



DEALER COMPLIANCE

State Emissions Requirements



By understanding Georgia's emissions inspection rules, automotive dealers can reduce stress, improve customer satisfaction and avoid possible enforcement actions by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD).

According to Georgia law, all sellers of gasoline-powered cars and light-duty trucks (8,500 pounds gross vehicle weight rating [GVWR] or less), located in metro Atlanta's 13-county testing area, regardless if they are a private party, dealership or auctioneer, must sell a vehicle with a current valid passing vehicle inspection report (VIR) if the buyer plans to register the vehicle in metro Atlanta's 13-county testing area: Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding or Rockdale.

For 2024, this includes all 2000 - 2021 model-year vehicles unless one of the following exemptions applies:

- Vehicle runs exclusively on an alternate fuel or diesel;
- Vehicle has a GVWR over 8,500 pounds;
- Vehicle is one of the three most recent model year vehicles (2022, 2023, 2024); and
- Vehicle is 25 model years old or older.

If a used vehicle does not have a passing VIR at the time of sale (dated within 12 months of the purchase date), the buyer may submit a complaint against the seller and request an investigation by Georgia's Clean Air Force (GCAF). This investigation may result in penalties or fines against the dealer by EPD.

Vehicles sold "as is" are not exempt from the requirement and must also be sold with a current valid passing VIR. Visit www.cleanairforce.com to view a summary of the vehicle's most recent inspection results. Click on "Find Your Test Results" and simply enter the vehicle identification number (VIN).

Licensed used motor vehicle dealers may contact the Department of Revenue and request access to the Driver Record and Integrated Vehicle Enterprise System (DRIVES), which contains vehicle emissions inspection information.

