Penalties for non-compliance

Fines for non-compliance can be costly. N.J.S.A. 39:3-37: making false statements on your registration application comes with a fine of between $200 to $500 or imprisonment of not more than six months, or both, and may also result in the suspension of a registration from six months to two years.

Equipment fines start at $54.

Emissions violations start at $700 for a first violation, $1,300 for a second violation within a year, and $500 for tampering.

Emissions violations can be reduced to $150 for a first violation if repairs are completed and presented to the court within 45 days of the violation, and to $500 for the second violation if repairs are completed and presented to the court within 45 days of the violation. There is no reduction of fines for tampering. Vehicles found with tampering will need to be re-inspected at a State Specialty Inspection Facility within 45 days of violation or the registration may be suspended. Don’t get caught in non-compliance. We want to continue our self-inspection program, so we want vehicle owners to do their part for a cleaner environment and safer roads because...

“We’re Checking”

For more information:
write, call or email
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Phone: 609-633-9474 Fax: 609-633-0042
E-mail: NJMVC-Inspection-Services@mvc.nj.gov
Owner Responsibilities

Every year when you register your self-inspected vehicle, you certify that you have maintained your vehicle for both the required mechanical and emissions components of your vehicle in accordance with the self-inspection requirement regulations in N.J.A.C. 13:20-21 et. seq. These regulations can be found at:

www.state.nj.us/mvc/about/regs.htm.

MVC Form BA-49

The certification is located on MVC Form BA-49m, Application for Vehicle Registration as indicated below:

Additionally, you certify on your registration application whether your vehicle is being used for commercial purposes.

Preventative Maintenance

There are many ways owners can ensure that their vehicles stay in compliance with the regulations.

DO NOT equip your vehicle with unapproved equipment, wide tires that extend beyond the body, unapproved lighting, unapproved exhausts, unapproved tint or altered suspension.

DO NOT tamper with emission controls. These are just some of the items that will subject you to penalties.

On diesel vehicles, ensure that all emissions controls (e.g., EGR valve, catalytic converter, diesel particulate filter, NOx or particulate trap, oxygen sensor, SCR system) are present and not bypassed or deactivated. If you are not sure what emission controls were originally required on the vehicle, please consult the under-hood emission control label.

Ensure that the Diesel Emission Fluid (DEF) tank is properly filled (if applicable).

Perform all maintenance as required by the vehicle manufacturer in their maintenance guide. For OBD equipped vehicles, when the check engine light comes on – Service the Vehicle.

If the vehicle emits any visible smoke, it requires maintenance or repair.

Any fluid leaks from anywhere on the vehicle should be promptly repaired.

YOU CANNOT alter the emission control configuration on any vehicle. It makes the vehicle pollute and it is illegal!

Ensuring that all operating systems are working properly does not take much time and will save you expenses in the long run.

“We’re Checking”

Yes, we are! We are checking diesel self-inspected vehicles roadside to ensure they are complying with the self-inspection requirements specified in New Jersey Administrative Code 13:20-21 et seq.

Diesel vehicles, passenger and commercial, 8,501 lbs. Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) through 17,999 lbs. GVWR have had special self-inspection requirements since the 1970s. These vehicles, for a variety of reasons, have been placed in this self-inspection category. Recently, however, we have been noticing some disturbing trends that we want to correct before they spread. Self-inspection has worked well; however, we want to ensure compliance and that is why...

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We’re checking through random roadside inspections. This currently occurs with the self-inspected diesel vehicles 18,000 lbs. GVWR and over. The program will now be expanded to cover all self-inspected vehicles.

The roadside program will begin as a pilot program for 6 months starting March 1, 2020. If something is found out of compliance during a roadside inspection, the motorist will be given a warning. After the pilot period ends, full enforcement will begin.

Please ensure that your registration application is completed correctly, and you comply with the regulations because...

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