

Georgia's Clean Air Force[®]

Program Information 2021



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Fact Sheet

What

Georgia's Clean Air Force (GCAF), in partnership with the Environmental Protection Division (EPD), is responsible for the management of the Enhanced Vehicle Emission Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) Program throughout Atlanta's 13 metro counties. Since 1996, the Georgia EPD has worked to reduce harmful vehicle emissions. Georgia's I/M Program has prevented tons of ozone-forming pollutants from entering the air we breathe by identifying and repairing more than 4 million heavy-polluting vehicles. For more information, visit www.cleanairforce.com.

Background

Georgia's Clean Air Force (GCAF) was created in 1996 as a result of the air quality requirements in the Clean Air Act. In conjunction with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD), GCAF manages the state's Enhanced Vehicle Emission Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) Program. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sets the standards for ambient air quality throughout the United States.

Areas that exceed these standards are considered non-attainment areas due to high levels of pollutants. Metro Atlanta consists of 13 counties categorized as ozone non-attainment areas requiring regulatory action. Vehicle emissions are a major contributor to air pollution in metro Atlanta. The health, environmental, and economic impacts of air pollution can be significant. GCAF is designed to identify and ultimately repair vehicles that pollute the air, while helping our area work toward attaining federal clean air standards.

For the 2021 registration period, gasoline-powered cars and light-duty trucks with a 8,500 pounds gross vehicle weight rating or less (model year vehicles 1997 – 2018) in the following counties receive an annual emissions test: Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb,

Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding, and Rockdale. GCAF tests approximately three million vehicles a year and offers 800+ testing stations and 900+ testing lanes. Since its inception, the program has identified and repaired more than 4 million heavy-polluting vehicles and removed nearly 2.0 million tons of harmful pollutants from the air that we breathe. This has had a significant impact on the quality of life for Georgia's residents. In total, 1.8 million tons of carbon monoxide, 160,000 tons of nitric oxide and nitrogen dioxide (NOx) and 101,800 tons of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) have been removed from the air that Georgians breathe.

In 2016, EPD reported that Atlanta's air is cleaner than it has been in years. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Georgia is now "in attainment" for PM 2.5 (particulate matter pollutant levels). This means that the number of fine particle pollutants in outdoor air falls below the federal standard of 15 micrograms per cubic meter (ug/m3). Additionally, Georgia's 8-hour ozone level measurements have dropped to the 2008 standard of 75 parts ozone per billion parts air (ppb). While this is an excellent achievement, Georgia must continue working to meet tighter standards, including the 2015 EPA standard of 70 ppb. Many challenges remain in protecting public health and the environment. Georgia's Clean Air Force remains committed to helping improve metro Atlanta's air quality.

Motorists

GCAF educates motorists on the importance of the I/M program and emphasizes the health benefits associated with attaining federal air quality standards. In addition to providing information on the emissions testing process and testing facility locations, GCAF also offers health and air quality information on its website at www.cleanairforce.com. Also available are summaries of a vehicle's most recent vehicle inspection reports (VIRs) and the RepairWatch Public Report, which identifies effective emission repair facilities. Collateral materials including Motorists' Rights posters and Q&A brochures, along with online resources, are available to inform both English and Spanish-speaking motorists about the I/M program.

Additional collateral materials are available in Korean and Vietnamese.

Media

If you are a member of the media, please contact **Kevin Chambers**, EPD Communications Director, at **(404) 651-7970**.

Inspectors

GCAF assists individuals in becoming certified emissions inspectors in Georgia and provides training on inspection procedures and customer service. Additionally, inspection station owners and managers can attend Industry Advisory Board (IAB) stakeholder meetings, where I/M program policies and procedures are discussed.

Repair Technicians

GCAF provides access to emissions program training and related educational opportunities to both prospective and current repair technicians. Repair technicians have access to an online training program, which offers information on customer service and aims to reduce unnecessary repairs and related costs for motorists. Information on GCAF's Recognized Repair Technician Training program can be found on the GCAF website at www.cleanairforce.com/repair-industry/.

It is our vision to be the world's leader in clean air management, recognizing that local action leads to global impact for this and future generations.

FAQs

Testing

Why must vehicles be tested every year?

Vehicles are inspected annually in order to identify heavy-polluters and have them repaired in an effort to reduce pollution in metro Atlanta. Reducing pollution from mobile sources will help metro Atlanta come into compliance with the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) required under the Federal Clean Air Act. Even though newer model year vehicles likely run cleaner than older models, annual testing promotes ongoing vehicle maintenance, ultimately helping all model year vehicles to run efficiently and to reduce air pollution.

Is an emissions inspection required for a 2021 vehicle?

No. For 2021 registration, only 1997–2018 vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of 8,500 pounds or less are required to have a passing inspection or Repair Waiver. The three most recent model year vehicles are exempt from emissions testing.

I own a hybrid vehicle; does it require an emissions inspection?

Vehicles powered only by diesel fuel or that run exclusively on alternative fuel (natural gas, propane, etc.) are exempt from having an emissions inspection. Dual-fuel vehicles must be inspected if one of the fuels burned is gasoline.

Are motorcycles required to have an emissions inspection?

No, motorcycles are not required to have an emissions inspection.

Are recreational vehicles (RVs) required to have an emissions inspection?

No. Recreational vehicles (RVs) are not required to have an emissions inspection if the gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) is over 8,500 pounds.

My vehicle's gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) is over 8,500 pounds. Does it require an emissions inspection?

No. Vehicles over 8,500 pounds gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) are exempt from emissions testing. The GVWR can usually be found on the doorjamb label.

I recently had my vehicle tested in another state. Will that inspection be valid for registration in Georgia?

No. You will need to have your vehicle's emissions inspected in Georgia as the requirements in other states may be different than those in Georgia.

I went to a different station for my free retest and the station charged me for the inspection. Can I get a refund?

No. Other emissions inspection stations may perform the retest at no charge, but it is their option. The free retest is only valid at the original inspection station for 30 calendar days. The 30 days includes the day of the first inspection and expires at the time of day of the original test. Emissions inspection stations are independently owned and operated; therefore, Georgia's Clean Air Force (GCAF) does not have the authority or ability to issue refunds.

I went to have my vehicle retested and the station said the free retest expired. What should I do?

The free retest is valid for 30 calendar days, including the day and time of the first inspection. To be valid, the free retest must be used at the original inspection station. If the free retest has expired, you will be required to pay for the next inspection.

I bought a car in the last 12 months. Do I need another inspection performed?

A vehicle inspection report (VIR) is valid for 12 months or one registration renewal. Georgia's Clean Air Force (GCAF) recommends that you check with your tag office on registration renewal requirements.

How can I view my most recent test result?

If you are renewing your registration, the tag office does not require a hard copy of the vehicle inspection report (VIR). The most recent inspection is in the tag offices' database and is associated with the vehicle identification number (VIN).

If you would like a summary of your most recent vehicle inspection reports (VIRs) or if you intend to sell the vehicle, you may visit www.cleanairforce.com to view the most recent test results. Additionally, you may acquire a copy of your VIRs at any GCAF Service Center or by submitting a request to info@cleanairforce.com.

I purchased a used vehicle from an individual or dealer located in an emissions testing county. Was the seller required to sell the vehicle with a passing inspection?

Yes. According to Georgia law, the seller (if located within the 13 metro Atlanta counties) is responsible for selling a vehicle with a current, valid vehicle inspection report (VIR) if the buyer is going to register the vehicle in one of the 13 metro Atlanta counties.

If you would like to file a complaint, visit the Georgia's Clean Air Force (GCAF) website at www.cleanairforce.com and download the Used Vehicle Sale Complaint Form. A representative will contact you via mail or email once the case has been reviewed.

I need to obtain information about the emissions testing program in a foreign language.

Information on emissions testing can be found in Spanish, Korean, and Vietnamese translations on the Georgia's Clean Air Force (GCAF) website under [Foreign Language Assistance](#).

Failures

Where do I go for repairs?

You should check to see if your vehicle is covered by a manufacturer's emissions control warranty. If the vehicle is under warranty, take it to an authorized dealer. If the vehicle is not under warranty, you should find a qualified emissions repair shop to make the necessary repairs.

You should seek a repair facility for assistance and are encouraged to view the *RepairWatch* Public Report to find an emissions repair shop in your area. The report can be found at any inspection station or on the Georgia's Clean Air Force (GCAF) website under [RepairWatch](#).

GCAF recommends that you obtain an estimate for any work before authorizing your repair technician to proceed. Also, you should make sure your mechanic completes the Emission Repair Form you received when your vehicle failed. The completed Emission Repair Form and failing vehicle inspection report (VIR) are required when the vehicle is retested (a free retest is valid for 30 calendar days, including the date and time of the first inspection).

My vehicle is failing for the "Check Engine" light; what should I do?

"Check Engine" light may illuminate indicating something as minor as a loose fuel cap or as major as an emissions control component failure. The vehicle inspection report (VIR) will list up to the first five diagnostic trouble codes (DTCs) indicating the reason the "Check Engine" light is on.

If a DTC listed on the VIR indicates a fault with the vehicle's "evaporative system," you should tighten the fuel cap until it clicks and drive the vehicle for a few days to see if the on-board diagnostic (OBD) system turns off the "Check Engine" light.

A transmission code that turns on the "Check Engine" light is directly related to the vehicle's emissions. A vehicle's on-board computer will illuminate the "Check Engine" light if a problem with the transmission is detected. A diagnostic analysis will help identify the transmission component(s) needing repair.

If the "Check Engine" light is flashing, the vehicle should be serviced immediately to avoid costly damage to the vehicle's main emissions control component – the catalytic converter.

[For additional resources on the "Check Engine" light, visit <http://www.cleanairforce.com/checkengineawareness/>.](http://www.cleanairforce.com/checkengineawareness/)

My vehicle failed for non-communication; what should I do?

If the vehicle inspection report (VIR) indicates the data link connector (DLC) is blocked, missing, or broken, the condition will need to be corrected.

You should check all wires and fuses. All wires on any after-market system should be checked (ex.: CD player, radio, security, navigation system, satellite radio, etc.). If a wire is interfering with the battery or on-board diagnostic (OBD) computer, it could damage or interfere with the connection to the OBD computer. In addition to the above, you should research recalls, technical service bulletins (TSBs), or manufacturer extended warranties regarding the vehicle's emissions control system. Last, a diagnostic analysis should be performed with an OBD generic scan tool, making sure the scan tool is connected to the data link connector (DLC) under the dash, not under the hood.

If a mechanic is able to communicate with an OBD generic scan tool, contact Georgia's Clean Air Force (GCAF) at info@cleanairforce.com or call the GCAF Call Center at **800.449.2471** for further assistance. You will be required to provide documentation from your mechanic stating all of the above has been checked.

My vehicle is failing for readiness; what should I do?

If your vehicle is failing for readiness, Georgia's Clean Air Force (GCAF) recommends the vehicle be driven for one to two weeks under normal driving conditions, including some highway driving. You may be able to obtain a copy of your vehicle's "drive cycle" from your vehicle manufacturer or other source. You may also find information regarding your vehicle's "drive cycle" in the owner's manual.

If your vehicle is having difficulty becoming "Ready," check all wires, fuses, and the thermostat. All wires on any installed after-market system should be checked (ex.: CD player, radio, security, navigation system, satellite radio, etc.). In addition to the above, you should research recalls, technical service bulletins (TSBs) or manufacturer extended warranties regarding the vehicle's emissions control system. Last, a diagnostic analysis should be performed with an on-board diagnostic (OBD) generic scan tool, making sure the scan tool is connected to the data link connector (DLC) under the dash, not under the hood.

My vehicle failed for HC; what should I do?

Hydrocarbon (HC) is unburned fuel caused by poor ignition timing or improper fuel mixture. Possible causes of excessive HC include:

- Faulty spark plugs and plug wires
- Faulty oxygen sensor(s)
- Faulty mass air flow sensor
- Faulty EGR system
- Clogged or leaking fuel injectors or carburetor
- Incorrect ignition timing
- Incorrect timing

You should seek a repair facility for assistance. You are encouraged to view the *RepairWatch* Public Report to find a qualified emissions repair shop in your area. The report can be found at any inspection station or on the Georgia's Clean Air Force (GCAF) website under [RepairWatch](#).

My vehicle failed for CO; what should I do?

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a poisonous gas that is formed by insufficient airflow or improper fuel mixture. Possible causes of excessive CO include:

- Faulty oxygen sensor(s)
- Faulty mass air flow sensor
- Faulty PCV valve
- Clogged air filter
- Incorrect ignition timing
- Faulty fuel pressure
- Dirty fuel injection/carburetor
- Vacuum leak
- Exhaust leak

You should seek a qualified repair facility for assistance and are encouraged to view the *RepairWatch* Public Report to find a qualified emissions repair shop in your area. The report can be found at any inspection station or on the Georgia's Clean Air Force (GCAF) website under [RepairWatch](#).

Waivers, Extensions, and Exemptions

How can I obtain a Senior Exemption Application?

Senior Exemption Applications are available online from the Georgia's Clean Air Force (GCAF) website under [Senior Exemption](#) or can be obtained at any GCAF Service Center. You can apply for the Senior Exemption at select tag offices or at any GCAF Service Center. If you would like the application mailed to you, please e-mail GCAF at waivers@cleanairforce.com.

Seniors who have received exemptions in the past may be able to renew their exemption by calling the GCAF Call Center at [800.449.2471](tel:800.449.2471). The current mileage must be supplied when calling.

What qualifies a person for a Senior Exemption?

- The applicant (primary registered vehicle owner) must be at least 65 years of age.
- The vehicle cannot be driven more than 5,000 miles per year. The odometer must be functional in order to demonstrate the “under 5,000 miles/year” requirement.
- The vehicle is at least 10 model years old or older. For 2021, this includes all 2011 and older model year vehicles.
- The vehicle must have a working odometer.

How can I obtain an Out of Area Extension Application?

You may qualify for an Out-of-Area Extension if you (or the driver) and your Georgia-registered vehicle are temporarily located well outside of the 13-county emissions testing area of the state of Georgia due to school, military or business obligations.

A vehicle can be inspected well in advance if the owner anticipates being out of the area near the time registration is due. If an Out of Area Extension is granted, the vehicle must be inspected immediately upon return to the area.

The Out of Area Extension Application is available online via the Georgia’s Clean Air Force (GCAF) website under [Out of Area Extensions](#).

Many tag offices offer waiver services. GCAF encourages you to contact your local tag office for further details.

How do I apply for a Repair Waiver?

Motorists may make multiple repairs and retest attempts over a period of months. However, please note that the application must be dated within 60 days of

any failed test (the failed test cannot be more than one-year-old, nor can it be associated with a previous Repair Waiver or registration renewal).

Test Results Scenario

- The vehicle did not pass the first inspection and the after-repairs inspection. The initial inspection cannot be more than one year old (12 months) or associated with a previous Repair Waiver or registration renewal.
- The most recent inspection shows the vehicle passing all areas passed during the initial inspection.
- The most recent inspection shows some improvement in all areas the vehicle did not pass during the initial inspection.

Emission-Related Repairs

- The vehicle received emissions-related repairs that met or exceeded the Repair Waiver limit amount.
- Emissions-related repair receipts from each emissions-related repair attempt can be considered toward a Repair Waiver as long as each receipt is dated within 60 days of the corresponding failed emissions test.
- Emissions-related repairs can be performed up to 60 days prior to the initial inspection.
- Emissions-related repair receipts must be itemized and identifiable.
- Emissions-related repair receipts must identify the vehicle (VIN, year, make and model, or tag number).
- Emissions-related repair receipts must be from a repair facility possessing a valid business license. If required, the repair facility's business license must be obtainable.

Labor costs from a company not possessing a business license will not count toward the Repair Waiver limit amount. If emissions-related repairs are performed by the owner, only the cost for parts will be considered toward the Repair Waiver limit amount.

The following items will not count toward the Repair Waiver limit amount: emissions inspection fees, surcharges, taxes, warranty work, gas, disposal fees, shop supplies, and miscellaneous items. Please note: this is not a complete list.

A Repair Waiver can be obtained and submitted in person at any Georgia's Clean Air Force (GCAF) Service Center. After GCAF determines your application is complete and the supporting documents meet the requirements, your application will be conditionally approved. In order for the application to receive final approval, the vehicle must be presented to one of our GCAF Customer Service Centers for a visual inspection.

Additional information on the Repair Waiver process can be found on the GCAF website at www.cleanairforce.com.

What are the hours of operation for the service centers?

The hours of operation and driving directions to all GCAF service centers are listed on the Georgia's Clean Air Force (GCAF) website under [Customer Service Centers](#).

Opening a Station

How may I obtain information on opening a testing station?

Details on how to open new testing station are available on the Georgia's Clean Air Force (GCAF) website at www.cleanairforce.com/stations/.

View the Station Owner Presentation from the GCAF website for complete information regarding the station start-up and close-out processes and the responsibilities of station ownership. Viewing this presentation is mandatory for station certification. If you have any questions, please contact us at industry@cleanairforce.com.

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Resources

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION
ABOUT YOUR VEHICLE'S**

2021 EMISSIONS INSPECTION



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-  **TEST EARLY:** Georgia's Clean Air Force (GCAF) recommends having your vehicle inspected **four to six weeks prior to the registration renewal date every year** (the vehicle owner's birthday).
-  **ONGOING MAINTENANCE:** Follow the recommended maintenance and tune-up schedule for your vehicle to allow for any needed repairs.
-  **NEW VEHICLE EXEMPTIONS:** The three most recent model years are exempt each year. In **2021, all 2019 and newer** model year vehicles are exempt from emissions testing.

WHICH VEHICLES NEED TO BE TESTED?

- In **2021, all 1997 - 2018** model year gasoline-powered cars and light-duty trucks (8,500 pounds gross vehicle weight rating or less) registered in Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding or Rockdale County.
- 1997 - 2018 model year vehicles that are newly acquired or recently moved into the 13-county area must have proof of passing inspection within the last 12 months and must be registered within 30 days (seven days if purchased from a non-registered dealer).

POSSIBLE EXCEPTIONS

Senior Exemption: The vehicle owner must be 65 years old or older, the vehicle must be 10 model years old or older (2011 model year or older), and the vehicle must be driven less than 5,000 miles per year (the odometer must be functional in order to demonstrate the "under 5,000 miles/year" requirement).

- *Seniors who have received an exemption in the past may be able to renew by phone at 1.800.449.2471.*

• **Out-of-Area Extension:** Available for vehicle owners who meet all requirements (the requirements can be found at CleanAirForce.com); vehicle must be tested upon return to the area. Vehicles can be tested **well in advance** if the driver will be out of the area at the time of registration.

• **Repair Waiver:** Available if emissions-related repairs meet or exceed the Repair Waiver limit amount; other qualifications based on vehicle model year apply.

HOW MUCH WILL THE INSPECTION COST?

A test costs up to \$25; for more details please visit www.CleanAirForce.com. Stations must post the testing fee on their official GCAF sign.

WHAT IF I PURCHASED A USED VEHICLE?

According to Georgia law, *sellers located within the 13-county testing area* must ensure the vehicle has a valid passing emissions test at the time of sale *if* the vehicle will be registered in one of the 13 counties. A paper copy of the Georgia Vehicle Emissions Inspection Report (VIR) does not have to be provided. Visit CleanAirForce.com to view a summary of your most recent VIR results.

TESTING TIPS FOR 1997 – 2018 MODEL YEAR VEHICLES

- If your vehicle's battery was recently replaced or disconnected, or the computer reset, drive the vehicle for one to two weeks under normal conditions, including some highway driving, prior to having an on-board diagnostic (OBD) inspection or retest.
- If your vehicle's "Check Engine" light is on, the cause may be as minor as a loose fuel cap or as major as an emissions control system problem. Seek repairs prior to having an emissions test. If you present your vehicle for inspection with the "Check Engine" light on, the inspector must test it, but it likely will not pass.
- Visit CleanAirForce.com for helpful repair tips.

WHERE DO I GET MY VEHICLE TESTED?

- At any Georgia's Clean Air Force inspection station.

WHAT IF MY VEHICLE FAILS?

Have your vehicle repaired to meet the required emissions standards. Your emissions inspector will give you the failing Georgia Vehicle Emissions Inspection Report (VIR), a blank Emissions Repair Form, and a GCAF Q&A brochure, which details retest procedures.

RepairWatch is a public report that lists repair facilities with a proven track record for emissions-related repairs. You can view it at all inspection stations or at CleanAirForce.com.

You can obtain one free retest at the original station within 30 calendar days of the initial inspection. The 30 days includes the day of your first test and expires at the time of day of the original test.

Federal law requires the catalytic converter and on-board computer for 1995 and newer vehicles to be warranted by the manufacturer for eight years or 80,000 miles.

If your vehicle fails its annual emissions inspection, and you have already paid all related taxes and fees, contact your local county tag office for information about a possible non-renewable 30-day extension on your registration, per OCGA 40-2-20. Please report offers to illegally pass your vehicle by calling 1.800.449.2471 or submit an email to info@cleanairforce.com.



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■ SPARE THE AIR AND YOUR WALLET: Ongoing vehicle maintenance can save you money and help keep our air clean.

Try these tips to help prepare for your next vehicle emissions test:

- The most common reasons for emissions test failures include: a malfunction in the components of the vehicle that regulate the fuel/air ratio such as the oxygen sensor and the EGR valve; a dirty air filter; misting spark plugs; leaks in the vacuum system; or a poor-fitting fuel cap. Many of these components can be checked and repaired during routine tune-ups. Follow the manufacturer's recommended maintenance schedule.
- Have your oil changed regularly.
- Replace your fuel cap securely after filling up. The "Check Engine" light may illuminate as a result of a loose fuel cap. If the "Check Engine" light is illuminated, try tightening the fuel cap until it clicks, then drive the vehicle until the light turns itself off. If it does not turn off, take your vehicle to a qualified repair technician.
- Keep the sealing surfaces of your fuel cap clean and in good condition.
- Keep your tires properly inflated.
- Check belts and hoses for wear.

- A transmission problem is **directly** related to the emissions control system and can trigger the "Check Engine" light. A diagnostic analysis will yield a transmission code that will help identify the transmission component(s) that need repair. Transmission malfunctions can prevent a vehicle from running efficiently, increasing emissions above federal certification limits. Transmission code-related repairs will count toward the repair waiver amount.
- Before seeking repairs, research any recalls, technical service bulletins (TSBs), and manufacturer warranties regarding your emissions control system.



ABOUT GEORGIA'S VEHICLE EMISSIONS INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM



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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 Area Work toward attaining federal clean air standards.

■ WHICH VEHICLES REQUIRE A PASSING EMISSIONS INSPECTION TO RENEW THEIR 2021 REGISTRATION?

IF YOUR VEHICLE IS:

A 1997 to 2018* model year gasoline-powered car or light-duty truck (gross vehicle weight rating of 8,500 pounds or less) registered in Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding or Rockdale County.

*The three most recent model years are exempt each year. In 2021, the vehicles 2019 and newer model year vehicles. Motorcycles, recreational vehicles (RVs), motor homes, and diesel vehicles do not require emissions testing for registration.



Para el ensayo de la información en español, visite CleanAirForce.com.

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Testing Tip #1: Test early—GCAF recommends having your vehicle inspected four to six weeks prior to the registration renewal date (the vehicle owner's birthday) to allow for any needed repairs. If needed, you may test earlier than that. Contact your tag office to verify how early a test your county will accept.

Testing Tip #2: Vehicles can be tested well in advance if the driver will be out of the area at the time of registration. An inspection is valid for 12 months or one renewal, by the same owner.

Testing Tip #3: You do not need a printed copy of the vehicle inspection report (VIR) in order to complete registration. The VIR will be on record electronically at the tag office. However, it is recommended to keep a copy for your records.

Testing Tip #4: Follow the recommended maintenance and tune-up schedule for your vehicle.

What if I am buying a used vehicle?
If you are buying a used vehicle that will be registered in a covered county, a seller located within the 13-county testing area must ensure the vehicle has a passing vehicle 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 VIRs may be obtained from CleanAirForce.com or at 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."

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 vehicle emissions inspection.

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.

WARNING!

If your malfunction indicator light (MIL) is on (otherwise known as the "Check Engine" or "Service Engine Soon" light), your vehicle will fail the inspection. This is a definite indication of one or more emissions-related problems detected by your vehicle's on-board diagnostic (OBD) computer. 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.



What if their inspection or the test equipment was faulty?

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 Georgia Department of Law Consumer Protection Division.

■ MY VEHICLE FAILED. WHY?

There are two main reasons why a vehicle may fail emissions (the on-board diagnostics (OBD) test):

1. There is something wrong with your vehicle's emissions control system and it needs to be repaired. You will receive a copy of your vehicle inspection report (VIR) and Emissions Repair Form from your inspector. Take these documents to a repair facility. The VIR will indicate the general area of the failure and will help your repair technician determine the appropriate repairs. The emissions inspection is not a diagnostic analysis.

2. Your vehicle's OBD computer is "Not Ready." While this does not necessarily mean your vehicle has a problem, it does indicate your vehicle's OBD computer has not met the criteria to be ready for testing.

What should I do if my on-board diagnostic (OBD) computer is "Not Ready"?

If repairs are performed on the vehicle or if the battery was recently disconnected, **GCAF recommends:**

1. Drive your vehicle for approximately one to two weeks under normal conditions including some highway driving.
2. If your vehicle has difficulty becoming "Ready," check the thermostat, fuses, and wiring to the battery and on-board computer or have a diagnostic analysis performed using an **OBD generic scan tool**, connect to the data link connector (DLC) under the dash, not under the hood.

An aftermarket system that is not properly installed can interfere with the on-board computer. Research recalls, technical service bulletins (TSBs), drive cycles and manufacturer applied extended warranties to determine if there are recommended repairs regarding your vehicle's emissions control system. Once repairs have been completed and you have driven your vehicle for one to two weeks to ready the on-board computer, return to the original inspection station for a free retest within 30 calendar days of the first test.

*Radio, CD player, security system, navigation system, or satellite radio.

My vehicle will not "communicate" during testing. What should I do?

1. The inspector should attempt to test the vehicle several times.
2. If your vehicle has had an after-market system* installed, make sure the wiring is not interfering with the connection to the vehicle's computer or battery system. Research recalls, technical service bulletins (TSBs), and manufacturer applied extended warranties to determine if there are recommended repairs regarding your vehicle's emissions control system. Have a diagnostic analysis performed using an **OBD generic scan tool**, connect to the DLC under the dash, not under the hood.

3. 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 800.449.2471. A representative will document your situation and a GCAF representative will return your call promptly.

*Radio, CD player, security system, navigation system, or satellite radio.

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 proper repairs before using your one free test. Emissions or system communication-related issues will cause the MIL to illuminate.

NOTE: Before a free retest can be performed, you must provide the falling vehicle inspection report (VIR) and completed Emissions Repair Form, which should be filed out by your repair technician. If self-repairs are conducted by the vehicle owner, only the cost of parts (not labor) should be documented on the Emissions Repair Form.

■ WHERE DO I GO FOR REPAIRS?

The inspector will give you an Emissions Repair Form, a GCAF O&A brochure, and a vehicle inspection report (VIR), showing which areas of the test your vehicle failed. A diagnostic analysis should be performed by a qualified repair facility to determine why your vehicle failed.

Find out if your vehicle is still covered by a manufacturer's emissions control warranty. If so, take it to an authorized dealer. If your vehicle is not under warranty, find a qualified emissions repair shop to make the necessary repairs. For a list of qualified emissions repair shops in your area, view the RepairWatch Public Report at any inspection station or visit CleanAirForce.com.

Repair Tip #1: GCAF recommends obtaining an estimate for labor and parts before authorizing repairs.

Repair Tip #2: Make sure your mechanic completes the Emissions Repair Form that was given to you when your vehicle failed. You will need it to get your free retest after the repairs are performed.

Repair Tip #3: Labor costs count toward repairs by licensed businesses only; self-repairs are allowed, but only the cost of parts apply if applying for a Repair Waiver.

NOTE: Keep all receipts. Repair receipts are not needed to obtain a retest, but are required to apply for a Repair Waiver.

When can my vehicle be retested?

You can obtain one free retest at the original inspection station within 30 calendar days of your first inspection. The 30 days includes the day of your first test and expires at the time of day of the original test. Before a free retest can be performed, you must provide the falling vehicle inspection report (VIR) and completed Emissions Repair Form. If the original inspection station is closed when you return for the retest, call the GCAF Call Center at 800.449.2471 for assistance.

If your vehicle fails its annual emissions inspection, please have all related taxes and fees ready. Then visit your local county tag office for information about a possible non-renewable 30-day extension on your registration, per GA 28-40-2-20.

■ POSSIBLE EXCEPTIONS

Repair Waiver

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 must meet or exceed \$949;
- The vehicle did not pass the initial inspection and the after repairs inspection.
- The falling vehicle must be present when applying for a Repair Waiver.

*The Repair Waiver limit amount is adjusted annually to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index.

Senior Exemption

All of the following criteria must be met to qualify for a Senior Exemption:

- You are 65 years old or older.
- Your vehicle is 10 model years old or older (2011 model year or older).
- You drive less than 5,000 miles per year.
- The odometer must be functional in order to demonstrate the "under 5,000 miles/year" requirement.

You or a proxy may apply at select county tag offices, at any GCAF Service Center, or online.

Seniors who have received an exemption in the past may be able to renew via phone. For further information, call the GCAF Call Center at 800.449.2471.

Out of Area Extension

If you and your vehicle are temporarily located at least 100 miles outside of the 13-county emissions testing area due to student, military, business or other obligations, you may qualify for a temporary Out of Area Extension. The vehicle must be tested once it returns to the metro Atlanta area. For details on qualifications and how to apply, visit CleanAirForce.com or contact your nearest GCAF Service Center. **Vehicles can be tested well in advance** if the driver will be out of the area at the time of registration. An inspection is valid for 12 months or one renewal, by the same owner.

The Georgia I/M rules are the final authority of the program. The rules are available at CleanAirForce.com.

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Cobb County
2130 Northwest Parkway
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Marietta, GA 30067

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Northlake Executive Center
2500 Northlake Parkway, Suite 204
Tucker, GA 30084

Fulton County
Fulton County Tag Office
5600 Stonewall Tell Road
College Park, GA 30349

Gwinnett County
Peachtree Office Center
1810 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Suite 239
Duluth, GA 30097

For information on part-time GCAF Service Centers at additional locations in metro Atlanta, please visit CleanAirForce.com or call 800.449.2471.

In addition to the above GCAF Service Centers, some select county tag offices offer waiver services, which could save you a tag. Visit CleanAirForce.com or call the GCAF Call Center at 800.449.2471 for directions and hours of operation.

■ LET US KNOW HOW WE ARE DOING!

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Buyer Beware



What to Do Before You Buy 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 metro Atlanta's 13-county testing area 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 2021, this includes all 1997 - 2018 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 (2019, 2020, 2021); 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.

A VIR is valid for 12 months or one registration renewal, by the same owner. The VIR can be used for initial registration and again for the renewal as long as the VIR is still valid.

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 cannot be driven off the seller's property.

Buyers are encouraged to ensure the vehicle that they purchase has a current, valid passing VIR prior to purchase and to seek resolution with the seller if the newly purchased vehicle does not have a current, valid passing VIR.

Buyers may submit a complaint for a vehicle being sold without a current, valid passing VIR by completing the Used Vehicle Sale Complaint Form. The form can be obtained by visiting the GCAF website, clicking on the "Motorist" tab and selecting "View Forms and Program Information."

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."



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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 2021, this includes all 1997 - 2018 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 (2019, 2020, 2021); 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."



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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, 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 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 2021, all 1997 - 2018 model year vehicles are subject to this law 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 years (2019, 2020, 2021);
- Vehicle is 25 model years old or older; or
- Vehicle has a salvaged title and was 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.



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Air Pollution & Your Health



Air pollution is a serious public health and environmental issue in metro Atlanta.

Airborne particles, the main ingredient of haze, smoke, and dust, present serious air quality and health issues. These tiny particles, also referred to as particle pollution or particulate matter, can increase the risk of heart attack, stroke and other cardiovascular problems.

Particle pollution can occur year round and is composed of solid and liquid particles that are generated by wood burning fires, coal-burning power plants and vehicle emissions. Some of these particles are so small they can get deep into a persons bloodstream, affecting both the lungs and heart.

Studies in several large cities predict 60,000 deaths each year are caused by particulate matter. Some research estimates people living in the most polluted U.S. cities could lose between 1.8 and 3.1 years of their lives because of exposure to chronic air pollution (Source: Pollution, Heart Disease and Stroke, www.americanheart.org).

Georgia's Clean Air Force (GCAF), the state's Enhanced Vehicle Emissions Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) Program, is helping metro Atlanta reduce harmful vehicle emissions. Since 1996, GCAF has reduced tons of particulate matter and ozone-forming pollutants from harming the air we breathe.

Thanks in part to annual vehicle emissions testing, we are beginning to experience measurable air quality improvements and the resulting benefits. There have been fewer unhealthy air days. A large number of polluting vehicles have been identified and repaired, preventing pollutants from entering our air. While these are great successes, there is still much more to be done. Georgia's Clean Air Force remains committed to working toward better air quality and ultimately better heart health.

Georgia's Clean Air Force... helping Georgia breathe a little easier.

INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE ACERCA DE LA INSPECCIÓN DE

EMISIONES DE 2021 DE SU VEHÍCULO



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• **PRUEBA TEMPRANA:** Georgia's Clean Air Force (GCAF) recomienda que haga inspeccionar su vehículo de **cuatro a seis semanas antes de la fecha de renovación del registro anual** (el día del cumpleaños del propietario del vehículo).



• **MANTENIMIENTO CONTINUO:** Siga el mantenimiento recomendado y el programa de ajuste para su vehículo para permitir cualquier reparación necesaria.



• **EXCEPCIONES DE VEHÍCULOS NUEVOS:** Los tres años de modelo más recientes están exentos cada año. En **2021, todos los vehículos con años de modelo 2019 y posteriores** están exentos de la prueba de emisiones.

¿QUÉ VEHÍCULOS DEBEN SOMETERSE A LA PRUEBA?

- En **2021, todos los autos de modelos entre 1997 y 2018** que utilicen gasolina y los camiones de servicio ligero (clasificación de peso bruto de vehículo de 3,850 kg [8,500 libras] o inferior) registrados en los condados Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding o Rockdale.
- Los vehículos de modelos entre 1997 y 2018 que fueron recientemente adquiridos o recientemente trasladados al área de los 13 condados deben tener una prueba de inspección aprobada en los últimos 12 meses y deben registrarse dentro de un lapso de 30 días (siete días si se adquirieron con un distribuidor no registrado).

POSIBLES EXCEPCIONES

Excepción para adultos mayores: El propietario del vehículo debe tener 65 años o más, el vehículo debe ser un modelo de 10 años o más (año de modelo 2011 o posterior) y el vehículo debe ser conducido menos de 8,000 km (5,000 millas) al año (el odómetro debe estar en buenas condiciones de funcionamiento para demostrar el requisito de "menos de 8,000 km [5,000 millas] por año").

• *Los adultos mayores que han recibido una exención anteriormente pueden hacer la renovación por teléfono al 1.800.449.2471.*

• **Extensión fuera del área:** disponible para propietarios de vehículos que cumplan con todos los requisitos (se pueden encontrar en CleanAirForce.com); el vehículo debe ser inspeccionado al regresar al área. Los vehículos se pueden someter a prueba **con mucha anticipación** si el conductor estará fuera del área en el momento del registro.

• **Exención de reparación:** disponible si las reparaciones relacionadas con emisiones cumplen con la cantidad límite de la Exención de reparación o la superan; se aplican otras calificaciones basadas en el año del modelo del vehículo.

¿CUÁNTO CUESTA LA INSPECCIÓN?

Una prueba cuesta hasta 25 USD; para obtener más detalles, visite www.CleanAirForce.com. Las estaciones deben publicar el precio de la prueba en su cartel oficial de GCAF.

¿QUÉ SUCEDE SI COMPRÉ UN VEHÍCULO USADO?

De acuerdo con la ley de Georgia, *los vendedores ubicados dentro del área de prueba de los 13 condados* deben asegurar que los vehículos cuentan con una prueba de emisiones válida aprobada al momento de la venta si el vehículo se va a registrar en uno de estos 13 condados. No se tiene que proporcionar una copia en papel del Reporte de inspección de emisiones vehicular en Georgia (Vehicle Emissions Inspection Report, VIR). Visite CleanAirForce.com para ver un resumen de sus resultados VIR más recientes.

CONSEJOS PARA LAS PRUEBAS DE VEHÍCULOS CON AÑOS DE MODELOS ENTRE 1997 Y 2018

- Si la batería de su vehículo se reemplazó o desconectó recientemente, o se reinició la computadora, conduzca el vehículo durante una o dos semanas en condiciones normales, incluido conducir en carretera, antes de realizar una inspección de diagnóstico a bordo (on-board diagnostic, OBD) o una nueva prueba.
- Si la luz de "Revisar motor" de su vehículo está encendida, la causa puede ser algo leve, como un tapón de combustible suelto, o algo grave como un problema del sistema de control de emisiones. Realice las reparaciones correspondientes antes de realizar una prueba de emisiones. Si lleva su vehículo para inspeccionarlo con la luz de "Revisar motor", el inspector deberá realizar la prueba, pero probablemente no la pase.
- Visite CleanAirForce.com para obtener consejos de reparación útiles.

¿DÓNDE PUEDO SOMETER MI VEHÍCULO A LA PRUEBA?

- En cualquier estación de inspección de Georgia's Clean Air Force.

¿QUÉ OCURRE SI MI VEHÍCULO NO PASA LA PRUEBA?

Haga reparar su vehículo para que cumpla con los estándares de emisiones establecidos. Su inspector de emisiones le entregará el informe de inspección de emisiones de vehículos (VIR) de Georgia con detalles de por qué no se pasó la prueba, un formulario de reparación de emisiones en blanco y un folleto de preguntas y respuestas de GCAF, donde se detalla los procedimientos de reevaluación.

RepairWatch es un informe público que enumera los centros de reparación con un historial comprobado de reparaciones relacionadas con las emisiones. Puede consultarlo en todas las estaciones de inspección o en CleanAirForce.com.

Puede solicitar una nueva prueba gratuita en la estación original en un plazo de 30 días calendario posteriores a la inspección inicial. Los 30 días incluyen el día de su primera prueba y vencen a la misma hora de la prueba original.

La ley federal exige que el convertidor catalítico y la computadora incorporada para vehículos de 1995 y más nuevos cuenten con garantía del fabricante de ocho años o 128,747 km (80,000 millas).

Si su vehículo no pasa la inspección anual de emisiones y usted ya ha pagado todos los impuestos y tasas relacionados, póngase en contacto con su oficina local de etiquetado del condado para obtener información sobre una posible extensión no renovable de 30 días en su registro, según la sección 40-2-20 del Código Oficial Anotado de Georgia [Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.)]. Denuncie las ofertas que reciba para aprobar ilegalmente su vehículo llamando al 1.800.449.2471 o enviando un correo electrónico a info@cleanairforce.com.



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■ PRESERVA EL AIRE Y SU CARTERA: EL MANTENIMIENTO CONTINUO DEL VEHICULO PUEDE AHORRABLE DINERO Y AYUDAR A MANTENER NUESTRO AIRE LIMPIO.

Pruebe estos consejos que lo ayudarán a prepararse para su próxima prueba de emisiones de vehículos.

- Las razones más comunes de las fallas en las pruebas de emisiones incluyen: un mal funcionamiento de los componentes del vehículo que regulan la relación de combustible o aire, como el sensor de oxígeno y la válvula EGR; un filtro de aire sucio; bujías; fugas; o un sistema de vacío, o un tapón de combustible mal ajustado. Muchos de estos componentes pueden verificarse y repararse durante los ajustes de rutina. Siga el programa de mantenimiento recomendado por el fabricante.
- Cambie el aceite con regularidad.
- Coloque el tapón del combustible de forma segura después de cargar. La luz "Revisar el motor" puede encenderse como resultado de un tapón de combustible mal cerrado. Si se enciende la luz "Revisar el motor", intente apretar el tapón del combustible hasta que haga clic y, a continuación, conduzca el vehículo hasta que la luz se apaga. Si no se apaga, lleve su vehículo a un técnico de reparación calificado.

- Mantenga las superficies de sellado del tapón del combustible limpias y en buen estado.
- Mantenga sus neumáticos inflados correctamente.
- Verifique el desgaste de bandas y mangueras.

- Un problema de transmisión está directamente relacionado con el sistema de control de emisiones y puede activar la luz "Revisar el motor". Un análisis de diagnóstico generará un código de transmisión que ayudará a identificar los componentes de la transmisión que necesitan reparación. Un mal funcionamiento de la transmisión puede impedir que un vehículo funcione de manera eficiente, lo que aumenta las emisiones por encima de los límites de certificación federal. Las reparaciones relacionadas con el código de transmisión contarán para el importe de la exención de reparación.

- Antes de solicitar reparaciones, investigue los retiros, los boletines de servicio técnico (TSB) y las garantías del fabricante con respecto a su sistema de control de emisiones.



ACERCA DEL PROGRAMA DE MANTENIMIENTO E INSPECCIÓN DE EMISIONES DE VEHICULOS DE GEORGIA



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El programa de mantenimiento e inspección (I/M) de emisiones de vehículos de Georgia está diseñado para identificar y, en última instancia, reparar los automóviles y camiones ligeros de gasolina que contaminan el aire. El programa de I/M de Georgia, conocido como la Fuerza Aérea Limpia de Georgia (Georgia's Clean Air Force, GCAF), ayuda a nuestra área a trabajar para alcanzar los estándares federales de aire limpio.

■ ¿QUÉ VEHICULOS REQUIEREN UNA INSPECCIÓN DE EMISIONES APROBADA PARA RENOVAR SU REGISTRO DE 2021?

SI SU VEHICULO ES:

- Un automóvil de modelo entre 1997 y 2018* que utiliza gasolina en un camión de servicio ligero (clasificación de peso bruto de vehículo de 3850 kg (8500 libras) o inferior) registrado en los condados de Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding o Rockdale.
- *Los tres años de modelo más recientes están exentos cada año. En 2021, esto incluye los modelos de vehículos del año 2019 y posteriores. Las motocicletas, los vehículos recreativos (RV), las casas rodantes y los vehículos eléctricos no requieren pruebas de emisiones para el registro.

Para el ensayo de la información en español, visite CleanAirForce.com.
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¿Qué pasa si compro un vehículo usado? Si compra un vehículo usado que se registrará en un condado cubierto, un vendedor ubicado en el área de prueba de 13 condados debe asegurarse de que el vehículo tenga un Informe de Inspección del Vehículo (vehicle inspection report, VIR) realizado en los últimos 12 meses, antes de vender el vehículo. El vendedor no está obligado a proporcionar una copia impresa del informe de aprobación. Se puede obtener un resumen de los VIR más recientes en CleanAirForce.com en cualquier centro de servicio de la GCAF. Para presentar una queja contra un vendedor ubicado en los 13 condados metropolitanos que no haya aprobado un VIR en el momento de la venta, visite CleanAirForce.com y complete el "Formulario de quejas de venta de vehículos usados".

Consejo de compra n.º 1 No se puede utilizar la Exención de reparación de un propietario anterior para registrar un vehículo usado recién comprado en el área cubierta, debe tener una inspección válida de las emisiones de los vehículos de Georgia.

Consejo de compra n.º 2 Antes de comprar un vehículo usado, puede ver un resumen de las inspecciones más recientes del vehículo con el número de identificación del vehículo (VIN) en CleanAirForce.com o en cualquier Centro de servicio de GCAF para asegurarse de que se ha realizado una inspección en los últimos 12 meses.

■ ADVERTENCIA!

Si la luz indicadora de mal funcionamiento (MIL) está encendida (también conocida como la luz de "Revisar el motor" o "Servicio de motor pronto"), el vehículo no pasará la inspección. Se trata de una indicación definitiva de uno o más problemas relacionados con las emisiones detectados por la computadora de diagnóstico a bordo (on-board diagnostic, OBD) de su vehículo. El problema puede estar simple como un tapón de combustible mal cerrado o tan importante como una falla del sistema de control de emisiones. Realice las reparaciones correspondientes antes de realizar una prueba de emisiones. Si presenta su vehículo para inspección con la luz de "Revisar motor" encendida, el inspector no puede regresar a realizar la prueba a su vehículo.

■ ¿Qué ocurre si creo que la inspección o el equipo de prueba eran defectuosos?

Si cuestiona los procedimientos de prueba, la precisión del equipo de inspección o la validez de los resultados, puede solicitar una prueba de arbitraje en un plazo de 15 días naturales a partir de la inspección impugnada si no se han realizado reparaciones (15 días incluye el día de la primera inspección). Para obtener más información, llame al Centro de atención telefónica de la GCAF al 800.449.2471. Además, por favor denuncie las ofertas que reciben aprobar ilegalmente su vehículo llamando al Centro de atención telefónica de la GCAF o enviando un correo electrónico a info@cleanairforce.com.

¿Qué debo hacer para recibir un reembolso? Cada estación de inspección de emisiones es de propiedad y operación independientes. Los conductores pueden comunicarse directamente con el propietario o gerente de la estación para obtener ayuda o presentar una queja ante la Oficina de Buenas Prácticas Comerciales o la División de Protección al Consumidor del Departamento de Derecho de Georgia.

■ MI VEHICULO NO PASÓ LA PRUEBA. ¿POR QUÉ?

Hay dos razones principales por las que un vehículo puede no pasar la prueba de emisiones (on-board diagnostics, OBD):

1. Hay algo incorrecto en el sistema de control de emisiones de su vehículo y es necesario repararlo. Recibirá una copia del Informe de Inspección del Vehículo (VIR) y el Formulario de reparación de emisiones de su inspección. Lleve estos documentos a un centro de reparación. El VIR indicará el área general de la falla y ayudará a su técnico de reparación a determinar las reparaciones adecuadas. La inspección de emisiones no es un análisis de diagnóstico.

2. La computadora OBD de su vehículo se muestra como "No está lista". Si bien esto no significa necesariamente que su vehículo tiene un problema, si indica que la computadora OBD de su vehículo no ha cumplido con los criterios para estar lista para las pruebas.

■ ¿Qué debo hacer si mi computadora de diagnóstico a bordo (OBD) se muestra como "No está lista"?

1. Conduzca su vehículo durante aproximadamente una o dos semanas en condiciones normales, incluida la conducción en carretera.

2. Si su vehículo tiene dificultades para llegar a esta "Lista", verifique el terminal de los fusibles y el cableado de la batería y de la computadora a bordo o realice un análisis de diagnóstico utilizando un **herramienta de escaneo genérico OBD** conectada al conector de enlace de datos (DLC) debajo del tablero, no debajo del cofre.

Un sistema de posventa* que no está instalado correctamente puede interferir con la computadora a bordo. Investigue los retiros del mercado, los boletines de servicio técnico (TSB), los códigos de manejo y las garantías extendidas aplicadas por el fabricante para determinar si hay reparaciones recomendadas con respecto al sistema de control de emisiones de su vehículo. Una vez completadas las reparaciones y que haya conducido su vehículo durante una o dos semanas para preparar la computadora a bordo, vuelva a la estación de inspección original para realizar una nueva prueba gratuita dentro de los 30 días naturales posteriores a la primera prueba.

*Nota: Reproductor de CD, sistema de seguridad, sistema de navegación o radio satelital.

■ Mi vehículo no "transmitirá" durante las pruebas. ¿Qué debo hacer?

1. El inspector debe intentar probar el vehículo varias veces.

2. Si su vehículo tiene instalado un sistema de posventa*, asegúrese de que el cableado no interfiere con la conexión a la computadora del vehículo o al sistema de la batería. Investigue los retiros del mercado, los boletines de servicio técnico (TSB) y las garantías extendidas aplicadas por el fabricante para determinar si hay reparaciones recomendadas con respecto al sistema de control de emisiones de su vehículo. Haga que se realice un análisis de diagnóstico con una **herramienta de escaneo genérico OBD** conectada al DLC debajo del tablero, no debajo del cofre.

3. Si el inspector ha intentado probar el vehículo varias veces o un análisis de diagnóstico repetido no puede determinar la causa de transmisión con una **herramienta de escaneo genérico OBD**, llame al centro de atención telefónica de la GCAF al 800.449.2471. Un representante de atención telefónica de la GCAF le devolverá el vehículo a la antes posible.

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■ **¿Qué ocurre si la MIL se enciende después de completar el ciclo de manejo?**

Una vez que el vehículo se muestra como "Listo", la computadora OBD puede detectar problemas adicionales relacionados con los emisores. Si es así, la luz indicadora de mal funcionamiento (MIL) se enciende para indicar un problema. Proceda con la inspección de emisiones antes de utilizar su ciclo de prueba gratuita. Los emisores o los problemas relacionados con la comunicación del sistema harán que la MIL se encienda.

NOTA: Antes de poder realizar una nueva prueba gratuita, debe proporcionar al Informe de Inspección del Vehículo (VIR) no aprobado y el Formulario de reparación de emisiones completado, que debe llenar su técnico de reparación. Si las reparaciones automáticas se restablecen por el propietario del vehículo, solo el costo de las piezas (no la mano de obra) debe documentarse en el Formulario de reparación de emisiones.

■ ¿A DÓNDE ME DIRJO PARA LAS REPARACIONES?

El inspector le entregará un Formulario de reparación de emisiones, un folio de preguntas y respuestas sobre la GCAF y un Informe de Inspección del Vehículo (VIR), que muestra los datos de la prueba que no pasó su vehículo. Un centro de reparación calificado debe realizar un análisis de diagnóstico para determinar por qué no pasó su vehículo.

Averigüe si su vehículo todavía está cubierto por la garantía de control de emisiones del fabricante. Si es así, lleve a un distribuidor autorizado. Si su vehículo no tiene garantía, busque un taller de reparación de emisiones calificado para realizar las reparaciones necesarias. Para obtener una lista de talleres de reparación de emisiones calificados en su área, consulte el Informe público de RepairWatch en cualquier estación de inspección o visite CleanAirForce.com.

Consejo de reparación n.º 1 La GCAF recomienda obtener un presupuesto de la mano de obra de las piezas antes de autorizar las reparaciones.

Consejo de reparación n.º 2 Asegúrese de que su mecánico complete el Formulario de reparación de emisiones que se le entregó cuando no pasó la prueba a su vehículo. Lo necesitará para obtener su nueva prueba gratuita después de realizar las reparaciones.

Consejo de reparación n.º 3 Los costos de mano de obra cuentan solo para las reparaciones por parte de empresas autorizadas; se permiten las reparaciones por su cuenta, pero solo se aplica el costo de las piezas si se solicita una Exención de reparación.

NOTA: Conserve todos los recibos. Los recibos de reparación no son recibos para obtener una nueva prueba, pero son necesarios para solicitar una Exención de reparación.

■ ¿Cuándo se puede volver a probar mi vehículo?

Puede obtener una nueva prueba gratuita en la estación de inspección original dentro de los 30 días naturales posteriores a la inspección inicial. Los 30 días incluyen el día de su primera prueba y vienen a la misma hora de la prueba original. Antes de poder realizar una nueva prueba gratuita, debe proporcionar el Informe de Inspección del Vehículo (VIR) no aprobado y el Formulario de reparación de emisiones completado. Si la estación de inspección original está cerrada cuando regrese para la nueva prueba, llame al Centro de atención telefónica de la GCAF al 800.449.2471 para obtener ayuda.

Si su vehículo no aprobó la inspección actual de emisiones, envíe lista todos los impactos y los daños relacionados. A continuación, visite su oficina de placas local del condado para obtener información sobre una **exención no renovable de 30 días en su registro**, según el OCGA 40-2-20.

■ POSIBLES EXCEPCIONES

Exención por reparación
Visite CleanAirForce.com en un centro de servicio de la GCAF para obtener instrucciones completas sobre cómo solicitar una Exención de reparación.

Para calificar, se deben cumplir todos los criterios siguientes:

- El costo de las reparaciones relacionadas con las emisiones debe ser igual o superior a \$40 USD.*
- El vehículo no aprobó la inspección inicial ni la inspección posterior a las reparaciones.
- El vehículo advertido debe estar presente al solicitar una Exención de reparación.
- *El importe límite de la Exención de reparación se ajusta anualmente para reflejar los cambios en el Índice de Precios al Consumidor; cambios en el Índice de Precios al Consumidor.

■ Excepción para adultos mayores

Todos los siguientes criterios deben cumplirse para calificar para una Exención para adultos mayores:

- Tener 65 o más años.
- Su vehículo tiene 10 años de antigüedad o más (año de modelo 2011 o más).
- Conduce menos de 8,046 km (5,000 millas) al año.

El conductor de kilómetros debe funcionar para demostrar el requisito de "menos de 8,046 km (5,000 millas) al año". Usted o un representante pueden solicitarlo en determinadas oficinas de placas de los condados o en cualquier Centro de servicio de la GCAF, o en línea.

Los adultos mayores que han recibido una exención anteriormente pueden hacer la renovación por teléfono. Para obtener más información, llame al Centro de atención telefónica de la GCAF al 800.449.2471.

■ Exención fuera del área

Si usted y su vehículo se encuentran temporalmente al menos 100 millas fuera del área de prueba de emisiones de 13 condados debido a obligaciones estudiantiles, militares, comerciales u otras, puede calificar para una extensión temporal fuera del área. El vehículo debe ser probado una vez que regrese al área metropolitana de Atlanta. Para obtener más información sobre las calificaciones y cómo solicitarlas, visite CleanAirForce.com o comuníquese con el

Centro de servicio de la GCAF más cercano. Los vehículos se pueden someter a prueba con **mucha anticipación** si el conductor estará fuera del área en el momento del registro. Una inspección es válida por 12 meses o una renovación, por el mismo propietario. Las regulaciones de I/M de Georgia son los lineamientos definitivos del programa. Están disponibles en CleanAirForce.com.

■ CENTROS DE SERVICIO DE TIEMPO COMPLETO DE LA FUERZA AÉREA LIMPIA DE GEORGIA

- Clayton County**
445 Atlanta South Parkway
Suite 150
Atlanta, GA 30349
- Cobb County**
2190 Northwest Parkway
Suite E
Marietta, GA 30067
- DeKalb County**
Centro ejecutivo Northlake
2260 Northlake Parkway, Suite 204
Tucker, GA 30084
- Fulton County**
Oficina de placas del condado de Fulton
5600 Stonewall Toll Road
College Park, GA 30349
- Gwinnett County**
Centro de oficinas Peachtree
1810 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Suite 239
Duluth, GA 30097

Para obtener información sobre los Centros de servicio de la GCAF de medio tiempo en ubicaciones adicionales en el área metropolitana de Atlanta, visite CleanAirForce.com o llame al 800.449.2471.

■ IDEJENOS SABER COMO LO ESTAMOS HACIENDO!

También nos gustaría recibir comentarios por correo electrónico al info@cleanairforce.com.

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Además de los anteriores Centros de servicio de la GCAF, algunos oficinas de placas del condado ofrecen servicios de extensión, lo que puede ahorrar un viaje. Visite CleanAirForce.com o llame al Centro de atención telefónica de la GCAF al 800.449.2471 para obtener instrucciones y los horarios de atención.

¿Qué debo hacer para recibir un reembolso? Cada estación de inspección de emisiones es de propiedad y operación independientes. Los conductores pueden comunicarse directamente con el propietario o gerente de la estación para obtener ayuda o presentar una queja ante la Oficina de Buenas Prácticas Comerciales o la División de Protección al Consumidor del Departamento de Derecho de Georgia.



Su fuente de información

sobre el Programa de mantenimiento e inspección de emisiones de vehículos (I/M) de Georgia

Compradores, tengan cuidado



Qué hacer antes de comprar un vehículo usado

- De acuerdo con la ley de Georgia, todos los vendedores de autos de gasolina y camiones de servicio liviano (clasificación de peso bruto vehicular de 8500 libras [GVWR] o menos) ubicados dentro del área de pruebas de los 13 condados del área metropolitana de Atlanta deben vender un vehículo que cuente con un informe de inspección válido y vigente (VIR) si el comprador planea registrar el vehículo en el área de pruebas de los 13 condados del área metropolitana de Atlanta: Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding o Rockdale.
- En 2021, esto incluye todos los vehículos año modelo 1997-2018, a menos que se aplique una de las siguientes exenciones: el vehículo funciona exclusivamente con un combustible alternativo o diésel; el vehículo tiene un GVWR de más de 8500 libras; el vehículo es uno de los tres modelos de vehículos más recientes (2019, 2020, 2021), y el vehículo tiene 25 años de antigüedad o más. Los vehículos vendidos “tal cual” no están exentos del requisito y también deben venderse con un VIR válido y vigente si el vendedor y el comprador se encuentran dentro del área de pruebas de los 13 condados del área metropolitana de Atlanta.
- Un VIR es válido por 12 meses o una renovación de registro del mismo propietario. El VIR se puede utilizar para el registro inicial y nuevamente para la renovación siempre que el VIR siga siendo válido.
- Visite www.cleanairforce.com para ver un resumen de los resultados de inspección más recientes de un vehículo. Haga clic en “Resultados de la prueba” y simplemente ingrese el número de identificación del vehículo (VIN).
- Los vehículos vendidos como “solo partes” o de “salvamento” con un título debidamente identificado como tal con el Departamento de Recaudación de la División de Vehículos Motorizados, no están sujetos a la ley de emisiones de vehículos y no se pueden conducir fuera de la propiedad del vendedor.
- Se recomienda a los compradores que se aseguren de que el vehículo que compran tenga un VIR válido y actual antes de la compra y que lleguen a un acuerdo con el vendedor si un vehículo recién comprado no tiene un VIR válido y actual.
- Los compradores pueden presentar una queja por un vehículo que se vende sin un VIR válido y vigente completando el Formulario de queja de venta de vehículos usados. El formulario se puede obtener visitando el sitio web de GCAF, haciendo clic en la pestaña “Conductor” y seleccionando “Ver formularios e información del programa”.
- Las Reglas para el mantenimiento y la inspección mejorados, venta de vehículos, sección 391-3-20-.18, se pueden ver visitando el sitio web de GCAF, haciendo clic en la pestaña “Estaciones e inspectores” y seleccionando “Reglas y reglamentos”.

Vendedores, tengan cuidado



Qué hacer antes de vender un vehículo usado

- De acuerdo con la ley de Georgia, todos los vendedores de autos de gasolina y camiones de servicio liviano (clasificación de peso bruto vehicular de 8500 libras [GVWR] o menos) ubicados dentro del área de pruebas de los 13 condados del área metropolitana de Atlanta, sin importar si son una persona física, distribuidor o subastador, deben vender un vehículo que cuente con un informe de inspección válido y vigente (VIR) si el comprador planea registrar el vehículo en el área de pruebas de los 13 condados del área metropolitana de Atlanta: Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding o Rockdale.
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- Para los vehículos vendidos dentro del área de prueba de los 13 condados que no cuenten con un VIR vigente y válido, la División de Protección Ambiental de Georgia (EPD) tiene la autoridad para emprender medidas administrativas de ejecución.
- Las Reglas para el mantenimiento y la inspección mejorados, venta de vehículos, sección 391-3-20-.18, se pueden ver en el sitio web de GCAF, haciendo clic en la pestaña “Estaciones e inspectores” y seleccionando “Reglas y reglamentos”.