My vehicle did not pass inspection. What next?

If your vehicle failed a safety component, speak to your repair technician and have it repaired immediately. You must pass the safety portion of the vehicle inspection in order to receive a pass sticker.

If your vehicle failed the on-board diagnostic part of the inspection, it is likely that your vehicle’s engine and/or emissions control system needs repairs. Review your VIR (Vehicle Inspection Report) to understand the reasons for failure. Your inspection mechanic should be able to answer your questions.

What if my vehicle has an emissions problem?

Have your emissions problem diagnosed and determine if the repair is covered under your vehicle’s emissions control system warranty. You will need to make the repair and return for a re-test to get a pass sticker.
Diagnosis of engine or emissions problems is easier with the test we use now – on-board diagnostics (OBD). The computer in your vehicle performs self-tests of the systems which could impact the vehicle emissions, fuel economy and performance. When a problem is found, the computer can report generally where to start looking to diagnose the vehicle. This can save time and costs needed to have a repair technician identify necessary repairs.

Engine and emissions control system repairs are important. Benefits to Vermonters include clean air, fuel economy savings and improved vehicle reliability.

**Assistance**

Many emissions component repairs may be covered under your vehicle’s emissions control system warranty. You may be surprised to find out what is covered at no cost to you. The emissions control system warranty differs from the “bumper to bumper” warranty. Contact your dealership to find out more information. Check your vehicle’s owner’s guide or warranty booklet for a contact phone number.

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.

For more information see the AVIP website at www.vt-avip.com or call (802) 828-2000