

## Notes for the Editor:

The methodology of the EuroTAP tunnel inspections draws on the European Tunnel Directive criteria stating the minimum safety standards to be found in tunnels. This Directive intends to harmonise the safety requirements for European tunnels. Member States have 10 years following national transposition of the Directive, to upgrade their tunnels to the required standards.

Out of 49 tunnels tested by EuroTAP in 2005, 18 were rated “very good”, 14 “good”, nine “acceptable”, four “poor” and four “very poor”.

EuroTAP is a three-year EU funded tunnel testing programme conducted by a consortium of 12 European Automobile Clubs, which builds on an experience of six years of tunnel testing.

The consortium members include ADAC (Germany), ACI (Italy), AMZS (Slovenia), ANWB (The Netherlands), NAF (Norway), OAMTC (Austria), RACC and RACE (Spain), TCB (Belgium) and TCS (Switzerland) and the FIA Bureau Brussels (Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile).

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