



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 in metro Atlanta's 13-county testing area, regardless if they are a private party, dealership or auctioneer, must sell a vehicle with a current, valid passing vehicle inspection report (VIR) if the buyer plans to register the vehicle in metro Atlanta's 13-county testing area: Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding or Rockdale.

For 2022, this includes all 1998 - 2019 model year vehicles unless one of the following exemptions applies: vehicle runs exclusively on an alternate fuel or diesel; vehicle has a GVWR over 8,500 pounds; vehicle is one of the three most recent model year vehicles (2020, 2021, 2022); and vehicle is 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 metro Atlanta's 13-county testing area.

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" with a title 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 testing 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."