



# Georgia Analyzer System Message

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## "Early Birds"

Each January, a newer model year vehicle becomes subject to emission testing while the oldest model year drops off.

For the upcoming 2010 registration year, the range of vehicles required to be tested is 1986 to 2007 model years.

Some 1985 and 2007 model year vehicles may present for inspection early ("early birds") for 2010 registration.

As the end of the year approaches, inspectors need to carefully determine whether the newest and oldest model year vehicles require an emission inspection or not. Remember, the registration renewal date is usually the vehicle owner's birthday.

### **FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES FOR TESTING 2007 MODEL YEAR VEHICLES:**

- ✦ Test the vehicle if the registration renewal date is on or after January 1, 2010.
- ✦ Do not test if the registration renewal date is on or before December 31, 2009.
- ✦ If the registration renewal date is in 2009 and a motorist presents their vehicle for a test after January 1, 2010 (late registration), then the vehicle should not be tested since 2007 model year vehicles did not require testing in 2009. Remember this is a late registration.
- ✦ If a motorist insists on having an inspection performed but the analyzer indicates that a test is not needed, first confirm that the motorist understands the vehicle does not require a paid test at this time. If the motorist wants to proceed with testing the vehicle, test the vehicle by selecting "**At Motorists' Request.**"

### **Follow these guidelines for testing 1985 model year vehicles:**

- ✦ Test the vehicle if the registration renewal date is on or before December 31, 2009.
- ✦ Do not test it if the registration renewal date is on or after January 1, 2010.
- ✦ If the registration renewal date is in 2009 and a motorist presents their vehicle for a test after January 1, 2010, the vehicle should be tested since 1985 model year vehicles required testing in 2009. Remember that it could be a late renewal and the vehicle requires a test.

**REMINDER:** If a motorist buys a used vehicle, the seller must ensure the vehicle has a valid, passing inspection performed within the last 12 months, before they can sell the vehicle. Motorists who have purchased a used vehicle without a passing inspection should visit the GCAF Web site, [www.cleanairforce.com](http://www.cleanairforce.com), and complete the Used Vehicle Sale Complaint Form.

If you would like to receive an e-mail copy of GAS messages or to be added to our quarterly e-newsletter, *RepairWatch* E-News, please send a request to [info@cleanairforce.com](mailto:info@cleanairforce.com).

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