



Your Resource

for Georgia's Vehicle Emissions Inspection & Maintenance (I/M) Program.

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

For 2014, all 1990 - 2011 model year vehicles are subject to this law unless one of the following exemptions applies:

- Vehicles that run exclusively on an alternate fuel or diesel;
- Vehicles with a GVWR over 8,500 pounds;
- The three most recent model year vehicles (2012, 2013, 2014);
- Vehicles that are 25 model years old or older; or
- Vehicles that have a salvaged title and are towed off the property at the time of sale.

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. A copy of the most recent VIR can be downloaded for free via the GCAF website at www.cleanairforce.com. Click on the "Motorist" tab, "Emission Testing," and "VIR Reprints." Dealers can print a copy of a VIR by simply entering the vehicle identification number (VIN).

Licensed used motor vehicle dealers may contact the Department of Revenue and request access to the Georgia Registration and Title Information System (GRATIS), which contains vehicle emissions inspection information.