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SPECIAL BULLETIN: PLANNED CHANGES IN THE EMISSIONS AND SAFETY  
INSPECTION PROGRAMS.

Please be advised of the following planned changes in Pennsylvania's emissions and safety inspection programs, that will go into effect between September 2003 and June 2004. This is preliminary information and PENNDOT will be updating you regularly as specific requirements and milestone dates are known.

- From December 2003 through February 2004, the counties of Berks, Cumberland, Dauphin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Northampton and York will begin a phase-in of an On-Board-Diagnostic (OBD) I/M Check with a Gas Cap Test of most 1996 and newer vehicles and a Visual Anti-Tampering Check and Gas Cap Test of most 1975 – 1995 vehicles.
- From January 2004 through March 2004, the counties of Blair, Cambria, Centre, Erie, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Lycoming and Mercer will begin a phase-in of a Visual Anti-Tampering Check and a Gas Cap Test for most 1975 and newer model year vehicles.
- From January 2004 through March 2004, the counties of Allegheny, Beaver, Washington and Westmoreland will begin the transition to a program that consists of an On-Board-Diagnostic (OBD) I/M Check with a Gas Cap Test of most 1996 and newer vehicles, a Tailpipe Test, a Gas Cap Test and a Visual Anti-Tampering Check of most 1975 – 1995 vehicles. The current emissions inspection program will remain the same until this transition occurs in January 2004.
- From April 2004 through June 2004, the counties of Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia will begin the transition to a program that consists of an On-Board-Diagnostic (OBD) I/M Check with a Gas Cap Test of most 1996 and newer vehicles, a Tailpipe Test, a Gas Cap Test and a Visual Anti-Tampering Check of most 1975 – 1995 vehicles. The current emissions inspection program will remain the same until this transition occurs in April 2004.
- By September 1 2003, a change in testing standards (cutpoints) will be implemented for the Philadelphia Region (Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties).

- Beginning in December 2003, the remaining 42 counties not covered above (Adams, Armstrong, Bedford, Bradford, Butler, Cameron, Carbon, Clarion, Clearfield, Clinton, Columbia, Crawford, Elk, Fayette, Forest, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Huntingdon, Indiana, Jefferson, Juniata, Lawrence, McKean, Mifflin, Monroe, Montour, Northumberland, Perry, Pike, Potter, Schuylkill, Snyder, Somerset, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Union, Venango, Warren, Wayne and Wyoming Counties) will begin a Visual Anti-Tampering Check of originally equipped emission control devices as part of a vehicle's safety inspection for most passenger cars and light trucks.

Since most of these changes will require the purchase of additional or new test equipment, please be aware that there is currently **NO** equipment certified at this time and you are advised not to purchase any equipment until you are notified by PENNDOT. Once specific needs and approved manufacturers of test equipment are determined, that information will be sent to you.

We will continue to keep you informed about important program information by special bulletins such as this. Additional information can be found on the Drive Clean PA website at [www.drivecleanpa.state.pa.us](http://www.drivecleanpa.state.pa.us).

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