

# GENERAL INFORMATION – LIGHT DUTY DIESEL VEHICLES

## INTRODUCTION

Annual emission inspections are required for registration purposes on all light duty diesel powered vehicles based in areas of Clark and Washoe Counties. Light duty diesel emission inspections are conducted by using an opacity meter and dynamometer. A dynamometer applies a load to simulate driving conditions. The opacity meter measures the opacity (visible particulate emissions) of your exhaust. A sample of the exhaust is gathered and evaluated by the opacity meter. A visual inspection for tampering of emission control devices is also part of the inspection procedure.

You should be notified by mail before your vehicle's registration and emission test is due.

## EXEMPT DIESEL VEHICLES

- New motor vehicles until the third registration cycle
- 1967 and older model vehicles
- Vehicles with a manufacturer GVWR of 14,001 or more.
- Transfer of registration between husband and wife.
- Transfer of registration if Evidence of Compliance has been issued within 90 days.
- Certain zip code areas in Clark and Washoe Counties are exempt. Please contact a DMV Emission Control Lab for further information.
- Full time four wheel drive light duty diesel vehicles with a wheel base of 182 inches or more.

## TEST LOCATIONS

A list of emission stations that test light duty diesel vehicles can be found at:

[http://www.dmvnv.com/emission\\_diesel.htm](http://www.dmvnv.com/emission_diesel.htm)

Note: Not all diesel stations within the State of Nevada are equipped to test 4 wheel drive vehicles.

For assistance with finding the appropriate Light duty diesel emission testing station, please contact the Department of Motor Vehicles Emission Control Lab.

## WAIVER REQUIREMENTS

Diesel powered vehicles 1968 or newer which are unable to meet the emission standard may qualify for a waiver issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

**SHOP REPAIRS:** A \$750.00 minimum repair cost for parts and labor other than the replacement of a removed, modified or disconnected emission control device. The \$750 minimum also excludes the cost of the emission tests. All repair receipts must be dated within fourteen (14) days after the first initial failed emission test.

**SELF-REPAIRS:** A \$500.00 minimum repair cost for parts will be considered for owner-repaired vehicles. Replacement costs for emission control devices are excluded. There will be no allowance for labor costs on self-repaired vehicles. All receipts for the parts only, must be dated within fourteen (14) days after the first initial failed emission test.

A waiver may be obtained from the Department of Motor Vehicles Emission Control Lab. Bring in the vehicle, both failed emission certificates and receipts for all repair work or parts related to the actual failure.

A waiver cannot be issued on a vehicle eligible for warranty coverage, or a vehicle that has failed due to tampering or missing devices.

Your emission certificate can be approved for registration purposes if your vehicle passed all areas of the emission test except for a missing or defective fuel cap. Just install a new fuel cap and go to the nearest authorized diesel emission station or to the DMV Emission Control Lab to have the emission certificate signed off.

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