
VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTION PROGRAM

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IMPLEMENTATION CONSIDERATIONS

- In implementing the Vehicle Safety Inspection Program, the Bureau is considering the following:
 - The financial impact for initial implementation:
 - Additional equipment cost for stations
 - Additional inspection cost for consumers
 - A phased-in approach to ensure licensed technicians and stations can reliably and accurately perform the required inspection
 - How to best use existing systems and infrastructure for the new program

INITIAL REQUEST FOR FEEDBACK

- In January, BAR requested assistance in implementing the new program and asked for feedback on the following topics:
 - Verification that the vehicle being certified was inspected
 - Verification that a licensed technician performed the inspection
 - Systems or items to be inspected
 - Transitioning from brake and lamp station/adjuster licenses to new vehicle safety station/technician licenses

VERIFICATION OF VEHICLE AND TECHNICIAN

- Based upon industry feedback and internal discussions, BAR concluded the new inspection system should:
 - Share hardware with the OIS, including any biometrics scanner, and Data Acquisition Device
 - Require an OBD scan on 2000 and newer vehicles, consistent with the Smog Check Program
- In addition to verification of vehicles and technicians, based on the data, these requirements could assist in developing a second phase for the program that includes an ADAS scan

SYSTEMS OR ITEMS TO BE INSPECTED

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- Based upon industry feedback and internal discussions, BAR concluded the new inspection should consist of nine parts:

1. OBD Scan

- 2000 and newer vehicles, consistent with Smog Check Program

2. Lighting System

- Consistent with current lamp inspection

SYSTEMS OR ITEMS TO BE INSPECTED

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3. Braking System

- Consistent with current brake inspection, with the addition of ABS Warning Light

4. Passenger Compartment, which includes:

- Mirrors, Windshield, Rear Window, Windshield Wipers, Seats, Seatbelts, Child Seat Latch Systems, Air Bag(s), and SRS Warning Light

5. Tires and Wheels, which includes:

- Tires, Rims, TPMS Warning Light, and Temporary Spare Tire/Emergency Tire Repair System

SYSTEMS OR ITEMS TO BE INSPECTED

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6. Steering and Suspension, which includes:

- All steering and suspension components, and Steering and Suspension Warning Lights

7. Body Structure, which includes:

- All Body Panels, Frame or Unibody integrity, and Fuel System

8. Road Test, which includes:

- Horn, Dashboard Warning Lights, Stopping Test, and Vehicle Control

SYSTEMS OR ITEMS TO BE INSPECTED

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9. Safety Recalls, which consists of:
 - Carfax VIN check for any open safety recalls

TRANSITIONING TO SAFETY LICENSES

- BAR received a wide variety of diverging responses on how to best transition to the new safety licenses
- BAR is still considering all feedback and having internal discussions on how best to transition from the brake and lamp station/adjuster licenses to new vehicle safety station/technician licenses

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Submit questions and/or comments to:

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