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**606          VEHICLE INSPECTION: CONDEMNED VEHICLES**

- 606.1 If, upon any mechanical inspection of a motor vehicle or trailer, the Director determines that the motor vehicle cannot be operated or the trailer cannot be moved without endangering the general safety of the District, the Director shall issue a "condemned" sticker to the registrant or other person desiring registration.
- 606.2 If, upon any mechanical inspection of a motor vehicle or trailer, the Director determines it does not conform to the equipment standards contained in the current District Inspection Manual, the Director shall issue to the registrant or person desiring registration a "condemned" sticker.
- 606.3 A registrant or person desiring registration, and to whom a "condemned" sticker was issued for a motor vehicle, shall not operate, or permit the operation of the motor vehicle upon any public highway unless and until the sticker is removed by the Director, except as provided in this section. The vehicle may be towed upon any public highway solely for the purpose of moving it to or from an inspection station.
- 606.4 Upon presentation of evidence satisfactory to the Director that adequate repairs have been made to the vehicle, he or she may issue a permit authorizing a motor vehicle for which a "condemned" sticker was issued to be driven from the garage to the inspection station by the most direct route.

**607          PLACEMENT OF INSPECTION STICKERS ON VEHICLES**

- 607.1 "Approved" stickers, "rejection" stickers, "condemned" stickers, temporary inspection stickers, and temporary registration certificates for all motor vehicles other than motorcycles, motorized bicycles, and trailers shall be affixed to the windshield in the area of the right windshield wiper arm.

- 607.2 On small compacts and foreign cars on which the windshield lies in a flat plane, stickers and certificates may be affixed to the lower right-hand corner of the windshield.
- 607.3 "Approved" stickers, "rejection" stickers, "condemned" stickers, temporary inspection stickers and temporary registration certificates for motorcycles, motorized bicycles, and trailers shall be affixed to the identification tag. Mounting tabs shall be bolted to either corner of the identification tag.

#### **608 LOST, MUTILATED, OR DETACHED INSPECTION STICKERS**

- 608.1 If an inspection sticker becomes wholly or partly detached from the place where it was attached or becomes mutilated or lost, the registrant or the person desiring registration to whom the sticker was issued, or his or her agent, shall, within seventy-two (72) hours after the detachment, mutilation, or loss is discovered, present the motor vehicle or trailer to which the sticker was attached to the District inspection station where it was originally inspected, accompanied by the sticker, unless the sticker is lost.
- 608.2 If the sticker is mutilated, it shall be accompanied by a written statement explaining how the mutilation occurred.
- 608.3 If the sticker was lost, the motor vehicle or trailer shall be accompanied by a written statement explaining how the loss occurred.

#### **609 INSPECTION OF NON-REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES**

- 609.1 Inspection of non-registered motor vehicles for which no fee shall be charged shall be limited to the following purposes:
- (a) Verification of identification numbers when required under this section, unless verification can be made as provided in § 401.15;
  - (b) Cases in which the safe mechanical condition of a vehicle is questioned by the police or other authority.

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#### **617 INSPECTOR CERTIFICATION**

- 617.1 All IM-240 exhaust emissions inspections, established by § 752, performed as part of the District of Columbia Motor Vehicle Inspection Program shall be performed by inspectors who have been certified by the Director as to their knowledge of the inspection procedures and technical matters related to those procedures.
- 617.2 Inspector certifications shall be issued by the Director for a period of two (2) years.
- 617.3 For inspectors who have not previously been issued a certificate, the Director's determination of an individual's knowledge of the IM-240 inspection procedures and

technical matters related to those procedures shall be based upon the candidate's successful completion of the following items:

- (a) The Department of Public Works training course;
  - (b) A written test passed with a minimum of eighty percent (80%) correct responses, that shall consist of, but not be limited to, the following topics:
    - (1) Rules, regulations and vehicle standards contained in chapters 6 and 7 of this title;
    - (2) Rules, regulations and standards contained in 40 CFR part 51 related to IM-240 inspections;
    - (3) Calibration, operation, and maintenance of any necessary test equipment; and
    - (4) Other requirements related to IM-240 inspections as specified in 40 CFR Part 51.367; and
  - (c) A "hands-on" proficiency test that shall consist of, but not be limited to, the following:
    - (1) Performance of the IM-240 test within operational guidelines established by the Director, DPW; and
    - (2) Calibration, operation, and maintenance of any necessary test equipment.
- 617.4 For inspectors who have been issued a certificate, but who seek renewal at the expiration of the two (2) year certification period, the Director shall establish the procedures as he or she considers necessary to determine the inspector's knowledge of the IM-240 inspection procedures and technical matters related to those procedures, including requiring the inspector to take refresher training.

## **618 AUTOMOTIVE EMISSIONS REPAIR TECHNICIAN**

- 618.1 The Department may provide training and retraining in the appropriate IM 240 diagnostic and repair procedures and technical matters related to those procedures, and shall maintain a list of approved courses providing equivalent training.
- 618.2 A training course offered by the Department, and any training course approved by the Director, must, at a minimum, require Automotive Emissions Repair Technicians to pass:
- (a) A written test that consists of, but is not necessarily limited to, the following topics:
    - (1) Diagnostic and repair procedures for IM-240 related emission failures;
    - (2) The relationships between automotive emissions and air pollution;
    - (3) Rules, regulations and vehicle standards contained in chapters 6 and 7 of this title; and
    - (4) Rules, regulations and standards contained in 40 CFR Part 51.370 regarding IM-240 inspections; and

- (b) A proficiency examination conducted to test the Automotive Emissions Repair Technician's independent knowledge of the subject and repair techniques. The proficiency examination shall consist of, but is not necessarily limited to, the following topics and skills:
  - (1) Performance of IM-240 related emission diagnostic procedures;
  - (2) Performance of IM-240 related emission repair procedures; and
  - (3) Calibration, operation, and maintenance of any necessary test equipment.
- 618.3 The Director of the Department of Public Works, in consultation with the Director of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, shall establish the criteria for passing the tests established by this section.
- 618.4 The Director shall issue an Automotive Emissions Repair Technician certification to any person who has successfully completed a training course offered or approved by the Department. The certification shall be valid for a period of two (2) years.
- 618.5 The Director shall issue an Automotive Emissions Repair Technician recertification upon proof that the applicant has successfully completed a recertification training course offered or approved by the Department. The recertification course must, at a minimum, require Automotive emissions Repair Technicians to pass written and performance examinations to determine skill and knowledge of the IM-240 diagnostic and repair procedures, and technical matters related to those procedures.

#### **619 VEHICLE EMISSION RECALL COMPLIANCE**

- 619.1 Owners of all motor vehicles subject to unresolved emissions recall notices issued after November 1, 1998, shall provide proof at the next motor vehicle inspection or vehicle registration renewal date that the necessary repairs were completed.
- 619.2 Failure to complete the required recall repairs, and to provide proof that the repairs were completed, shall result in the failed inspection of the vehicle or the denial of vehicle registration, whichever occurs first.
- 619.3 Proof of recall repairs shall be documented by electronic records or paper receipts provided by a certified IM-240 automotive emissions repair technician.
- 619.4 Documentation verifying required repairs shall include the following:
  - (a) The VIN, make, and model year of the vehicle;
  - (b) The recall campaign number;
  - (c) A description of the repairs made; and
  - (d) The date repairs were completed.
- 619.5 Compliance with this section shall be required at the next registration or inspection date, allowing a reasonable period to comply, after notification of recall is received by the District.