

# Portland Area Vehicle Inspection Program

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is committed to keeping the state's air clean and healthy, and chose to implement the Vehicle Inspection Program (VIP) in the Portland-metro and Rogue Valley areas to help retain the quality of Oregon's air.

Oregon implemented the Vehicle Inspection Program to help stay within federal guidelines and reduce air pollution. Most passenger vehicles in the Portland-metro area are required to go through an emissions test when it is time to renew that vehicle's registration.

## Which vehicles need testing?

In the Portland area, gasoline-powered vehicles 1975 and newer receive the test. Diesel vehicles with a gross vehicular weight of 8,500 and less that are 1975 and newer also need the test.

The model year of the vehicle will determine the appropriate test procedure.

If a vehicle fails, valuable information on possible causes for the failure and a list of DEQ certified repair facilities is available.

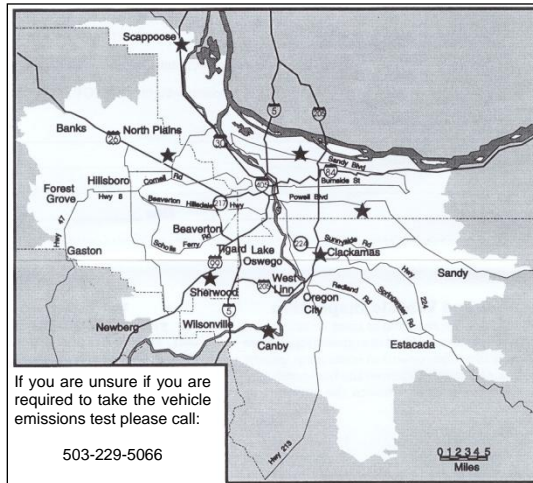
## Types of tests

The VIP uses two tests to determine if vehicles emit more pollution than they should. The Basic test is designed to analyze the amount of pollutants coming out of a vehicle, compare it with standards set by the EPA, and determine if emissions systems are working correctly. The On-Board Diagnostic (OBD) test checks the vehicle's computer to ensure that emission control equipment is working properly.

## Basic Test

The Basic Emissions Test is a single-speed "curb idle" test that analyzes emissions for hydrocarbon and carbon monoxide levels. The vehicle is placed in park (automatic transmission) or neutral (manual transmission) with the emergency brake applied and idles for 30 seconds. Curb idling must not exceed 1300 revolutions per minute. If the vehicle fails this first curb idle test, the engine is taken up to 2500 revolutions per minute for 30 seconds to precondition the catalyst for a second curb idle test. The second curb idle test also lasts for 30 seconds. A vehicle passes the test if emissions

meet the appropriate levels in either the first or second curb idle test.



*If your vehicle is registered to an address in the white area on this map you must pass the DEQ Vehicle Emission Test to renew vehicle registration.*

## OBD II

On-Board Diagnostics (OBD) consists of a scan tool that plugs into the vehicle's computer and checks to make sure emission systems are working correctly. OBD is quicker than the basic test. The test does not change or affect the vehicle's computer in any way; it only reads information about the emission systems.

## Portland Area Clean Air Station hours

DEQ's Vehicle Inspection Stations now offer evening and weekend hours to serve you better.

*All Portland-Metro area stations are closed Sunday, Monday & Holidays.*

<b>Tues, Thurs &amp; Fri:</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</b>



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## Air Quality

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## **Portland Area Stations:**

### **Clackamas**

9350 SE Clackamas Road at 82nd Drive  
(East of I-205, Exit OR -224/OR-212)

### **Gresham**

1200 SW Highland Drive  
(SE 182nd and Powell, across from Safeway)

### **NE Portland**

7701 NE 33rd Drive  
(N. of Columbia Boulevard, across from  
Vermeer Oregon, Inc.)

### **Sherwood**

14962 SW Tualatin-Sherwood Road  
(South of Pacific Hwy-99W)

### **Sunset (Hillsboro)**

Cornelius Pass Road Exit, Highway 26  
5130 NW Five Oaks Drive  
(North of Highway 26, behind Parr Lumber)

Portland-Metro area residents can also visit  
**DEQ's Scappoose Clean Air Station** located in  
Scappoose, OR on 52751 NE 1st Street (North of  
Highway 30 across from the fire station).

The Scappoose station is open on:

**Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

**Saturday: 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

*The Scappoose station is closed:  
Sunday-Thursdays and Holidays*

## **For more information**

If you would like directions to DEQ's clean air stations, information in alternative languages or more information about DEQ's vehicle inspection program call **503-229-5066** (8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mon. – Fri.)

Hearing impaired: **711**

Station directions, maps, lane cameras, smoking vehicle report forms and other information is also available on our website at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/DEQ/>

For **boundary questions** call 503-229-5066.

[Report smoking vehicles online](#) or call 888-997-7888

## **Alternative Formats**

*DEQ is committed to accommodating people with disabilities. Please notify DEQ of any special physical or language accommodations or if you need information in large print, Braille or another format.*

*To make these arrangements, contact DEQ Communications and Outreach in Portland at 503-229-5696 or call toll-free in Oregon at 800-452-4011; fax to 503-229-6762; or email [deqinfo@deq.state.or.us](mailto:deqinfo@deq.state.or.us).*

*People with hearing impairments may call 711.*