



INSPECTIONS NEWSLETTER

FALL 2015

Ordering Inspection Stickers



On September 16th, 2015, the Department began issuing the new 2016-17 safety and emissions inspection stickers.

The 2016-17 stickers may be used simultaneously with the 2015-16 stickers. The 2015-16 stickers may be used for inspections on vehicles with registration expiry dates up to December 2015. The 2016-17 stickers are needed by November 1st for vehicles with registration expiry dates of January 2016 and later. Once you begin to use the new 2016-17 stickers, a separate MV431 or MV480 must be started. For e-Safety or Emissions inspections, the software will categorize the stickers automatically. You can find the latest version of the MV-436A inspection sticker order form at the link indicated below.

Please allow at least 14 business days for your sticker orders.

MV-436A Inspection Sticker and Insert Order Form (7-15)

<http://www.dot.state.pa.us/Public/DVSPubsForms/BMV/BMV%20Forms/MV-436A.pdf>

If you have any questions, please contact PennDOT's Vehicle Inspection Division at (717)787-2895.

SAFETY Inspection Sticker Fee Change



Effective July 1, 2015 the fee for the annual safety inspection stickers changed from \$5.00 to \$6.00 and the fee for the semi-annual stickers was adjusted from \$3.00 to \$4.00. The shipping fee remains \$5.00. When issuing a replacement safety sticker, Official Inspection Stations may charge a maximum fee of \$2.00 plus the purchase price of the sticker in effect at the time of replacement.

The change is required by the law, Act 89, which provides for biennial adjustments to numerous fees based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Act 89 represents an investment in Pennsylvania's future, increasing public safety, and driving commerce, creating jobs, and providing reliable funding for our transportation needs without leaving the bill to our future generations.

DMV Website Changes



PennDOT's DMV website (www.dmv.pa.gov) has undergone a variety of recent changes. As such, web links you may have saved as bookmarks or shortcuts to common resources may no longer be functional. Below are new links to some of the most common resources.

Emission Inspection Manual PUB-763

http://www.dot.state.pa.us/Public/DVSPubsForms/BMV/BMV%20Publications/pub_763.pdf

Safety Inspection Manual PUB-45

http://www.dot.state.pa.us/Public/DVSPubsForms/BMV/BMV%20Manuals/Pub_45%20Inspections%20Regulations/PUB-45.pdf

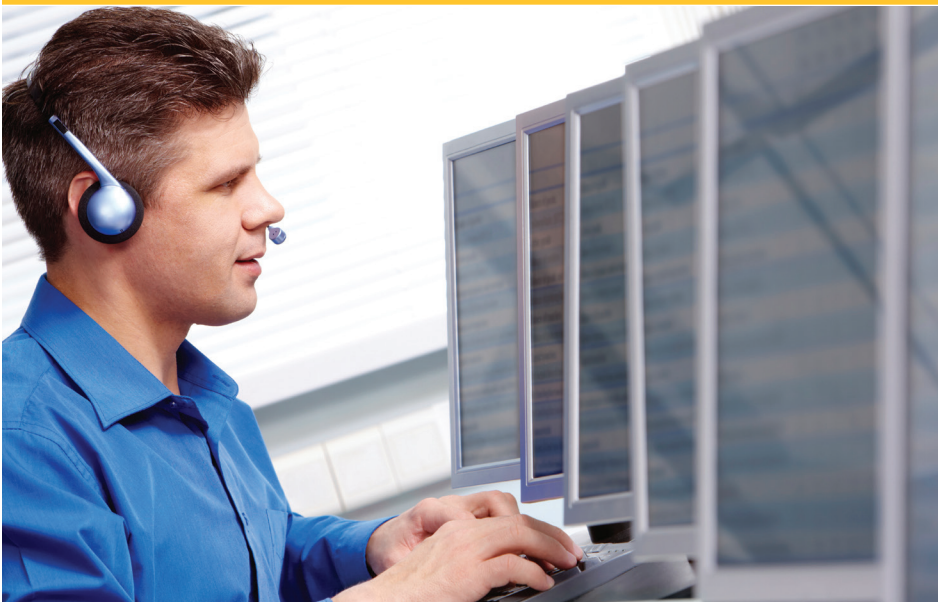
MV-516, list of Emission Inspectors

<http://www.dot.state.pa.us/public/dvspubsforms/BMV/BMV%20Forms/mv-516.pdf>

MV-443, list of Safety Inspectors

<http://www.dot.state.pa.us/public/dvspubsforms/BMV/BMV%20Forms/mv-443.pdf>

HAVE QUESTIONS? Contact the Inspection Station Operator Hotline **888-265-5909**



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Frequently Asked Questions

The Inspection Station Operator Hotline is available to answer your questions, Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm. Our support representatives have compiled answers to some of the most frequently asked questions.

Emissions Equipment Service Calls

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If your emissions equipment requires servicing, please contact the manufacturer’s customer hotline to schedule the service call. The equipment manufacturer is required to respond to service requests within one business day. Do not contact the service technician that normally comes to your station, since they may not be able to respond in the required time frame.

If the equipment manufacturer does not respond within the required period, you may contact the Emissions Station Operator Hotline for assistance (1-888-265-5909).

Helpful Online Videos

Have questions? Check out Parsons’ YouTube channel, which has helpful “how to” videos including: Getting Started, Adding A User, Password Lockout and more. To view the videos go to: <https://www.youtube.com/user/ParsonsPaVIC>



Non-Communicating Vehicle Guidelines

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When a consumer’s vehicle has communicated successfully, but has failed the emission test for a Diagnostic Trouble Code (DTC), Malfunction Indicator Lamp (MIL) or “Not Ready” condition, and then during the retest is not able to communicate, the inspector should contact the Station Operator Hotline for further instruction.

Your call will be directed to a Pennsylvania Emission Team (PET) supervisor for a detailed review. In these scenarios, the inspector should not pass the non-communicating vehicle without appropriate evaluation and approval from the authorized supervisor.

Have Other Questions?

Contact the Inspection Station Operator Hotline 888-265-5909

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Modified Vehicle Titling Procedure



A modified vehicle is a type of vehicle required to be registered that has been materially altered by the addition, deletion, substitution, or modification of the body, chassis, or essential parts, new or used. The term does not include vehicles repaired to the function and appearance of their original condition or vehicles for which first stage or second stage manufacturers provide a manufacturer statement of origin or a federally required certification label at the time of the original title and registration application.

Any removal, alteration, or substitution of essential parts, which would tend to conceal the identity of the vehicle or substantially alter its appearance, model, type, or mode of operation, would require the vehicle to undergo an enhanced safety inspection and the modified vehicle titling process. Some examples of vehicle modifications which would require a Modified Vehicle Title include but are not limited to: changing fuel type (e.g. gasoline to diesel), addition or removal of an axle, replacing the engine (e.g. replacing stock engine with an engine that was not available as original equipment on the vehicle), changing a standard truck bed to a flat bed or dump bed, or changing the vehicle body type (e.g. bus to truck).

All modified vehicles must undergo an enhanced vehicle safety inspection to ensure the vehicle is in compliance with all the vehicle and equipment inspection regulations for that type of vehicle. The enhanced inspection must be performed at an enhanced vehicle safety inspection station. A list of these stations can be found at <http://www.dot.state.pa.us/public/dvsubforms/BMV/BMV%20Safety%20Inspection%20Bulletins/enhancedstations.pdf>. After undergoing and successfully passing the enhanced safety inspection and the vehicle is titled as a modified vehicle, the vehicle must then go through a regular annual or semi-annual (as required) safety inspection.

Instructions For Filling Out The Parsons Service Enrollment Form

A Parsons Service Enrollment Form is needed when applying as a new emissions and/or e-SAFETY station, going through a change of ownership on an emissions and/or e-SAFETY station, or when an already enrolled station is adding emissions or e-SAFETY. This form must be obtained from your Quality Assurance Officer (QAO).

Section One: Enrollment Type

If you check an e-SAFETY enrollment option, you must complete Section Four.

Section Two: Station and Billing Information

Enter all applicable information about the physical location of the station being enrolled.

- Official Inspection Station Number
- Business Name as it appears on your MV-427
- Business Address as it appears on your MV-427
- Business Phone
- Business Fax
- Billing Fax
- Billing Contact
- Email Address

Section Three: Emissions Inspector Information

Enter information about the Emissions Inspectors employed at the station.

- Inspector Name
- Mechanic Number

Section Four: e-SAFETY Manager Information

Enter information about the person given authority to manage the station's e-SAFETY users.

- Name
- Email Address

Section Five: Signature, Terms & Conditions Agreement

The person who completes and signs this Section must have the authority to legally bind the station.

- Authorized Signature
- Date
- Printed Name
- Title
- Phone

****Mail completed Enrollment Form, ACH Authorization Form and voided check to the following address: Parsons, Attn: Station Enrollment, 5340 Jaycee Avenue, Suite E, Harrisburg, PA 17112-4938**



Pennsylvania's Vehicle Emissions Inspection and Maintenance Program

Clean air is our goal. The vehicle inspection program is a part of a statewide plan to keep the air clean for future generations, while helping to extend the life of your vehicle.

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 select counties (see map below) throughout the state are required to participate in Pennsylvania's Vehicle Emissions Inspection & Maintenance (I/M) Program.

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.

How Often Are Inspections Done?

The emissions inspection is due once a year at the same time or before your annual safety inspection.

What If My Vehicle Doesn't Pass Inspection?

If your vehicle doesn't pass, you must make emissions-related repairs and have your vehicle re-inspected before your current safety inspection expires. 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.

Are There Any Exemptions Or Exclusions?

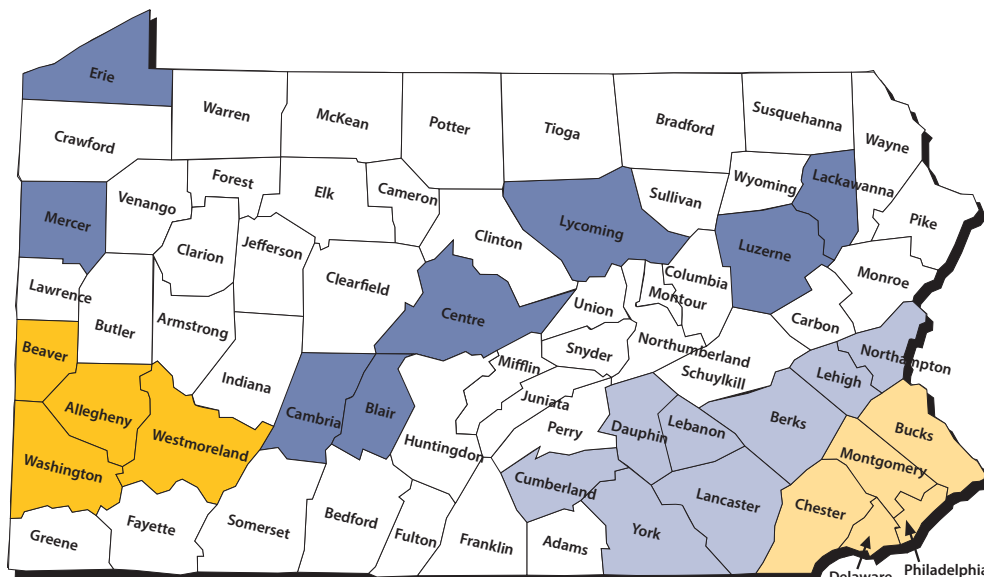
Some vehicles are exempt from emissions testing, but still require a sticker from an inspection station. Others are excluded from the emissions inspection program entirely and do not require a sticker.

Exempt Vehicles

- Vehicles driven less than 5,000 miles during the 12-month period immediately preceding the inspection and have been owned by the same owner for one year or more.
- A new vehicle, being titled and registered for the first time and has less than 5,000 total miles on the odometer.

Excluded Vehicles

- Vehicles registered as classics, antiques, collectibles, street rods or specially constructed.
- Motorcycles.



For More Information

Call 800-265-0921

www.DriveCleanPA.state.pa.us



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Pennsylvania's Vehicle Emissions Inspection and Maintenance Program

Northern Regions

Emissions inspections in Blair, Cambria, Centre, Erie, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Lycoming and Mercer 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 Regions

Emissions inspection stations in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia 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) I/M Check and a Gas Cap Test.
- Most 1990-1995* model-year cars and light-duty trucks will be required to have an inspection with an emissions analyzer and a treadmill-like device called a dynamometer (ASM), which simulates driving conditions. This inspection also includes a Gas Cap Test and a Visual Anti-Tampering Check of the emissions components.
- Most 1975-1989* model-year cars and light-duty trucks will be required to have Gas Cap Test and a Visual Anti-Tampering Check of the emissions components.

*NOTE: Model years indicated are for calendar year 2015. Vehicles 1975 and newer, but older than 25 years, will receive a Gas Cap Test and Visual Anti-Tampering Check. For example: In 2016 model-years requiring ASM tests will be 1991-1995; Gas Cap/Visual will be 1975-1990.

Pittsburgh Regions

Emissions inspection stations in Allegheny, Beaver, Washington and Westmoreland 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) I/M Check and a Gas Cap Test.
- Most 1990-1995* model-year cars and light-duty trucks will be required to have an inspection with a Two-Speed Idle (TSI) emissions analyzer, to measure pollutants while the engine is idling at two distinct levels. This inspection also includes a Gas Cap Test and a Visual Anti-Tampering Check of the emissions components.
- Most 1975-1989* model-year cars and light-duty trucks will be required to have Gas Cap Test and a Visual Anti-Tampering Check of the emissions components.

*NOTE: Model years indicated are for calendar year 2015. Vehicles 1975 and newer, but older than 25 years, will receive a Gas Cap Test and Visual Anti-Tampering Check. For example: In 2016 model-years requiring TSI tests will be 1991-1995; Gas Cap/Visual will be 1975-1990.

South Central Regions

Emissions inspections in Berks, Cumberland, Dauphin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Northampton and York 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) I/M Check and a Gas Cap Test.
- Most 1975-1995 model-year cars and light-duty trucks will be required to have Gas Cap Test and a Visual Anti-Tampering Check of the emissions components.

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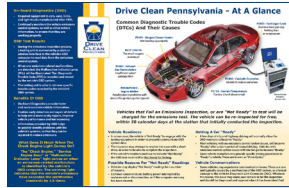
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CUSTOMER INFORMATION — EASY TO DOWNLOAD & SHARE

Parsons has developed reference tools that are very helpful in explaining the requirements of the vehicle emissions inspection programs to your customers.

IM Drive Clean Reference Guide

The Drive Clean deskmat is a two-sided reference tool that will help your customers understand the benefits of the Pennsylvania Drive Clean program and answer common questions about the OBD inspection process.



PA Drive Clean Program Information Poster

The Drive Clean Program Information Poster, explains to customers the type of inspections that are required. You can find a sample of this DriveClean poster inserted into this newsletter issue.

To download and print out either of these handy reference guides go to: <https://www.padrivecleanportal.com>

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Important Vehicle Inspection Information

Pennsylvania's Vehicle Inspection Program

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