

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

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FUEL TYPES

A strictly electric vehicle registered in an emission county does not require an emission inspection. In the event you perform a safety inspection on a strictly electric vehicle and the registration card states “**Emission Inspection Required / Diesel Exempt,**” direct the vehicle owner to contact PennDOT to correct the registration card. No emission test is required on an electric vehicle. Questions may be directed to (800) 932-4600. The **MV-431** and work order should note that the vehicle is electric and no emission test can be performed.

VEHICLE EQUIPMENT AND SAFETY REGULATIONS

For clarification purposes, under the new regulations, effective October 26, 2013:

§175.6 Annual Inspections - The reference to emergency vehicles built on a truck chassis shall be inspected according to the appropriate truck inspection procedure based on the registered gross weight of the vehicle does not affect the *frequency* of inspection: e.g. a fire truck would still be inspected annually. However, the vehicle must be inspected according to the *inspection criteria for a truck* based on the registered gross weight of the vehicle.

§175.28 (g) Mechanic License Codes - Code 4 Inspection of Vehicles should be correctly interpreted as *inspection of all vehicles, to include codes 1, 2, and 3.*

§175.28(4) - The use of the phrase, “tire readings,” is intended to mean *all tire readings shall be indicated in writing on the receipt or work order*, not just the tire with the lowest reading.

§175.29(5) Obligations and Responsibilities of Stations - Record retention for keeping certificates of inspection requisition forms for each inspection campaign means *from audit period to audit period.*

APPOINTMENT PROCESS

PennDOT has changed its new appointment process for the following:

1. New stations and enhanced stations;
2. Change in station ownership;

3. Change in station authority;
4. Reappointments;
5. Suspended stations coming back from suspension over two months; and
6. Enhanced station renewals.

All required documentation remains the same; however, the applicant is now required to submit the documentation directly to PennDOT for validation and, upon acceptance of the documentation, the Quality Assurance Officer will perform the site visit at the conclusion of the documentation review. Application packets and checklists of items necessary for the application to be processed are available online. A valid Employer Identification Number (EIN) or Social Security Number (SSN), a valid Pennsylvania State Sales Tax Number, and proof of insurance with PennDOT listed as the certificate holder, are all required.

Additional documentation requirements and the check list are accessible on our website at http://www.dmv.state.pa.us/inspections/station_owners.shtml . Upon completion, applications may be electronically submitted and will be accepted by emailing them to stationappointments@pa.gov .

Applications with incorrect information will not be processed. If you do not have computer access, you may contact our office at the telephone number listed below to request a station application packet. Remember, any changes at your inspection station are to be reported to your Quality Assurance Officer (QAO), to include transfer of ownership, change of insurer, and change of location. If you are unsure if your change will require a station application packet to be completed, please contact your QAO or the Vehicle Inspection Division for clarification.

ENHANCED INSPECTION PROCESS

For clarification purposes, when conducting an enhanced inspection on a *Specially Constructed, Street Rod, Reconstructed, Flood, Recovered Theft, Modified, Collectible, or a vehicle coming in from another State or Jurisdiction*, upon submitting the documentation for purposes of titling and registering the vehicle, ensure clarity in the photographs submitted, and ensure adequate details are provided on the actual inspection process. If the inspector has any questions during the inspection process, then call the Special Services Unit at (717) 705-6991 before the vehicle has passed the enhanced inspection. In the event the photographs submitted show deficiencies and the vehicle needs additional components, the enhanced inspector can be held accountable for a faulty inspection, which may result in suspension.

EMISSION TESTING FOR VEHICLES WITH A GVWR OVER 8500 POUNDS

For clarification purposes, vehicles in emission counties with a GVWR between 8501 and 9000 pounds should receive a tail pipe (TSI) and visual anti-tampering test. Regulations do not allow for OBD II or ASM testing on vehicles between 8501 and 9000 pounds.

SALVAGE CERTIFICATES ON THEFT VEHICLES

For clarification purposes, a salvage certificate is needed on a recovered theft vehicle even when the owner of the vehicle is also the insurer of the vehicle (self-insured) and there has been no damage to the vehicle.

Title 75: Chapter 11, Subchapter D

1161. Certificate of salvage required.

(a) General rule.--Except as provided in sections 1162, (relating to transfer to vehicle salvage dealer), and 1163, (relating to transfer to scrap metal processor), a person, including an insurer or self-insurer as defined in section 1702, (relating to definitions), who owns, possesses or transfers a vehicle located or registered in

this Commonwealth which qualifies as a salvage vehicle shall make application to the department for a certificate of salvage for that vehicle.

(b) Application for certificate of salvage.--An owner who transfers a vehicle to be destroyed or dismantled, salvaged or recycled shall assign the certificate of title to the person to whom the vehicle is transferred. Except as provided in section 1163, the transferee shall immediately present the assigned certificate of title to the department or an authorized agent of the department with an application for a certificate of salvage upon a form furnished and prescribed by the department. An insurer as defined in section 1702 to which title to a vehicle is assigned upon payment to the insured or claimant of the replacement value of a vehicle shall be regarded as a transferee under this subsection, and an assignment of title to an insurer under this subsection is exempt from the requirements of notarization and verification in section 1111(a), (relating to transfer of ownership of vehicle.) If an owner retains possession of a vehicle which is damaged to the extent that it qualifies for vehicle replacement payment, the owner shall apply for a certificate of salvage immediately. In this case, an insurer shall not pay vehicle replacement value until the owner produces evidence to the insurer that the certificate of salvage has been issued. A self-insurer as defined in section 1702 shall apply for a certificate of salvage when a vehicle is damaged to the extent that the cost of repairs would exceed the replacement value of the vehicle as certified by a licensed motor vehicle physical damage appraiser.

If you have any questions, please contact the Vehicle Inspection Division at (717) 787-2895.

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