



Vehicle Safety Inspection Program Bulletin

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RE: **Replacement Engine Emission Requirements**

A motor vehicle may not be certified during a vehicle safety inspection unless the vehicle chassis and powertrain configuration is a “certified emission configuration” as published by the manufacturer; as applicable to the year, make, model, and the installed powertrain. The Federal Clean Air Act 42 U.S.C. 7522(a)(3). Section 203(a)(3)(A) prohibits any person from removing or rendering inoperative any emission control device or element of design installed on or in a motor vehicle or motor vehicle engine prior to its sale and delivery to an ultimate purchaser and prohibits any person from knowingly removing or rendering inoperative any such device or element of design after such sale and delivery, and the causing thereof. The maximum civil penalty for a violation of this section by a manufacturer or dealer is \$25,000; for any other person, \$2,500.

The U.S. EPA-certified configuration is defined as an "unaltered vehicle" manufactured in conformity with U.S. federal emission requirements, with a U.S. emissions compliance label in the engine compartment that identifies it in the English language as conforming to all EPA requirements. In other words, replacement engines and emissions equipment must be identical to an engine and emission configuration offered in the specific year, make, and model by the manufacturer. If the engine has been “changed” to an engine that was not originally offered in the specific year, make, and model of vehicle, then the vehicle will be rejected for the applicable emissions equipment until the vehicle/powertrain is returned to a “certified emission configuration” as described.

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