

# Ford Transit Connect - Failed Fuel Pipe

Having only owned this 2010 Ford Transit Connect for around three months, the owner had noticed a smell of diesel when topping up the tank. He had never actually filled the tank up to the top and had not given the diesel smell too

much thought, thinking it was just the residue on his hands that was hanging around.

As he was about to cover quite a few miles over the next few days, he decided to fill the tank up to the brim. As the fuel came close to filling up the tank, he was aware of a stronger than usual diesel smell. A quick glance towards his feet showed that the tank was now leaking fuel. He immediately stopped filling the tank and travelled to our workshop to ask for advice.

Once we had the van in the workshop, and



**The hose had been refitted before and was leaking where it connected to the fuel tank**

up on the ramp, we could see that the fuel appeared to be coming from the top of the tank. Upon closer inspection, we discovered that the top breather hose between the tank and the filler had failed.

This was good news for the owner, as it meant a repair could be made without having to source a new tank. When removing the old pipe, we could see that it had failed previously and been cut back and refitted. This time with a new pipe, the repair should be a bit more permanent.