. tyres, windscreens,...)
- The seller of a second hand vehicle is obliged by law to deliver a certificate showing the mileage history of the vehicle to the buyer. If he fails to do so the transaction is void.



The Belgian CAR-PASS system: in practice

CAR-PASS is a non-profit organisation authorised by Royal Decree, to manage the central database with the mileage recordings

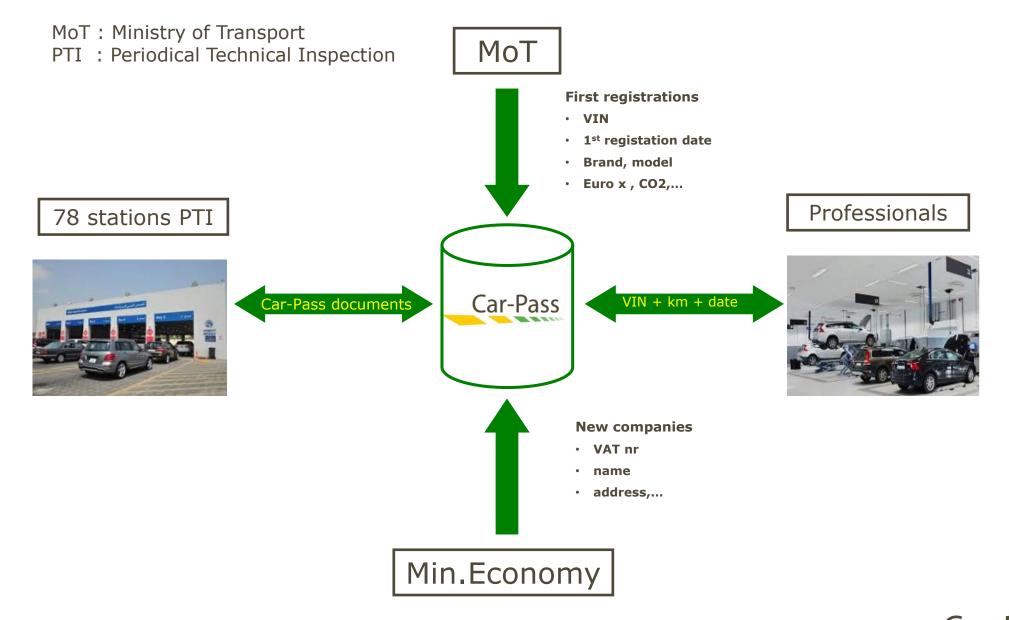
All stakeholders are represented in the CAR-PASS board:

- Association of the car importers (FEBIAC)
- Association of the dealers, repair shops, ... (TRAXIO)
- Companies performing the technical inspection
- Automobile clubs (Touring, VAB)
- Ministry of Economic Affairs
- Ministry of Transport

Cost-efficient and self supporting. Sale of this mileage certificate is the only revenue for CAR-PASS. No public funding.

Car-Pass mileage documents are delivered by the technical inspection.







The system has been very succesful

- The Car-Pass model has proven its necessity in an effective way!
- Before the system was introduced odometer fraud was a serious problem in Belgium with 60.000 to 100.000 cases a year
- In 2020 only 1.716 new cases of mileage fraud took place (0,2 % of used cars registered in B).
- But the system wasn't effective against frauded imported cars.



Legal framework: stage 2 (amendment of 2018)

Objectives:

- make extra information about the used car available to the buyer
 - Euro standard (source: MoT)
 - CO2 emissions (source: MoT)
 - The need for a technical inspection after accident (source: assessors)
 - Outstanding recalls (source: importers/ OEM's)
- Reduce fraud with imported cars
 - Mileage history of imported used cars (source: importers / OEM's)
- Prepare for the future
 - Mileages from connected cars 4x year (source: importers / OEM's)



Car-Pass

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Valable jusqu'au: 02/05/2021

Prix (TVAC): € 8,90

Première mise en

17/05/2019

VOLVO XC60 Diesel

YV32XX2XXX2793193

circulation: Première immatriculation en Belgique:

12/07/2019

Norme EURO:

Numéro de châssis:

Marque/Modèle:

Carburant:

6de

Pour plus d'infos, scannez le code QR:

Émissions de CO2 NEDC: 132 g/km

Émissions de CO₂ WLTP: 162 g/km

Contrôle après accident nécessaire: Non

Seules les expertises effectuées après le 01/03/2019 sont prises en compte.

Oui (1) Voir annexe(s) Rappels à effectuer:

General data about the vehicle

Unique ID

Date 37 613 01/03/2021 21 422 17/07/2020 19 388 28/02/2020 2 462 09/07/2019

Date

Mileage history

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Data received from the OEM's (2021)

Recalls

• 7,7 % Car-Pass reveals one or more open Recalls

Connected Cars: 666.000 mileages

Imported cars

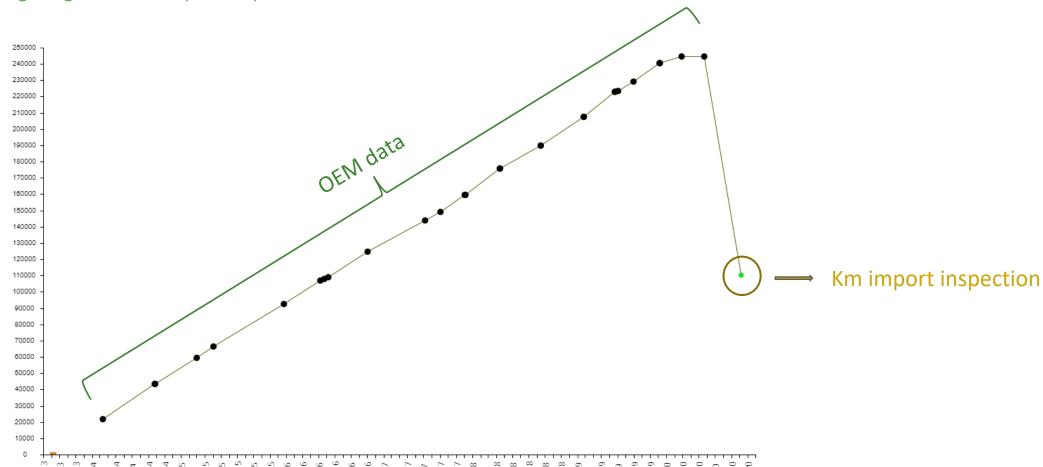
- Mileages received : 227.000
- Car-Pass received at least one mileage observation for 48% of the imports
- On average 4,2 mileages per imported car
- There is suspicion of odometer tampering in 2,1% of the cases (see example)
- On average the odometer has been reduced by 100.000 km (data 2020)



Toyota Auris (2013)

highest mileage manufacturer: 240.485 km

mileage registered at import inspection in B: 110.491 km





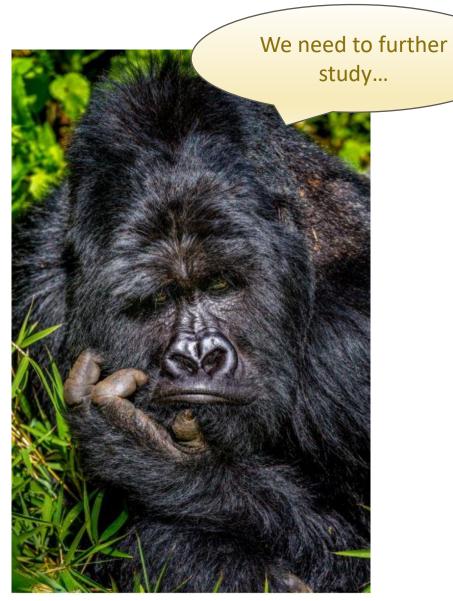


Resolution of the EU Parliament (31.5.2018) with recommendations to the Commission on odometer manipulation in motor vehicles

- Creation of a Car-Pass-like system in all EU countries, with a cross-border EU information exchange, could bring a benefit of €8.51 billion/y to the European economy.
- The EP calls on the Commission to propose a legislative framework for Member States to set up comparable and mutually compatible national data collection mechanisms, based on existing best practices.
- A buyer of a second-hand vehicle should be able to verify the accuracy of its odometer reading, regardless of the Member State in which it was previously registered.
- The EP requests the Commission to submit a proposal for an act on measures tackling odometer manipulation following the recommendations of the report.
- Adopted with a vast majority of 91% of the votes.



Response of the Commission Juncker





Response of the Commission von der Leyen

Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy (SSMS):

(64) the Commission plans to "assess the need for a proposal to require efficient exchange of odometer readings across the EU" in 2021

Opportunity - Revision process of EU Directive 2014/45/EU

- Reliable odometer readings are needed for reliable PTI and In Service Compliance testing
- Reliable odometer implies:
 - 1. follow up as from date first use (and not from the first PTI)
 - 2. exchange of odometer data between countries to cover export



Thank you!

Questions?

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