

**ATTENTION: ALL OFFICIAL INSPECTION STATIONS  
QUALITY ASSURANCE OFFICERS AND PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE**

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**SAFETY INSPECTION BULLETIN**

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**PARTIALLY PEELING INSPECTION STICKERS**

PennDOT is aware that some safety and emission inspection stickers are partially peeling on the side of the sticker containing the month of expiration. PennDOT is working with the manufacturers to implement a new adhesive solution to address this issue. Although partially peeling stickers are valid, vehicle owners may choose to have partially peeling stickers reattached or replaced. Inspection stations may charge no more than \$4 to replace a safety inspection sticker and \$4.40 to replace an emissions inspection sticker. If you decide to reattach the partially peeled sticker, please be sure not to obscure any part of the sticker on either the back or front. We apologize for the inconvenience this has created for the customer as well as you the inspection station owner and/or technician. We want to assure you we are working to resolve this unacceptable quality issue as quickly as possible and appreciate your understanding. As additional information becomes available, updates will be communicated to you via subsequent bulletins.

**MOTORCYCLE HANDLEBARS**

As a reminder, Act 152 of 2002 repealed Section 3524 (b) of the Vehicle Code and eliminated the restrictions relating to handlebar height on motorcycles. As a result, motorcycles equipped with handlebars above shoulder-height are not cause for rejection during the safety inspection.

**MOTORCYCLE INSPECTION PERIODS**

While motorcycles may be inspected in any month throughout the calendar year, the month of inspection expiration must occur in a “warm-weather” month (May through October). Please refer to Chart 4, Motorcycle Inspection for specific expiration information.

**PENALTIES FOR BAD CHECKS**

PennDOT has seen an increase in the number of returned checks. Please be advised, the Vehicle Equipment and Inspection Regulations imposes penalties for inspection stations that submit bad checks. These penalties can range from a written warning to a suspension of inspection privileges.

**SIGNING INSPECTION STICKER REQUISITIONS (MV-436A)**

As a reminder, Section 175.44 (b)(2) requires that inspection sticker requisitions be personally signed by one of the persons whose signature appears on the MV-500, Authorized Agents for Receiving Stickers (formerly known as the MV-417, Signature Card). Inspection sticker requisitions containing signatures that do not match those on file with PennDOT will be rejected. It is important that the person signing the requisition form also clearly prints their name in the space provided under their signature.

To authorize someone to sign inspection sticker requisitions MV-436A, you must have a current MV-500 form on file with the Vehicle Inspection Division. The MV-500 must be updated whenever a change (additions or deletions) to authorized purchasers for your station occurs. To obtain an MV-500, please contact the Vehicle Inspection Division at 717-787-2895. As a reminder, all persons receiving inspection stickers at PennDOT's Customer Service Counter in Harrisburg must be designated as an authorized purchaser on the MV-500 form and must have a valid government issued photo identification card or driver's license.

### **REPORTING STATION CHANGES**

Stations that have a change to their MV-427 form (Certificate of Appointment) should contact their Quality Assurance Officer (QAO) to have those changes reported to PennDOT. Changes that must be reported to the QAO include:

- Change of Ownership
- Change of Authority
- Change of Trade Name
- Change of Location
- Change of Address / Mailing address by Post Office

### **INSPECTION REGULATIONS AVAILABLE ONLINE**

The Vehicle Equipment and Inspection Regulations are available on PennDOT's website at [www.dmv.state.pa.us](http://www.dmv.state.pa.us). Click on "*Business Partners*" then click on "*Station Owners and Mechanics.*"

A hard copy of the regulations can be requested by sending a check or money order in the amount of \$5.30 for each copy requested (payable to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania) to the address below. Please specify the Vehicle Equipment and Inspection Regulations and provide your return address in your request.

Vehicle Inspection Division  
PO Box 68697  
Harrisburg PA 17106-8697

Should you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the Vehicle Inspection Division at 717-787-2895.

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