



Vehicle Safety Inspection Program Bulletin

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Bulletin: All Inspection Station Personnel

From: Automotive Safety Enforcement Division

RE: **Vehicle Exhaust Systems**

Vehicle exhaust system modifications such as headers, dual tail pipes, etc. are permissible only if the emission configuration is not altered, and only if the replacement equipment is designed and recommended for on-road (public) operation.

Installation of a dual exhaust system on a light vehicle built and certified with an exhaust emission system which was not originally built and certified by the manufacturer with a dual exhaust system is prohibited by Federal and State law and regulations. Generally, “*cat-back*” systems or dual tail pipes installed after the muffler are permissible since they do not alter the emission configuration.

The manufacturer emission certification is done by platform for light duty vehicles such as passenger cars, pick-up trucks, SUVs, minivans, etc. This means that a vehicle **AND** the powertrain as **ORIGINALLY** installed by the manufacturer cannot be altered and pass vehicle safety inspection in Maryland.

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