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Department of Environmental Protection

Extend the life of your vehicle and improve the air we breathe...

Pennsylvania's Vehicle Emissions Inspection and Maintenance Program



Program at a Glance

Who must participate?

Motorists with gasoline-powered cars, vans and light-duty trucks (9,000 lbs. or less gross vehicle weight), with a model year 1975 and newer registered in Allegheny, Beaver, Berks, Blair, Bucks, Cambria, Centre, Chester, Cumberland, Dauphin, Delaware, Erie, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Luzerne, Lycoming, Mercer, Montgomery, Northampton, Philadelphia, Washington, Westmoreland and York counties are required to participate in Pennsylvania's Vehicle Emissions Inspection & Maintenance (I/M) Program.

When to get an emissions inspection...

The emissions inspection is due once a year at the same time or before your annual safety inspection. If your vehicle is required to undergo an emissions inspection, the message "Emissions Inspection Required/Diesel Vehicles Exempt" will be printed on your vehicle registration card to remind you that an emissions inspection is required for your vehicle.

Where to go...

As with the safety inspection, you can choose an emissions inspection station from a network of certified service stations, auto dealers and neighborhood garages. You can have your emissions and safety inspections and any required repairs done at your favorite local station, if your station participates in the program.

Fees...

Fees are market driven so you should shop around. Individual stations and dealers determine the emissions inspection fee, as they always have for safety inspections. Stations may charge a fee for an exemption. Competition lets you choose an inspection station based on price, service, convenience and trust.

If your vehicle doesn't pass...

If your vehicle doesn't pass, you must make emissions-related repairs and have your vehicle re-inspected before your current safety inspection expires. Making these repairs will not only reduce emissions, but also may help you improve gas mileage and prolong the life of your vehicle.

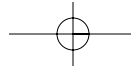
After necessary repairs are completed, the first re-inspection will be free, as long as it is done within 30 days at the same place that conducted the initial inspection. If your vehicle still doesn't pass the inspection, and you can show that you have spent at least \$150 on emissions-related repairs, you may be eligible for a one-year waiver. In some cases, you may have to spend more if a major repair, such as replacing a catalytic converter, is the only reasonable way to address the problem. You must obtain an emissions sticker or a waiver from a certified inspection station and pass a safety inspection before a safety inspection sticker can be affixed to your vehicle.

Exemptions and Exclusions...

A vehicle driven fewer than 5,000 miles during the 12-month period immediately preceding the inspection can qualify for an exemption sticker if you have owned the vehicle for one year or more. Just take your vehicle to an inspection station to verify your mileage and apply for an exemption sticker. Stations may charge a fee for an exemption. Also, if you have a new vehicle titled and registered for the first time and driven fewer than 5,000 miles, you can apply for an exemption sticker valid until the next inspection is due.

Motorcycles are excluded from the emissions inspection program, as are vehicles registered as classics, antiques, collectibles, street rods or specially constructed.





How the Program Works...



Northern Region

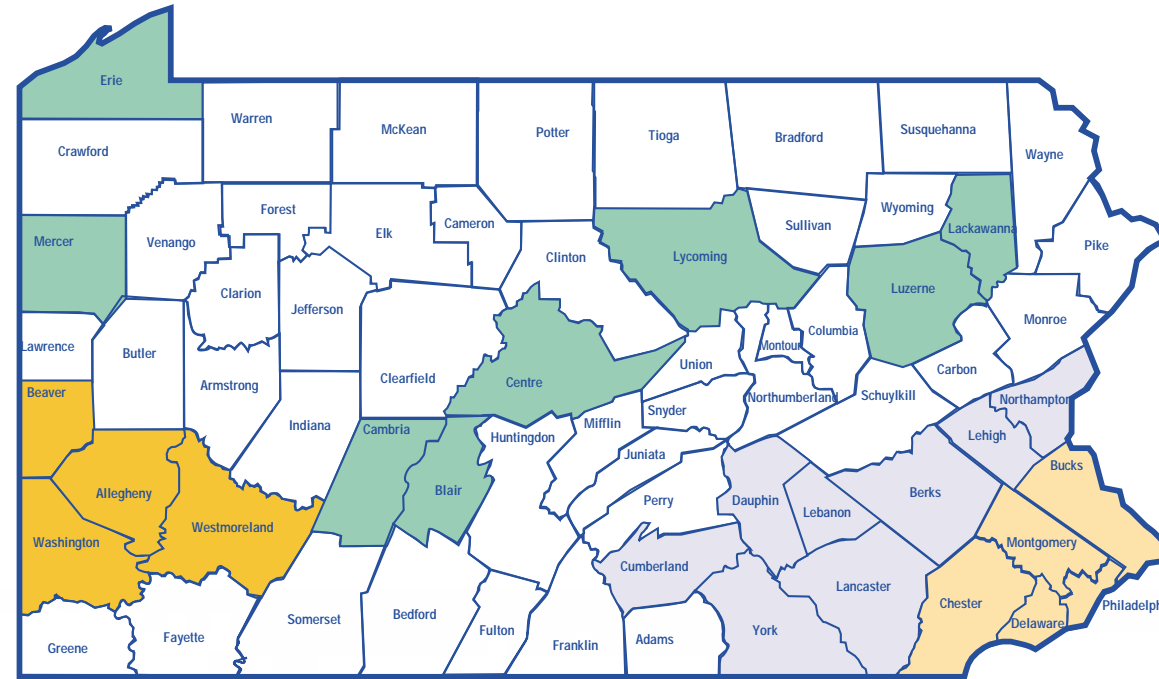
Emissions inspections in Blair, Cambria, Centre, Erie, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Lycoming and Mercer counties will be phased-in from January thru March 2004. Vehicles in these counties will be required to have the following emissions inspections completed:

- Most 1975 and newer model-year vehicles will be required to have a Gas Cap Test and a Visual Anti-Tampering Check of the emissions components.

Philadelphia Region

Emissions inspection stations in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties will begin offering the On-board Diagnostic (OBD) Inspection & Maintenance (I/M) Check between April and June 2004. Vehicles in these counties are required to have the following emissions inspections completed:

- Most 1996 and newer model-year vehicles will be required to have an OBD I/M Check and a Gas Cap Test.
- Most 1981-1995 model-year cars and 1984-1995 model-year light-duty trucks will continue to be required to have an inspection with an emissions analyzer and a treadmill-like device called a dynamometer, which simulates driving conditions. This inspection also includes a Gas Cap Test and a Visual Anti-Tampering Check of the emissions components.
- Most 1975-1980* model-year cars and 1975-1983* model-year light-duty trucks will continue to be required to have an idle inspection, which measures pollutants while the engine is idling. This inspection also includes a Gas Cap Test and a Visual Anti-Tampering Check of the emissions components.



■ Northern Region
 ■ Pittsburgh Region
 ■ Philadelphia Region
 ■ South Central Region

Pittsburgh Region

Emissions inspection stations in Allegheny, Beaver, Washington and Westmoreland counties will begin offering the On-board Diagnostic (OBD) Inspection & Maintenance (I/M) Check between January and March 2004. Vehicles in these counties are required to have the following emissions inspections completed:

- Most 1996 and newer model-year vehicles will be required to have an OBD I/M Check and a Gas Cap Test.
- Most 1975-1995* model-year vehicles will continue to be required to have an inspection with an emissions analyzer to measure pollutants while the engine is idling. This inspection also includes a Gas Cap Test and a Visual Anti-Tampering Check of the emissions components.

South Central Region

Emissions inspections in Berks, Cumberland, Dauphin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Northampton and York counties will be phased-in from December 2003 thru February 2004. Vehicles in these counties will be required to have the following emissions inspections completed:

- Most 1996 and newer model-year vehicles will be required to have an On-board Diagnostic (OBD) Inspection & Maintenance (I/M) Check and a Gas Cap Test.
- Most 1975-1995 model-year vehicles will be required to have a Gas Cap Test and a Visual Anti-Tampering Check of the emissions components.

Clean air is our goal

A great deal has been done from industry, commercial operations and vehicles to improve Pennsylvania's air quality. Although our air is getting cleaner, we still need to do more. Pennsylvania's Inspection & Maintenance Program is part of the state's plan to clean the air and keep it clean in the future.

*NOTE: Vehicles 1975 and newer but older than 25 years will receive a Gas Cap Test and Visual Anti-Tampering Check.

