

## **What vehicles have to be inspected every two years for emissions?**

Vehicles that have to be inspected for emissions every two years are:

- Gasoline and bi-fueled vehicles plated as passenger, not-for-profit, governmental, commuter van, farmer or farm truck model year 1996 and newer with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) 8,500 pounds or less, five (5) model years and older, excluding buses.
- Gasoline and bi-fueled vehicles plated as passenger, not-for-profit, governmental, commuter van, farmer or farm truck model year 2008 and newer with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) from 8,501 to 14,000 pounds, five (5) model years and older, excluding buses.
- Gasoline and bi-fueled vehicles plated as passenger, not-for-profit, governmental, commuter van, farmer or farm truck model year 2014 and newer with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) 14,001 pounds or greater, five (5) model years and older, excluding buses.
- Diesel-powered, passenger motor vehicles plated as passenger, not-for-profit, governmental, commuter van, farmer or farm truck model year 1997 and newer with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) 8,500 pounds or less, five (5) model years and older, excluding buses.

## **What vehicles are required to be inspected annually for both safety and emissions?**

Vehicles required to be inspected annually for safety and emissions are listed below:

- All vehicles registered as Passenger Vehicle Transportation.  
This includes vehicles registered as:
  - an ambulance (OA),
  - hotel bus (OH),
  - jitney (OJ),
  - limousine (OJ),
  - mobility assistance vehicle(OM),
  - omnibus 2 (O2),
  - paratransit (OP) and
  - taxicab (OT)
- All gasoline or bi-fueled-powered, commercial plated (x-plated) vehicles
- Diesel-powered, commercial-plated (x-plated) vehicles with a GVWR of 8,500 pounds or less

## Where can I get my vehicle inspected?

- Vehicles that require a biennial gasoline emission-only test and an annual mechanical defect (safety) and emission test must be inspected at either a CIF or Private Inspection Facility.
- Heavy-duty diesel-powered motor vehicles (GVWR 18,000 or greater) are required to have an annual opacity inspection performed at a Diesel Private Inspection Facility.

## What vehicles do not have to be inspected?

The following vehicles are exempt from inspection requirements (N.J.A.C. 13:20-7.2):

- Gasoline powered vehicles registered passenger, model year 1995 & older with a GVWR 8,500 pounds or less.
- Gasoline powered vehicles registered passenger, model year 2007 & older with a GVWR 8,501 to 14,000 pounds.
- Gasoline powered vehicles registered passenger, model year 2013 & older with a GVWR 14,001 pounds or more.
- Historic motor vehicles
- Approved Collector Vehicles which are less than 25 years old
- 100% Electric vehicles
- Motorcycles
- Motorized bicycles
- Farm tractors and traction equipment
- Farm machinery and implements
- Fire trucks having a GVWR of more than 8,500 pounds
- In-transit construction equipment
- All diesel-fueled motor vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) 8,501 pounds to 17,999 that are plated commercial or Passenger Vehicle Transportation (PVT) are required to be inspected by the owner or lessee
- All diesel powered vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) 8,501 to 17,999 that are plated passenger, not for profit, governmental, commuter van, farmer or farm truck except buses
- All diesel powered vehicles model year 1996 and older that are plated passenger, not for profit, governmental, commuter van, farmer or farm truck except buses
- Omnibuses which are subject to inspection by the Commission's Commercial Bus Inspection and Investigation Unit
- School buses which are subject to inspection by the Commission's School Bus Inspection Unit
- Tactical military vehicles operated on Federal installations within this State Contractor equipment in transit

## **What do I have to bring to have my car inspected?**

Bring these documents:

- Valid driver license; you must be at least 17 years old. Driver does not need to be vehicle owner
- Valid vehicle registration document  
State of New Jersey Insurance Identification Card. E-cards on smart phones are permissible.

## **What if I don't want to wait in line at the Inspection Station?**

If you do not want to wait in line at the Inspection Station, you can always make an appointment at State Inspection Facilities located in Washington (Warren County), Salem or Cape May.

- You can make an appointment by calling (888) NJMOTOR (656-6867) toll free in NJ or (609) 620-7992 out-of-state.
  - Customer service representatives are available:
    - Mon-Fri: 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
    - Sat: 7 a.m.–12 p.m.
- You can also schedule your appointment online using the Schedule An Inspection Web Page. To go to the webpage [CLICK HERE](#).
- Your other option would be to have your car inspected at your local Private Inspection Facility. A Private Inspection Facility is a privately owned garage licensed by the state to perform the same safety and emission inspection as a state inspection station for a fee.
- To find the nearest Private Inspection Facility go to [www.njmvc.gov/Private Inspection Facility](http://www.njmvc.gov/Private%20Inspection%20Facility) .

## **What is a passenger vehicle?**

A passenger vehicle is considered any vehicle registered with one of the following registration codes:

- 1 through 9
- 12 (not utilized to transport passengers as in the manner of a bus)
- 15
- 31
- 73

## Can I have my vehicle inspected early?

Vehicles may be presented for inspection up to two months in advance of the month in which they are due. For example, a vehicle due in August may be presented as early as June 1.

### **INSPECT BY 9/30/2011:**

*In the example below, the center number identifies the month in which vehicle inspection is due and the numbers to the left and right identify the year.*



## Will I be penalized if I present my vehicle past my inspection due date?

Driving a vehicle with an expired inspection sticker may result in fines between \$100 and \$200 and/or imprisonment for up to 30 days. Additionally, the MVC may revoke registration privileges (N.J.S.A. 39:8-9).

## How do I get a replacement inspection sticker?

To get a replacement inspection sticker issued for an inspection conducted at a Private Inspection Facility or CIF, you must go to designated re-inspection area of your local state inspection station. You must present to the inspector at the station your driver license, vehicle registration and insurance card. All documents must be originals, no copies, faxes or computer generated pdf files.

You must also present one of the documents listed below:

- Inspection sticker
- Vehicle Inspection Report (available on the web at <http://njvir.appsolgrp.com:8010/VIRPrint/pages/vir/virSearch.jsf>)
- Repair invoice from a glass company for windshield replacement.
- A police report

The inspector will install a new inspection sticker at no cost to the motorist.

## **Where can I get my vehicle inspected?**

Vehicles that require a biennial gasoline emission-only test ;an annual mechanical defect (safety) and emission test must be inspected at either a CIF or Private Inspection Facility.

Heavy-duty diesel-powered motor vehicles (GWVR 18,000 or greater) are required to have an annual opacity inspection performed at a Diesel Private Inspection Facility.

## **What happens if I fail the emissions inspection?**

The inspector will give you an Emission Repair Form for a certified emission repair technician to fill out and a Vehicle Inspection Report that will help your technician determine which part of your vehicle's system caused the emissions problem. If your vehicle did not pass the OBD/emissions inspection, it is producing more pollutants than the standard for its model year.

## **When do I have to take my vehicle in for re-inspection?**

If your vehicle fails the inspection, you will be allowed a specified amount of time to have the necessary repairs made. Please refer to your vehicle inspection report.

## **Where can I go for emission repairs?**

You must have the necessary emission repairs done by a registered Emission Repair Facility (ERF) or you may make them yourself. Be sure to bring your Vehicle Inspection Report and Emission Repair Form for the ERF to complete. When your vehicle does not pass inspection, you can find an emission repair facility through our online ERF database or call (888) NJ-MOTOR.

## **What happens once the emission repairs are finished?**

Once the repairs are completed, you must have your vehicle re-inspected by a licensed inspector at a private or state inspection facility.

Remember to bring all emissions-related receipts, your Emission Repair Form and the Vehicle Inspection Report with you. If you repair the vehicle yourself, you must bring the receipts for any emissions-related parts you used. A re-inspection will not be performed without these documents.

## What if I think the emission results are wrong?

You can request a referee inspection after you complete the first inspection if:

- You felt the vehicle was not tested in accordance with state requirements.
- Your vehicle does not pass the re-inspection portion of the test after an ERF makes necessary repairs or finds that none are necessary

Referee inspections are performed at one of three specialty sites:

Asbury Park

Westfield

Winslow

NOTE: Asking for a referee inspection *does not* extend the expiration date on your current inspection sticker

\*N.J.A.C. 7:27-15.5

## What is the inspection process for my lifted or high-rise personal vehicle?

Lifted vehicles must pass a high-rise "stability" test to verify structural integrity every two years. Stability tests are performed at Specialty Inspection Facilities in Asbury Park or Winslow. Contact one of these sites directly for an appointment. Lifted vehicles are also required to receive an emissions test. The emissions test may be performed at any inspection site.

## How does maintaining my vehicle's emissions system benefit me?

If you maintain your emissions system, you can:

- Reduce your fuel costs from an average of 6% to 13%
- Avoid more costly repairs
- Extend the life of your vehicle and make it more reliable
- Contribute to cleaner air

## What is the On-Board Diagnostics (OBD) test?

The On-Board Diagnostics (OBD) test reads a computer system in your vehicle to identify engine related problems that may result in the increase of harmful pollutant emissions. By maintaining your vehicle, you can help improve New Jersey's air quality.

## What should extended absence motorists do before returning to New Jersey?

A vehicle which is not used on New Jersey highways is not subject to inspection until it is returned to New Jersey. Before returning, motorists on extended absence may request form SS-33, which should be made available to any law enforcement officer who may stop you for not having a valid inspection sticker on the windshield.

A vehicle must be properly registered and have valid proof of New Jersey liability insurance. To request an out of state extension, please call (609) 633-9474 or (609) 633-9460.

## I saw a big diesel truck spewing out all kind of black smoke. What does the State do to stop these vehicles from emitting this smoke?

Diesel-powered vehicles with a GVWR of 18,000 pounds and greater are required to have an annual (every year) smoke opacity inspection at a diesel Private Inspection Facility only.

## What if a car less than five (5) model years old is purchased from someone other than a New Jersey New Car Dealer and has never inspected in the State of New Jersey, when does my car have to be inspected?

Any car less than five (5) model years is eligible for a five (5) year exemption, which means that it can receive a New Car Dealer Inspection Decal expiring on the last day of the month which the car was registered 5 years from the model year. You should have received a green card or SS-19 from a MVC Motor Vehicle Agency at the time of registration.

The SS19 instructs you go to designated re-inspection area of your locate state station inspection with your car to receive a New Car Dealer Inspection Decal. At the station, you must present to the inspector your driver license, vehicle registration and insurance card. All documents must be originals, no copies, faxes or computer generated pdf files. After reviewing the documents, the inspector will install a New Car Dealer Inspection Decal expiring on the last day of the month, which the car was registered 5 years from the model year.

See the sample below:



For further information you can contact: Inspection Services at 609-633-9474