



# California Emissions Warranty and Smog Check

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# California Emissions Warranty Regulations Related to Smog Check

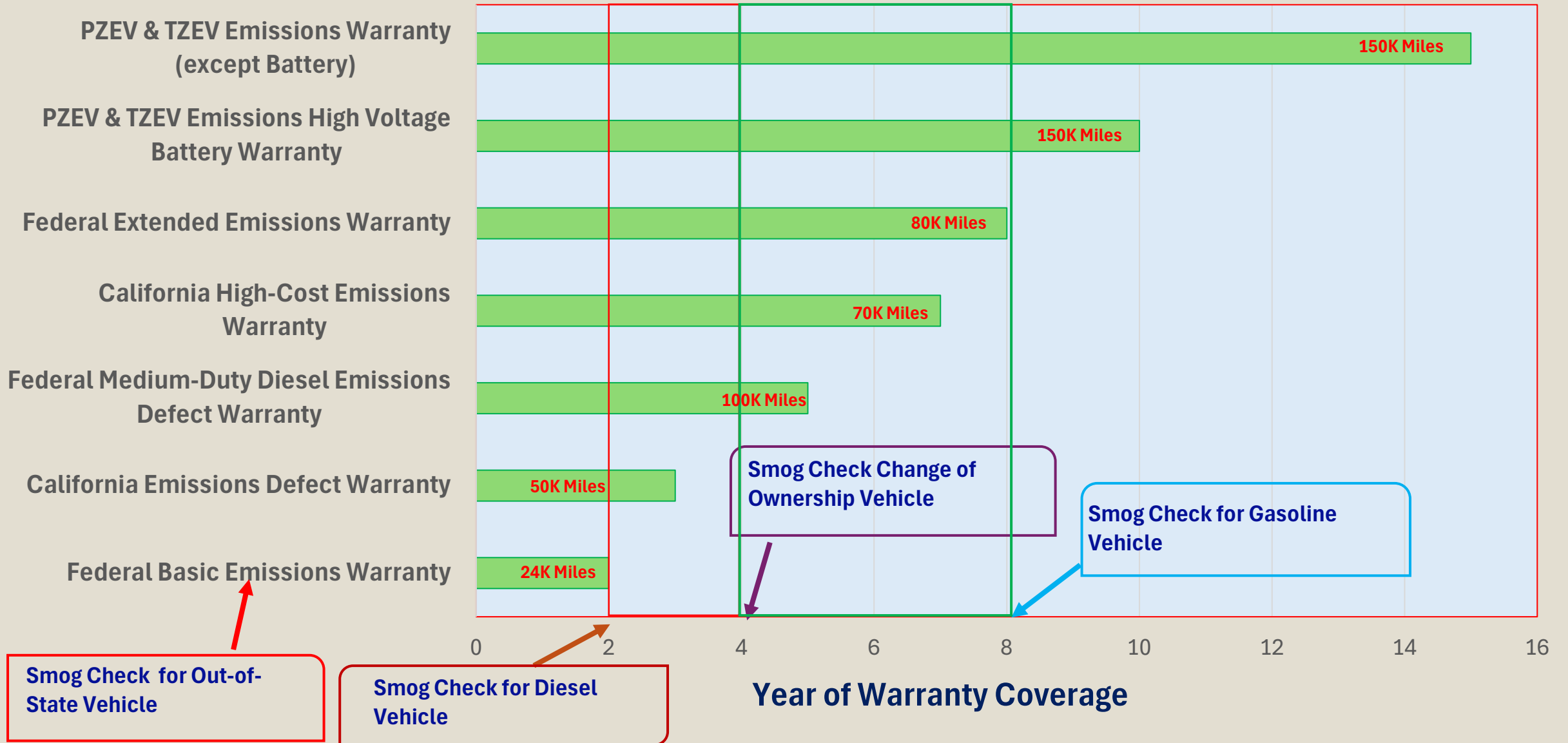
- CCR §2038 (b)(2) The manufacturer shall warrant to the ultimate purchaser that the vehicle will, for a period of 3 years or 50,000 miles, pass an inspection established under section 44012 of the H&S Code.
- CCR §2037 (h)(2) The owner of a vehicle which fails an inspection during the period between 3 years/50,000 miles and 7 years/70,000 miles may choose to have the vehicle repair at a warranty station, if the failure was caused by a “high-priced” part.
- CCR §1962 (c)(2)(d) and CCR §1962.2 (c)(2)(d) Extend the PZEV & TZEV performance and defects warranty period set forth in sections 2037(b)(2) and 2038(b)(2) to 15 years or 150K miles, whichever occurs first, except that the time period of 10 years for a zero-emission energy storage device for traction power.

# Current Smog Check Requirements

- Gasoline-powered vehicles, hybrid vehicles, and alternative-fuel vehicles that are model-year 1976 and newer require a smog check, with the following exceptions:
  - 8 model years and newer do not require a biennial smog check
  - 4 model years and newer do not require a change-of-ownership smog check
- Diesel-powered vehicles model-year 1998 and newer with a gross vehicle weight rating of 14,000 pounds and less require a Smog Check. There are no model year exceptions for diesel-powered vehicles.

| 1990 and Newer Model Passenger Cars, Light Duty Trucks, Medium-Duty Vehicles, and Medium Duty Vehicle |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                     |
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| <b>Defects and Performance Warranty</b>                                                               | Covers all emissions related parts Reference: CCR §2037 & CCR §2038                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>3 years/50k miles</b>                                                            |
| <b>High-Cost Emissions-Related Parts Warranty</b>                                                     | Covers specific, high-cost emissions-related parts as listed in owners manual Reference: CCR §2037                                                                                                                                   | <b>7 years/ 70k miles</b>                                                           |
| <b>Defects and Performance Warranty for PZEV &amp; TZEV</b>                                           | Only covers vehicles certified to the PZEV (Partial Zero Emission Vehicle) and TZEV (Transitional Partial Zero Vehicles) standard Reference: CCR §1962                                                                               | <b>15 years/ 150k miles (except battery)</b><br><b>10 years/ 150k miles battery</b> |
| <b>Federal Emissions Warranty</b>                                                                     | <b>Basic Emissions Warranty</b><br>Applies to 1995 and newer vehicles and covers any part that causes an emissions failure                                                                                                           | <b>2 years/ 24k miles</b>                                                           |
|                                                                                                       | <b>Extended Federal Warranty Coverage*</b><br>Covers three specific major emissions control components: catalytic convertors, electronic emissions control unit (ECU), and the onboard emissions diagnostic device or computer (OBD) | <b>8 years/80K miles</b>                                                            |
|                                                                                                       | *Excludes medium-duty vehicles with GVWR between 8,501 to 14,000 lbs                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>5 years/100K miles</b>                                                           |

# Emissions Warranty Coverage by Year vs. Smog Check Requirements



# What Repairs May Not Be Covered?



- CCR §2035 California Emissions Warranty applied to California certified 1979 and subsequent model year passenger cars, light-duty trucks, and medium-duty vehicles, registered in California, regardless of their original point of registration.
- CCR §2037 (h) (2) (A) the manufacturer shall be liable for expenses involved in detecting and correcting the smog check failure, unless the warranty station demonstrate the part failure was caused by abuse, neglect, or improper maintenance. Such expenses shall not exceed the maximum repair cost permissible under the inspection program.
- Vehicle readiness monitors are “incomplete” or “not ready.” In general, the vehicle owner is required to drive the vehicle for a few days or weeks to allow the OBD system time to set the readiness monitors.



# Warranty Questions ?

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