

A Newsletter for Fleet Emissions Inspection Facilities and Inspectors

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Collectible Vehicles Exempt

The Arizona Legislature passed into law an exemption for vehicles designated as collectible and meeting certain criteria. Now the US EPA has approved the legislation, and the exemption officially becomes effective April 30.

Under the new law, vehicles at least 15 years old that are show cars or other collectible vehicles will be exempt from emissions testing for registration purposes. Owners must obtain collector-car insurance (which is very restrictive of mileage and driving habits). The insurance carriers will notify Motor Vehicle Division electronically of the insurance, in order for the registration to be changed.

It has been determined that there are about 7,000 vehicles in Arizona that would qualify for the exemption and that they have a negligible impact on the air quality environment.

Tucson Motorcycles Exempt

Concurrent with the collectible vehicle exemption, motorcycle owners in the Tucson area will find their "rides" exempt from emissions as well. Motorcycles represent a small portion of the overall motor vehicle fleet in Tucson. The area is at "maintenance level" for vehicular pollutants. It was determined that motorcycles could safely be dropped from the emissions inspection requirement without causing harm to the atmosphere.

Motorcycles in the Phoenix area will not be included in the exemption at this time.

Alternative Fuel Vehicles

Alternative fuel vehicles (except electric, solar and hydrogen powered) registered in or used to commute into metro Phoenix or Tucson are required to be emissions tested. Model Year 2005 and newer original equipment (OEM) alternative fueled vehicles are exempt from testing. Note that the new car exemptions for alternative fueled vehicles are different than for others. Alternative fuel exemptions are for the current model year plus two preceding years.

Bi-fuel vehicles are tested in the same way as a conventional vehicle, except that two tailpipe emissions tests will be run. Therefore, when servicing an alternative fuel vehicle that is capable of running on gasoline and an alt. fuel, it is important to verify the effect of any adjustment made while the vehicle runs on each fuel. It is also important to verify that the changeover can be made without interruption of the vehicle operation.

New legislation has changed the licensing of bi-fuel vehicles. In May, they will begin to receive new "Bi-Fuel" plates.

VEI Offers Training Seminars

Do your sales or administrative staff understand the emissions inspection process? Do you have a need for specialized training in OBD, Lab Scope, IM147 or other emissions related topics? How can we help? How about customized seminars!

VEI is in the process of creating training and information seminars for individual fleet facilities and auto dealers. The seminars will be conducted on site at your facility. Depending on the type of presentation, seminars may run from one to four hours. Here's the best part. It's FREE! We only ask that your organization take care of the space and refreshment needs of your people.

If you have any ideas or suggestions, or if you would like to schedule a seminar, please contact one of our training specialists.

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Class Schedule

MAY	
Fleet	Dates
Government and Fleet Shop	1-3
Dealers	8-9
Diesel	10
Tucson	22-23

JUNE	
Fleet	Dates
Government and Fleet Shop	5-7
Dealers	12-13
Diesel	14
Tucson	26-27

Class Schedule

JULY	
Fleet	Dates
Government and Fleet Shop	10-12
Dealers	17-18
Diesel	19
Tucson	24-25

AUGUST	
Fleet	Dates
Government and Fleet Shop	7-9
Dealers	14-15
Diesel	16
Tucson	21-22

SEPTEMBER	
Fleet	Dates
Government and Fleet Shop	11-13
Dealers	18-19
Diesel	20
Tucson	25-26