Georgia’s Vehicle Emissions Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) Program is designed to identify and ultimately repair gasoline-powered cars and light-duty trucks that pollute the air. Georgia’s I/M program, known as Georgia’s Clean Air Force (GCAF), helps our area work toward attaining federal clean air standards.

**WHICH VEHICLES REQUIRE A PASSING EMISSIONS INSPECTION TO RENEW THEIR 2018 REGISTRATION?**

**IF YOUR VEHICLE IS:**

A 1996 to 2015* model year gasoline-powered car or light-duty truck (gross vehicle weight rating of 8,500 pounds or less) registered in Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding or Rockdale County.

*The three most recent model years are exempt each year.

**Buying Tip #1:** A Repair Waiver from a previous owner cannot be used to register a newly purchased used vehicle in the covered area; it must have a valid passing Georgia’s Vehicle Emissions Inspection Report (VIR) performed within the last 12 months.

**Buying Tip #2:** Before purchasing a used vehicle, you can view a summary of the vehicle’s most recent inspections using the vehicle identification number (VIN) at CleanAirForce.com or at any GCAF Service Center to ensure an inspection was conducted within the last 12 months.

**What if I am buying a used vehicle?**

If you are buying a used vehicle that will be registered in a covered area, a county located within the 13-county testing area must ensure the vehicle has a passing Georgia Vehicle Emissions Inspection Report (VIR) performed within the last 12 months, before selling the vehicle. The seller is not required to provide a hard copy of the passing report. A summary of the most recent VIR reports may be obtained from CleanAirForce.com or any GCAF Service Center. To file a complaint against a seller located within the 13 metro counties for failing to have a passing VIR at the time of sale, visit CleanAirForce.com and complete the “Used Vehicle Sale Complaint Form.”

**WARNING!**

For 1996 and newer model year vehicles: If your malfunction indicator light (MIL) is on (otherwise known as the “Check Engine” or “Service Engine Soon” light), your vehicle will fail the test. The problem may be as minor as a loose fuel cap or as major as an emissions control system failure. Seek repairs prior to having an emissions test. If you present your vehicle for inspection with the “Check Engine” light on, the inspector cannot refuse to test your vehicle.

**Buying Tip #3:** Follow the recommended maintenance and tune-up schedule for your vehicle.

**What if I think the inspection or test equipment was inaccurate?**

If you question the test procedures, the accuracy of the inspection equipment, or the validity of the results, you may request a referee test within 15 calendar days of the disputed inspection if no repairs have been made (15 days includes the day of the first inspection). For more information, call the GCAF Call Center at 800.449.2471. Also, please report offers to illegally pass a vehicle by calling the GCAF Call Center or by submitting an email to info@cleanairforce.com.

**How can I receive a refund?**

Each emissions inspection station is independently owned and operated. Motorists may contact the station owner or manager directly for assistance or file a complaint with the Better Business Bureau or the Governor’s Office of Consumer Affairs.

**ABOUT GEORGIA’S VEHICLE EMISSIONS INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM**

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If your vehicle has difficulty becoming “Ready,” check the under normal conditions including some highway driving. The inspector should attempt to test the vehicle several times.

1. If the inspector has attempted to test the vehicle several times and/or a diagnostic analysis indicates the vehicle is able to communicate with an OBD generic scan tool, call the GCAF Call Center at 1-800-449-2471. A representative will document your situation, and a GCAF representative will return your call to you.

2. If so, the malfunction indicator light (MIL) will illuminate, indicating a problem. Proceed with the recommended repairs before using your one free retest. Only emissions-related issues will cause the MIL to illuminate.

What if my MIL illuminates after I complete the drive cycle?

Once the vehicle becomes “Ready,” the OBD computer may detect additional emissions-related problems. If so, the malfunction indicator light (MIL) will illuminate, indicating a problem. Proceed with the recommended repairs before using your one free retest. Only emissions-related issues will cause the MIL to illuminate.

NOTE: Before a free retest can be performed, you must present the failing Georgia Vehicle Emissions Inspection Report (VIR) and completed Emissions Repair Form, which should be filled out by your repair technician. If self-repairs are performed before the vehicle is ready to be tested, the recommended repairs should be documented on the Emissions Repair Form.

WHERE DO I GO FOR REPAIRS?

Visit CleanAirForce.com or a GCAF Service Center for complete instructions on how to apply for a Repair Waiver.

To qualify, all of the following criteria must be met:
• The cost of emissions-related repairs is $399 or less for single-axis (NOx), or hydrocarbon (HC) levels in your exhaust emissions.
• The vehicle has a Behr, a Continental, or a Delphi OBD generic scan tool.
• The vehicle has a non-revenue 30-day extension on your registration, per ORCA 40-2.20.

POSSIBLE EXCEPTIONS

Repair Waiver
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Senior Exemption
All of the following criteria must be met to qualify for a Senior Exemption:
• You are 65 years old or younger.
• You drive less than 5,000 miles per year.

Full-Time Service Centers

Georgia's Clean Air Force

For information on part-time GCAF Service Centers at additional locations in metro Atlanta, please visit CleanAirForce.com or call 1-800-449-2471.

In addition to the above GCAF Service Centers, some county tag offices offer express service, which could save you a trip. Visit CleanAirForce.com or call 1-800-449-2471 for directions and hours of operation.

Let us know how we are doing!

You may also send us your comments via email by visiting CleanAirForce.com.