

My vehicle is “Not Ready.” What does that mean?

A “not ready” result means your vehicle’s computer has not had a chance to check all of the parts of the emissions control system for problems – so it cannot determine if everything is working as designed. Until the vehicle is “ready” to complete the checks, the OBD inspection cannot complete.

Your vehicle’s on-board computer checks to see if the emissions controls are working, and reports problems that may contribute to poor performance, excessive exhaust emissions, or poor fuel economy.

Why was my vehicle “Not Ready?”

- Your vehicle’s computer memory may have been reset by a scan tool, during a recent repair, or software updates
- Your battery was recently disconnected or lost its charge, or
- Your vehicle has an emissions control system problem preventing it from self-testing.





Automated Vehicle
Inspection Program

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STEP 1

Make sure your vehicle has been parked for 8 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 about 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ 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.

Drive your vehicle to give the computer a chance to check the emissions control system. Two or three days of normal city and highway driving should provide enough data to get a vehicle “ready” for an emissions inspection. Don’t disconnect your battery, or you will have to start the process all over again. If your vehicle has an emissions control system issue, it may take longer to get ready. Your repair technician or inspection mechanic can help by following specific manufacturer instructions for drive cycles.

For more information about the OBD inspection and vehicle readiness go to www.vt-avip.com or call (802) 828-2000