



Your Resource

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

Instructions For Non-Conforming Vehicles

What is a Non-Conforming Vehicle?

A non-conforming status may be applied to gray market vehicles, kit cars and hot rods. In some cases, the rules provide alternatives for testing these vehicles. Non-Conforming vehicles receive targeted tests at the discretion of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD). These vehicles may receive a two-speed idle (TSI) test, depending on the design and/or model year of the vehicle. Such vehicles will be subject to these special standards for future inspections. The test parameters are solely at the discretion of the EPD. The GAS unit will direct the inspector to perform the appropriate test for these vehicles.

Motorist Instructions

After Georgia's Clean Air Force (GCAF) has assigned your vehicle a non-conforming status, you will receive a Non-Conforming Status Report. **Provide this report as well as a printed copy of the inspector instructions below to the emissions inspector when presenting your vehicle for testing.** Your vehicle can be tested at any station. [View the list of GCAF testing locations.](#)

Inspector Instructions

If a motorist presents a vehicle for testing that has been classified as "Non-Conforming," **you must note the following prior to inspecting a non-conforming vehicle:**

- Contact with the VID is absolutely necessary to test a non-conforming vehicle. **No off-line testing.**
- Prior to starting the test, turn on the zero air to prepare for the option to perform a TSI test.
- During the inspection, the VID will identify that the vehicle being tested is "Non-Conforming." The GAS unit might not display a message that the status is "non-conforming" until the inspector is well into the inspection. This is normal, but as long as the vehicle identification number (VIN), model year, vehicle make and model, and license plate number and state are **exactly** as listed on the Non-Conforming Status Report, the test will proceed correctly. This information is very important to performing an accurate inspection. If the GAS unit does not recognize that the vehicle is non-conforming, **DO NOT PROCEED WITH THE TEST. Please call GCAF Station Assistance at 1.800.449.2471, option #2, for assistance.**
- Verify that the VIN and other applicable vehicle information shown on the documents presented by the motorist match the vehicle being tested. (Examples are: the registration, previous VIR or title.)
- Many designated non-conforming vehicles have VINs that do not conform to North American VIN standards. These vehicles may have a VIN with fewer than 17 characters. This is acceptable. If this is the case, simply move past the warning screens using the appropriate function keys.
- The test to be performed will be prompted by the GAS unit as a TSI test using the special standards.
- The GAS unit will prompt whether the vehicle requires a catalytic converter or not, based on the information returned from the VID.