



Vehicle Safety Inspection Program Bulletin

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Bulletin: All Inspection Station Personnel

From: Automotive Safety Enforcement Division

RE: **Class A stations to inspect certain vehicles over 10,000 GVWR**

ASED made a procedure change in 2017 to allow Class A Inspection Stations to inspect certain over 10,000 GVWR vehicles. This accommodation is only allowed for those vehicles over 10K which are not equipped with air brakes, and that can be physically accommodated within a Class A inspection bay (12 ft. X 25 ft.) In addition, these inspections are not a requirement, and an Inspector may choose not to perform an inspection of this type of vehicle if the Inspector feels that the facility is not properly equipped to safely perform the inspection, or if in their professional opinion, they are not comfortable inspecting this type of vehicle. The reasons for this accommodation are listed below in this document, as well as clarification of the procedure.

1. The automotive industry (Stations & Personnel) have asked for this accommodation as a business need, which has been judged to be reasonable, to have a positive impact on the public at large and as having a minimal impact in regard to regulatory oversight by ASED.
2. Vehicle design and construction has changed dramatically in the 50 years that these sections of COMAR have been in place without revision.
A lift rated for over 10,000 GVWR is not required to allow these inspections to be performed at the Class A Inspection Station. Placing an over 10k lift in the station would not allow many cars to be lifted as they may not be able to be lifted using the larger lift.
3. Reference of the GVWR listed on the Federal label of a vehicle is not required as this is an indication of the gross vehicle weight rating fully loaded. This is not an indication of the unloaded vehicle weight or the lifting capacity required to perform a vehicle safety inspection.
4. Class C stations inspect these vehicles using jacks and jack stands. The Allowance for Class A stations to allow inspectors to inspect specifically defined over 10k vehicles does not require the vehicle to be lifted using a lift simply because of a location change. The same method for the



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inspection may be applied at Class A Inspection Station for lifting and supporting the vehicle using jacks and jack stands.

5. As stated, an over 10K vehicle must be able to fit within a Class A Inspection Bay and NOT be equipped with air brakes to qualify for this accommodation.
6. An increase in inspection fee is not authorized based upon the GVWR of a vehicle.
7. This accommodation is voluntary, and is based upon the Inspector's professional opinion that the vehicle in question qualifies for this process and can be properly and safely inspected at the facility, using the tools and equipment in place at the facility.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact ASED at:

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