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## Emissions testing maricopa county

The state of Arizona requires a vehicle emissions test both for original registrations and annual registration renewals for drivers residing or commuting into Tucson and Phoenix. Vehicle owners receive notices each year to vehicle owners to inform the owner when to complete their test. The Arizona Motor Vehicle Division in collaboration with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality run a mandatory Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program or VEIP for Arizona residents. This helps to regulate and reduce car emissions in the state. Besides testing requirements, drivers should also check to see the insurance requirements for staying legal in the State of Arizona. If you know you need an Emissions test done click here to select your county and find the nearest location. Requirements to Pass the Arizona Smog Check All 1967 and newer model year vehicles must pass an emissions test if the owners are residents or commute to and from the Phoenix or Tucson metropolitan areas for work or school. The model year, weight, suspension, fuel type, and where a driver lives and works determine the frequency a car, truck, motorhome, or RV must get a vehicle emissions test in. New Arizona residents must pass a vehicle emissions test when they register their vehicle. A vehicle emissions test is valid for only 90 days after the test is completed. If a vehicle falls into one of the following categories listed below, passing an emissions test is necessary. Phoenix Vehicle Owners If a vehicle owner lives, studies or works in Phoenix, the state of Arizona requires they pass an emissions tests every 2 years for 1981 and newer model year gasoline vehicles weighing less than 8500 lbs. And, if a vehicle owner lives, studies or works in Phoenix, the state of Arizona requires they pass a yearly emissions test for: All 1967-1980 model year vehicles All 1967 model year or newer diesel vehicles All vehicles weighing more than 8500 lbs 1981-1995 model year all-time 4x4 or traction control vehicles weighing less than 8500 lbs Tucson Vehicle Owners If a vehicle owner lives, studies or works in Tucson, the state of Arizona requires they pass an emissions test every other year for 1996 and newer model year gasoline vehicles weighing less than 8500 lbs. And, if a vehicle owner lives, studies or works in Phoenix, the state of Arizona requires they pass a yearly emissions test for: 1967 - 1995 model year vehicles weighing less than 8,500 lbs 1967 and newer model year diesel Heavy-duty vehicles weighing greater than 8,500 lbs Smog Check Exemptions for Arizona Drivers A vehicle may qualify for an Arizona Vehicle Emissions Testing exemption if: The model year is within the past 5 model years. This does not apply if a vehicle is rebuilt or specially built A vehicle is registered outside of an Arizona vehicle control area. The vehicle owner's zip code determines if the vehicle qualifies Vehicles with model years older than 1966 Motorcycles Electric Vehicles Golf carts and small electrically operated carts Registered outside of Arizona Smog Check Fees The State of Arizona determines smog check fees based off of where the owner's residence is, vehicle model year, vehicle weight, and the fuel the vehicle uses. Phoenix Smog Check Fees Phoenix vehicle owners must get a test every two years if they drive a 1991 or newer model year gasoline vehicle weighing less than 8500 lbs. The smog check fee is \$17.00. Phoenix vehicle owners who require a test every year: All 1967 model year or newer diesel vehicles \$16.00 All vehicles weighing more than 8500 lbs \$16.00 1981-1995 model year all-time 4x4 or traction control vehicles weighing less than 8500 lbs \$16.00 All 1967-1980 model year vehicles \$25.00 Tucson Smog Check Fees Tucson vehicle owners must get a smog check every two years who own a gasoline vehicle made in the 1996 model year or newer model year weighing less than 8500 lbs. The smog check fee is \$ 12.25. Tucson vehicle owners who require a test every year: 1967 - 1995 model year vehicles weighing less than 8,500 lbs \$12.25 1967 and newer model year diesel \$12.25 Heavy-duty vehicles weighing greater than 8,500 lbs \$12.25 Smog Check Waivers for Arizona Drivers The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality provides a list of step to take to qualify your car for a waiver: If a vehicle does not pass an Arizona vehicle emissions test at least two times in a current test cycle The car's mechanical issue must be diagnosed. A mechanic must perform a low emissions tune-up following the initial failure. The vehicle inspection report the owner receives after their test will define what a low emissions tune-up is for their car under "A" on the back of the test. A state waiver facility must be shown the vehicle, the vehicle's last failing test report, detailed repair receipts and/or estimates The state waiver facility may issue a waiver if it determines more repairs to reduce the vehicle's emissions are unable to be made within the maximum repair cost limits. Maximum repair requirements for failing emission tests depend on the vehicle's age and location. Because of the severity of the air pollution in the city of Phoenix, repair cost limits are higher than in Tucson. If a vehicle is emitting two times the applicable emission standard or has a faulty catalytic converter, a waiver cannot be issued If a vehicle's emissions control equipment is removed, altered, or defeated a waiver cannot be issued There is a \$15 fee if waiver a state waiver facility grants a waiver. Performing Emissions Testing in Arizona There are 4 types of vehicle emissions tests Arizona performs through their Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program (VEIP). The Arizona emissions test personnel may conduct: IM 147 Test in Arizona During the IM 147 test vehicle test personnel drive the vehicle on a dynamometer. The dynamometer resembles a set of rollers which the test personnel drives the vehicle on at different speeds to simulate city driving conditions. A vehicle's emissions are measured during the test and test results are expressed in grams per mile. Most gasoline vehicles made in 1981 - 1995 model years gasoline weighing less than 8500 lbs take the IM 147 in Phoenix. Steady State Loaded/Idle Test in Arizona Arizona requires the majority of 1967 - 1995 vehicles in Tucson and the majority of gasoline vehicles in Phoenix that are 1967 - 1980 model year and newer weighing more than 8500 lbs to take the Steady State Idle/Loaded test. The test consists of running a vehicle at idle. Then, based on the vehicle's class, it is then tested at a higher speed, a range between 25 to 30 miles per hour. The unit of measure for the test results is in percent or parts per million. On-Board Diagnostics (OBD II) Test in Arizona Arizona administers the On Board Diagnostic (OBD) test on 1996 and newer model year vehicles weighing less than 8500 lbs. A diagnostic computer in the car reads the vehicle's engine operating data and analyzes the performance of the vehicle's emission control systems. Testing of Diesel Vehicles in Arizona For Diesel vehicles, Arizona test personnel use an opacity meter, to measure the level of opacity in the vehicle's exhaust. Arizona requires all diesel vehicles weighing less than 8500 lbs and all diesel vehicles in the Tucson metro area get tested while running on a dynamometer under load. Arizona test personnel also administer a test procedure referred to as a snap acceleration test on Diesel vehicles over 8500 lbs in the Phoenix metro area. The snap acceleration test involves putting a vehicle in neutral or park and hitting the gas pedal to increase the rpm's of the engine to its maximum allowed level. An opacity monitor is put on the tailpipe of the diesel vehicle and test personnel measure the exhaust opacity. Visual Inspections for Tampering in Arizona These 4 tests do not include the possibility of having a visual inspection done by test personnel on a vehicle. When Arizona emissions test personnel visually inspect a vehicle, they are typically looking to see if an owner tampered with one of the following components: the catalytic converter, the operational air pump, the positive crankcase ventilation system, or the evaporative control system. They may also administer an evaporative system integrity (pressure) test. Failed Smog Inspections - Next Steps If a vehicle's Check Engine Light is on before taking an Arizona vehicle emissions test, the vehicle fails the test until the owner gets the car repaired and the Check Engine Light is no longer on. If your vehicle fails an emissions test, it must be repaired before the test is done again. The second emissions test is free as long as the owner completes the required repairs and the owner retakes the test within 60 days. If your vehicle fails the test, a waiver may be offered for certain vehicles. Check with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality to see if your car qualifies. Low Income? Try the Arizona Voluntary Vehicle Repair Program The state of Arizona has a Voluntary Vehicle Repair Program to help serve low - income car owners with repairs to their vehicles in case it fails an emissions test. Gasoline-fueled vehicles may qualify for up to \$550 of assistance while Heavy-Duty trucks may qualify for up to \$1000 in assistance towards the repair of their vehicles. Vehicle owners must pay \$150 for the repair of the vehicle. The state of Arizona also created the Recognized Repair Facility (RRF) Program to certify participating repair facilities to ensure that repairs are successful and vehicles pass emissions testing. Moved to Arizona - Smog Check Requirements If a vehicle owner has recently moved to Arizona, unless the vehicle is exempt, the state of Arizona requires a smog check before a vehicle can get a state registration. Transferring a Vehicle Title in Arizona - Smog Check Needed? Unless a vehicle falls under exempt status, a smog check will be required by one party when transferring vehicle ownership in the state of Arizona. Do Sellers Give Buyers a Valid Smog Certificate? That depends. All vehicles sold by dealerships must pass a smog check in Arizona. Also, if a new vehicle owner bought their vehicle from a private seller who already had a vehicle emissions test done on the vehicle, then the new owner is not required to do so. However, if a private seller has not completed a smog check on a vehicle then the new owner must get a smog check done on the vehicle. Special Tips to Pass the Arizona Emissions Test Even though Arizona does not require an emissions test for drivers, here are some general rules of thumb to keep in mind before trying to pass a vehicle emissions test. Make sure the vehicle does not have a "check engine light" on The vehicle will automatically fail the test until the owner resolves the mechanical issue causing the light to come on Make sure the vehicles runs for at least 10 minutes before a vehicle takes an emissions test to ensure accurate readings Make sure to resolve any codes a vehicle throws using a code reader before taking an emissions test. Do not just clear the codes. Test personnel will know and a vehicle may fail the test Find Smog Check Stations Near Me Phoenix and Tucson are the two metropolitan areas in the State of Arizona that require vehicle owners to get emissions testing on their vehicles. The Arizona Department of Air Quality administers the state's testing program. Check out our DMV and Emissions Testing Locations in Arizona pages to find a DMV or emissions testing location in your area. Smog Check Stations in Phoenix The City of Phoenix, in Maricopa County, Arizona is now a major US city with 1.6 million residents and edging Philadelphia out of the fifth spot of the top 10 US metropolitan areas. It is also the largest city in Arizona. With that distinction and the hot desert, weather comes the added feature of elevated air pollution. The city has 17 vehicle emissions testing locations. Visit our DMV and Emissions Testing Locations in Phoenix, Arizona page to find vehicle emissions testing location in Phoenix. Smog Check Stations in Tucson The City of Tucson, in Pima County, Arizona, is the second largest city in the State of Arizona. The city population is over 500, 000 but the greater Tucson metro area is over 1 million. Tucson or the "Old Pueblo" Like Phoenix, the desert heat aggravates the effect vehicle emissions has on the cities air quality so the city of Tucson also has an active vehicle emissions testing program administered by the Arizona Department of Air Quality. There are currently 3 testing locations in Tucson to get your vehicle tested at. Visit our DMV and Emissions Testing Locations in Tucson, Arizona page to find an Arizona DMV or vehicle emissions testing location in your area. If you live in Maricopa and for the first time received notice on your vehicle registration that an emissions test is required, you are not alone. Since January, social media posts from worried Maricopans on the issue have become common: "I could not renew my registration on line like I normally do because of the emissions test... I had to fill out a form and take it to the MVD... I had to get an emissions test for the first time ever as well. I couldn't renew my registration unless I got it done... first time in 11 years... It's confusing and leads to the majority of people paying for emissions testing unnecessarily." You also may not have to get an emissions test. Arizona Department of Transportation sends out the notices as a condition of registering vehicles in Zone A or Zone B, which are primarily Phoenix and Tucson metro areas. It's a two-department effort, as emissions standards are determined by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. "These are nonattainment areas for emissions related pollutants and include parts of Maricopa, Pinal and Pima Counties," Erin Jordan, spokesperson for ADEQ. "ADOT says vehicle owners may be receiving these messages since part of Pinal County is in Zone A." "Nonattainment areas" are where air pollution levels have not met the National Ambient Air Quality Standards, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. ADEQ expanded Zone A in the Phoenix metro area into northeast Pinal County, but not Maricopa. "ADOT is currently improving their notification system to reduce the chance of vehicle owners outside Zone A, such as those in the City of Maricopa, from receiving a message," Jordan said. Vehicles registered outside area A and B are not required to have an Arizona vehicle emissions inspection, according to ADOT. However, ADEQ's exemption application states, "If you live within either of the mandatory vehicle emissions test areas in Arizona, or if you commute into these areas on a regular basis for work or school, you must have your vehicle emission tested." While ADOT fixes its notification system, residents can check whether they are in Zone A and need emissions testing on their vehicle by visiting GISWeb.AZDEQ.gov/arcgis/vieareas. ADEQ performs the emissions testing. "If a vehicle does not need emissions testing based on where they live, ADOT can place an SCS2 on the vehicle record so that future renewal notices will not require emissions," Jordan said. Make that request at [email protected]. If your vehicle has been registered in Arizona for more than a year, you will need only the following: The appropriate test fee | View testing Fees > Key for locking gas tank, if applicable For a retest after an initial failure, bring the original vehicle inspection report with repair information completed on the back (inspection station personnel are prohibited from retesting a vehicle without the completed information) If your vehicle is being registered in Arizona for the first time, in addition to the above, you will need: The previous year vehicle registration, title or bill of sale BE SURE YOUR VEHICLE IS READY Warm up the vehicle's engine before you arrive An overheated engine may cause your vehicle to fail Turn off your air conditioner Please do not bring passengers or pets Trailers need to be removed from vehicles prior to entering the station property Vehicles must be able to enter the station under their own power OBD Vehicles must be in ready mode | Learn More > BE SURE YOUR VEHICLE WILL PASS These preparations can help your vehicle pass the test the first time! Fresh fuel, make sure your tank is at least ¼ full Oil Change (dirty or deteriorated oil can cause higher emissions) Tune-up (fresh spark plugs, proper timing, proper RPM) and if applicable, plug wires and vacuum leaks Proper operating temperature (and correct thermostat) Make sure your "Check Engine" light is OFF, otherwise it will cause an emissions test failure. WHEN YOU PASS THE TEST Once your vehicle passes the emissions test, save time and renew your registration online at azmvdnow.gov. You may also renew at an MVD or Authorized Third Party office. ✓ OBD Express Lane: Faster service for 1996 and newer gasoline vehicles, and 1997 and newer diesel vehicles, less than 8500 GVWR, excluding bi-fueled vehicles. ✓ Vehicle Length Restrictions: Not for vehicles 45' and longer. ✓ Heavy Duty Trucks: Can accommodate heavy duty trucks over 13' in height. X Service not available at this Location OBD Express Lane Vehicle Length Restrictions Heavy Duty Trucks 5850 W. Beverly Ln., Glendale, AZ 85306 ✓ ✓ X 7140 N. 110th Ave., Glendale, AZ 85307 ✓ ✓ X 10210 N. 23rd Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85021 ✓ X X 5302 W. Roosevelt St., Phoenix, AZ 85043 ✓ X ✓ 4949 E. Madison St., Phoenix, AZ 85034 ✓ X X 1851 W. 1st Ave., Mesa, AZ 85202 ✓ ✓ X 4442 E. Ivy St., Mesa, AZ 85205 ✓ ✓ X 20 N. Beck Ave., Chandler, AZ 85226 ✓ X X 8448 E. Evans, Scottsdale, AZ 85260 ✓ X X 1520 E. Riverview Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85034 ✓ X X 2360 S. Airport Blvd., Chandler, AZ 85286 ✓ X X 13425 W. Westgate Dr., Surprise, AZ 85374 ✓ X X 501 W. Deer Valley Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85027 ✓ X X 565 E. 38th Ave., Apache Junction, AZ 85119 ✓ ✓ X 16140 W. Eddie Albert Way, Goodyear, AZ 85338 ✓ X X Now emissions testing is faster and easier! Check for conveniently located stations near your home or work, and see up-to-the-minute wait times so that you aren't waiting in long lines. REMEMBER: Testing is faster weekdays from 4-5 p.m., Saturday afternoons and mid-month. VEHICLE NOT PASSING? Some vehicles qualify for emissions waivers. If your vehicle is failing the emissions test, see Waivers for more information on waivers and to see if your vehicle qualifies. WHEN YOU PASS THE TEST Once your vehicle passes the emissions test, save time and renew your registration online at azmvdnow.gov. You may also renew at an MVD or Authorized Third Party office. ✓ OBD Express Lane\*: Faster service for 1996 and newer gasoline vehicles with less than a 8500 gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR). \*Excludes bi-fueled vehicles. ✓ Heavy Duty Trucks: • P02 - Accommodate 13' and under in height • P03 - Accommodate over 13' in height X Service not available at this Location You will receive a notification of registration renewal from the Department of Transportation (MVD) in the U.S. mail or by e-mail. Be sure to read your registration renewal notice carefully as you may not need an emissions test. Vehicles may be tested at any Phoenix or Tucson emissions station. However, it is important to note that not all tests are the same and differ for Phoenix and Tucson residents. A vehicle emissions test is a requirement for the Phoenix and Tucson areas in order to apply for a vehicle registration. There are emissions stations conveniently located around the Phoenix and Tucson areas. Check your vehicle registration renewal form to determine if your vehicle needs to be tested this year or call 1-877-692-9227. Phoenix Area Fees Test Type Fee On-board Diagnostic (OBD) \$17.00 IM147 \$17.00 Steady State Loaded/Idle \$16.00 Loaded Opacity \$16.00 Snap Opacity \$25.00 Tucson Area Fees Test Type Fee On-board Diagnostic (OBD) \$12.25 Steady State Loaded/Idle \$12.25 Loaded Opacity \$12.25 Snap Opacity \$12.25 Payment Methods Checks must be from an Arizona bank, have an imprinted name and physical in-state address (no post office boxes) of the customer. Make checks payable to Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ). No third party checks, please. A valid driver's license, other official photo identification or a bank guarantee card is required when paying by check. For More Information: 1-877-myAZcar 24 Hour Toll Free (1-877-692-9227) Se Habla Español