



DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES  
Agency of Transportation

**Vermont Inspection Mechanic  
Certification Examination**

**For: CARS / TRUCKS**

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- **To pass you must answer correctly 31 of the following 38 questions.**
- **All questions to be answered True or False on your separate answer sheet (form TA-VN-202a).**
- **Mark an X through the correct answers on the separate answer sheet only, T for True or F for False.**

1. Inspections stations are appointed solely for the benefit of the motoring public? T or F
2. Once designated as an inspection station they may inspect any type of vehicle? T or F
3. An inspection mechanic is required to re-certify every 3 years. T or F
4. An inspection sticker can only be issued and affixed to the vehicle in an approved inspection area. T or F
5. It is permissible to inspect a vehicle with the “airbag readiness light” on if the vehicle has over 50,000 miles or is 10+ years of age. T or F
6. You can inspect motor vehicles that are registered out of state. T or F
7. Vehicles that fail inspection due to defective equipment must have repairs done at the station where the inspection was conducted. T or F
8. It is necessary to prominently display the fee charged for inspections. T or F
9. Inspection stickers must be kept in a locked drawer, cabinet or other device to prevent theft and limit access to only persons authorized to inspect vehicles. T or F
10. Each inspection station must have on hand adequate tools and equipment to maintain designation as an inspection station. T or F
11. Using equipment to check headlight aim is not necessary as long as the headlights are working and visually appear straight and are illuminating properly. T or F
12. If a station changes its name, location or ownership it is necessary to notify the Department immediately in writing. T or F
13. If a vehicle is presented for inspection and the owner has lost the registration certificate you may not inspect the vehicle under any conditions. T or F
14. A vehicle can pass inspection if the MIL does not illuminate in the “key on, engine off” position. T or F
15. Any hole in a vehicle exhaust system is cause for rejection during inspection. T or F
16. It is okay to pass a vehicle with the tire pressure air warning light/indicator on as long as the tires appear to have adequate air pressure. T or F

17. Any tire tread cuts, snags or sidewall cracks would cause the vehicle to be rejected for inspection. T or F
18. It is not necessary for inspection to check the steering or suspension on new vehicles with less than 10,000 miles on them. T or F
19. If a ball joint has any movement it fails inspection. T or F
20. Road testing a vehicle for inspection is required. T or F
21. A vehicle with less than 2,000 miles is not required to have an OBD II test. T or F
22. Auxiliary equipment is permitted to be placed on or in front of any lamp. T or F
23. Headlamp aim is not required on vehicles that are less than five years old. T or F
24. After-market tinting material is never permitted on the windows directly to the right or left of the driver. T or F
25. Any cracks, discoloration or scratches in the windshield will prohibit a vehicle from being inspected. T or F
26. It is necessary for the odometer to be working for the vehicle to pass inspection. T or F
27. Fenders that fail to cover the tread portion of a tire will prohibit a vehicle from passing inspection. T or F
28. Inspection of door latches, locks, hinges and handles for proper operation is necessary when conducting a vehicle inspection. T or F
29. If during the OBD II test 3 or more not ready codes appear, a vehicle cannot pass inspection. T or F
30. It is not necessary to visually examine the fuel tank of a motor vehicle if there are no signs of leaking fuel. T or F
31. If the fuel tank filler cap is missing, the vehicle may still be inspected. T or F
32. All original factory installed equipment or its approved after-market equivalent designed to enhance safety, must be operational at the time of inspection. T or F
33. Copper tubing for brake line repairs is not permissible, but compression fittings are allowed. T or F
34. All trailers are required to have brakes. T or F
35. Trailers are not required to have mud flaps under any conditions. T or F
36. It is necessary to remove one wheel for inspection. T or F
37. It is required to check brake lining thickness against manufacturer's specifications. T or F
38. All registered motor vehicles must comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards in order to pass a Vermont state safety inspection. T or F