



Your Resource

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

Seller Beware



What to Do Before You Sell a Used Vehicle

•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 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 2020, this includes all 1996 - 2017 model year vehicles 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); and vehicles that are 25 model years old or older. Vehicles sold "as is" are not exempt from the requirement and must also be sold with a current, valid passing VIR if the seller and buyer are located within the 13 metro Atlanta counties.

•Visit www.cleanairforce.com to view a summary of a vehicle's most recent inspection results. Click on "Test Results" and simply enter the vehicle identification number (VIN).

•Vehicles sold as "parts only" or "salvage" and the title has been appropriately identified as such with the Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle Division, are not subject to the vehicle emissions law and it is the seller's responsibility to ensure the vehicle is not driven away from the sale.

• For vehicles sold in the 13-county area without a current, valid passing VIR, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has the authority to pursue administrative enforcement actions.

•The Rules for Enhanced Inspection and Maintenance, Sale of Vehicles, section 391-3-20-.18, can be viewed by visiting the GCAF website, clicking on the "Stations and Inspectors" tab, and selecting "Rules and Regulations."