



**AVIP** Automated Vehicle  
Inspection Program

Dear Motorist;

Thanks for your continued participation in Vermont's Automated Vehicle Inspection Program (AVIP).

For the first two years of the program, the State allowed vehicle owners an opportunity to get a conditional pass when their vehicle was "not ready" or had a failure in their emissions components. This process was put in place to give Vermonters time to understand the process and bring their vehicle into compliance.

Beginning **January 15, 2019**, all vehicles presented for inspection must pass the emissions and safety components to receive a pass sticker.

A key element for emissions inspections success is that your vehicle must be "ready" and have no failed emissions components to receive a pass result. Please see the [back of this postcard](#) for information that can help you get your vehicle ready for the emissions portion of the inspection.

If the results of the test indicate you have an emissions problem, you'll have to make the repair in order to pass the inspection. Emissions problems may be covered under the emissions component warranty, so be sure to check with the vehicle manufacturer.

The state of Vermont recognizes that emissions repairs not covered under warranty can be costly. Speak to your inspection mechanic about options to extend the time you have to bring your vehicle into compliance.

If you have questions about AVIP, please visit our website at [www.vt-avip.com](http://www.vt-avip.com).

Thanks again for helping to keep Vermont's air clean and roads safe.

*Wanda L. Minoli, Commissioner — Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles*



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## VEHICLES MUST BE "READY" FOR THE OBD TEST.

### VEHICLE READINESS

- "Not ready" means the vehicle's computer has not had time to complete the necessary emissions control system checks.
- An OBD test result of "Not ready" does not necessarily mean your vehicle has a problem, but it does mean the vehicle can't pass the OBD test until it is "Ready."

### POSSIBLE REASONS FOR A VEHICLE TO BE "NOT READY"

- The battery has been disconnected or replaced recently.
- The computer memory has been cleared, which can occur during repair activities or software update.

### GETTING A VEHICLE "READY"

- A few days of city and highway driving will allow the vehicle's computer to check all systems and get the vehicle ready.
  - STEP 1:** Make sure the vehicle has been parked for eight hours without a start. Be sure your fuel tank is  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  full.
  - STEP 2:** Start the engine and let it idle in Drive for two-and-a-half minutes with the air conditioning and rear defroster on.
  - STEP 3:** Turn the air conditioning and rear defroster off. Drive the vehicle for 10 minutes at highway speeds.
  - STEP 4:** Drive the vehicle for 20 minutes in stop-and-go traffic.
- If the vehicle has an emissions control system issue, it may take longer.
- Repair technicians can assist with readiness issues by following specific manufacturer instructions for drive cycles.