

Sec. 14-164c-6a. The mandatory vehicle emissions inspection

(a) An ASM 25/25 test or an OBDII test, when applicable, shall be performed on all gasoline and gaseous fuel powered vehicles. A gas cap leak test shall be performed on all non-exempt vehicles. An inspection shall be performed on vehicles for the presence of a catalytic converter and gas cap when required by the manufacturer, and a pre-conditioned two-speed idle test procedure may be performed for vehicles unable to be tested by an ASM 25/25 test. For non-exempt diesel-powered light duty vehicles, a steady-state loaded mode opacity test, or an OBDII test, when applicable, shall be performed. For diesel-powered vehicles with a GVWR of greater than 8,500 pounds, a snap acceleration smoke test may be performed.

(b) All vehicles shall be inspected in accordance with inspection techniques and standards provided by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and procedures adopted by the Department of Motor Vehicles pursuant to federal and state law.

(c) If a person alters any component of a motor vehicle, or adds or alters any substance that is usable in connection with a motor vehicle, or alters any document, with the intent of misrepresenting the emissions of a motor vehicle subject to emissions inspection, the motor vehicle shall be deemed not in compliance with emissions standards, and shall be subject to suspension or revocation of registration in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of section 14-111 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Such person may also be subject to criminal penalties in accordance with Title 53a of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(d) During the performance of an emissions inspection, the operator and any other occupants of a motor vehicle being inspected may be required to exit such motor vehicle and enter a designated waiting area. An emissions inspector shall enter and operate the vehicle throughout the test. The vehicle owner or operator shall be permitted to observe the emissions inspection of the motor vehicle. This observation may include video monitoring from a designated waiting area. The requirements of this section are intended to protect the safety of operators and passengers, and to ensure that the necessary inspection data is obtained.

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