



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 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 2020, all 1996 - 2017 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 (2018, 2019, 2020);
- 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. Visit www.cleanairforce.com to view a summary of the vehicle's most recent inspection results. Click on "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.