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ONLINE RESOURCES

Vehicle Inspection Regulation Manuals

Vehicle Inspection Regulations Manuals (in English and Spanish) for Safety Inspections and Emissions Inspections are available for free download in PDF format from the PennDOT website.

Downloaded PDF files can be saved to workstations or tablets for quick reference.

Download Inspection Regulation Manuals

SAFETY INSPECTION REGULATIONS

Scan the code below to [download the Safety Inspection Regulation Manual](#).



EMISSIONS INSPECTION REGULATIONS

Scan the code below to [download the Emissions Inspection Program Regulations manual](#).



Inspection Bulletins, Forms & Documents

To view all inspection documents and forms online or to download a PDF version for future reference, go to: www.dmv.pa.gov. Then select Forms, Publications and Maps.

Doc Num	Title	Doc Type	Topic
BI17-03	Vehicle Inspection Division Safety Inspection Bulletin	Publication	Inspections, Motor Vehicles
MV-9	Compliance or Exemption For the Pennsylvania Clean Vehicles Program	Form	Inspections, Motor Vehicles
MV-170	Safety Inspection Recertification Extension Request Form	Form	Inspections, Motor Vehicles
MV-170 - Electronic Submission	Safety Inspection Recertification Extension Request Form - Electronic Submission	Form	Inspections, Motor Vehicles
MV-171	Emission Inspection Recertification Extension Request Form	Form	Inspections, Motor Vehicles

For answers related to inspection questions you can contact the PennDOT Help Line: 717-787-2895

Hotline operators are available Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

When calling the hotline, be sure to document the date you called, who you spoke with and what was said.



ENHANCED VEHICLE SAFETY

INSPECTIONS

Complete Form MV-426B

Form MV-426B: Application For Reconstructed, Specially Constructed, Collectible, Modified, Flood, Recovered Theft Vehicles and Street Rods is required to title any of the above branded title.

Only those safety inspection stations appointed and under contract with PennDOT as an Enhanced Vehicle Safety Inspection Station, may perform inspections for compliance with all applicable equipment and inspection regulations for the purpose of titling the vehicle in Pennsylvania on the following vehicles: reconstructed, flood, specially constructed, recovered theft, collectible, modified vehicles and street rods. Forms must be completed by an Enhanced Inspector/Certified Document Reviewer (Sections D-G, H). Sections A-C, H are to be completed by the applicant.



Scan the QR code to [download a fillable version of the PDF form.](#)

Be sure that all sections are completed. The form must be signed by the applicant, Enhanced Inspector, and Certified Document Reviewer. Form MV-426B also contains three additional pages of instructions, explanations and a checklist.

Documentation Needed From The Vehicle Owner

Before filling out MV-426B: Application For Reconstructed, Specially Constructed, Collectible, Modified, Flood, Recovered Theft Vehicles and Street Rods, examine documentation presented by vehicle owner.

Acceptable proof of ownership:

- Pennsylvania Certificate of Title
- Pennsylvania Certificate of Salvage
- Out-of-state or jurisdiction salvage certificate
- Out-of-state title showing something similar to Pennsylvania branded title (reconstructed, rebuilt, specially constructed, etc.) indicating vehicle was branded in another state or jurisdiction
- Manufacturer's certificate/statement of origin (MCO/MSO)
- Bill of sale (for specially constructed only) that were never titled in this or any other jurisdiction

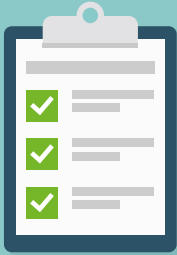
Unacceptable proof of ownership:

- New York Form 907A
- Any title, certificate of origin, statement of origin or certificate of salvage that indicates to be used for parts only; is not suitable to be rebuilt or titled; or is not designed, constructed or intended for use on public roadways.

Enhanced Inspection Items To Retain

For each Enhanced Inspection performed, PennDOT requires that paper copies of applications and other items related to the inspection must be stored in a secured area and be retained for auditing purposes.

What documents do I need to retain for an enhanced inspection?



REQUIRED ITEMS:

- Copies of the front and back of the proof of ownership document. (See previous page for acceptable proof of ownership documents.)
- Completed MV-426B application (filled out by Certified Document Reviewer and/or Enhanced Inspector)
- Copies of receipts for components listed as replaced on MV-426B
- Detailed description of how vehicle was configured and assembled (for specially constructed, collectible, modified and street rods)
- Clear, color photographs of the vehicle (front, rear, both sides) at the time of the enhanced vehicle safety inspection

(Each photo must be signed and dated by the Certified Enhanced Vehicle Safety inspector that performed the inspection and must be taken with the enhanced inspection station in the background of the photograph.)

ADDITIONAL ITEMS, IF APPLICABLE:

- Appraisal Report (for flood/recovered theft vehicles where the damage does not exceed the replacement value of the vehicle)
- Bill of sale (if applicant's name is not on the front of the title/salvage certificate)
- Power of attorney (for person signing on behalf of purchaser or seller)
- Retention (buy back) letter from insurance company (if vehicle is totaled)
- Certified weight slip (if not on title / salvage certificate for truck, trailer)
- Form MV-41 (if replacement VIN plate is required)

Please refer to Bulletin R22-01 for instructions on what supporting documentation is needed for each application.

APPRAISAL REPORTS MUST CONTAIN:

- Name and signature of licensed appraiser
- Appraiser's license number
- Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)
- Amount of damage (in dollars)
- Actual cash value of vehicle PRIOR to flood, theft, etc.



INSPECTION REMINDERS

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

All vehicle inspections should be recorded in the MV-431, MV-480 or electronic record system, including failures.

SAFETY AND EMISSIONS INSPECTIONS

Replacement Stickers

Windshield stickers for both safety and emissions may be replaced within the prescribed five-day period from the date of replacement without reinspecting the vehicle, if the customer provides the portion of the windshield containing the previous stickers.

For replacement safety stickers, stations may charge no more than \$2.00 plus any fees paid to the Department of Transportation for the sticker.

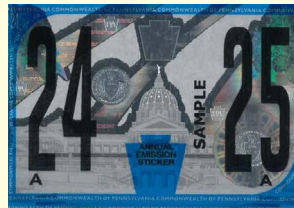
For replacement emissions stickers the station may charge \$2.00 plus the emissions program management fee (\$1.57) for replacing the sticker.

RECORD REPLACEMENT INFORMATION

Record all information from the old inspection stickers and the replacement stickers on the MV-431 form. If you are recording inspections electronically, use the appropriate replacement sticker function menu to record replacements.

Record the replacement sticker info on the same MV-431 form and mark "replacement sticker issued." Inspectors must record all information from previous inspection stickers on the new stickers. Record the old mileage on replacement stickers and NOT the vehicle's current mileage.

The information from the original sticker mileage and date should be written on the back of the replacement sticker along with the word "Replacement."



RETAIN THE STICKER & PIECE OF GLASS

Inspection regulations require that stations keep the portion of the windshield with the stickers that are to be replaced for auditing purposes by their QAO. Even if the station issued the "OLD"

original stickers, the piece of glass must be retained by the station issuing the replacement sticker for an audit. Stations shall not destroy or discard any portions of windshields unless directed to by their QAO.

A Replacement Certificate Of Inspection May Not Be Issued In The Following Circumstances:

1. **Acceptable proof of financial responsibility is not provided, such as:**
 - a.) A valid insurance card
 - b.) The declaration page of a valid insurance policy
 - c.) A valid self-insurance identification card
 - d.) A valid binder of insurance issued by an insurance company licensed to sell motor vehicle liability insurance in this Commonwealth
 - e.) A valid insurance policy issued by an insurance company licensed to sell motor vehicle liability insurance in this Commonwealth
2. **The vehicle is in an obviously unsafe operating condition.**

Pitting/Corrosion On Brake Rotors

The presence of pitting or corrosion on brake rotors alone does not result in an inspection failure. Inspectors must assess whether the condition is temporary, such as surface corrosion that may occur when a vehicle is parked for some time. To reject a vehicle, the inspector must determine that the pitting or corrosion is impairing braking performance, preventing the vehicle from stopping within required distances. If the rotors meet the minimum thickness and there is no rejectable scoring, the inspector can document the pitting or corrosion on the customer's work order for future reference.

REJECT IF:

- The lining is broken, not securely attached to the shoe, or contaminated with oil, grease, or any other substance affecting proper brake operation.
- The drums or rotors are scored deeper than .015 inches.



- There is mechanical damage beyond normal wear.
- The disc thickness is below the minimum stamped on the assembly or the manufacturer's specifications.

Inspectors are advised to consult PUB 45 Vehicle Equipment and Inspection Regulations for further guidance on evaluating brake components and other inspection criteria.

Emissions Waiver Topics

Error Message — “No Repair Information Found”

If this message appears during the waiver issuance process, stations may have entered the wrong letter designation when inputting repair information. When entering the waiver repair information, stations should be entering “S” for SERVICED (not “R,” which is for RECOMMENDED).

Another common cause is that data input during previous failed tests does not match. Be sure to look closely at the VIN, title and the license plate numbers entered for both tests.

The numbers must match exactly. If they are not the same, another failed test must be run.

Error Message — “Waiver Denied”

If this error message appears during the waiver issuance process, stations may have selected a “Diagnostic Waiver.” Diagnostic Waivers are not authorized for a repair waiver. Stations must choose the “Waiver” option to be able to continue to successfully issue the repair waiver. In addition, if one of the failed tests is a “not ready test,” this will also cause the waiver to be denied.