

MASSACHUSETTS

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CURRENT PROGRAM

Date Started: October 1999; Revised October, 2008

EPA Designation: Low Enhanced

Program Type: Decentralized

Program Areas: Statewide

Enforcement Method: Windshield sticker/Registration suspension

Model Years: 1984+ 14 years old and newer for light-duty vehicles; 2007 and newer medium-duty diesels; 2008 and newer medium-duty gasoline vehicles; 1984+ diesels over 10,000 lbs GVWR

Vehicle Types: Light- and medium-duty vehicles; heavy duty diesels over 10,000 lbs.

Exempt Vehicles: Light-duty vehicles 15 years old and older; medium-duty diesels older than MY 2007 with a GVWR of 10,000 lbs or less; medium-duty gasoline vehicles older than MY 2008; heavy duty diesels older than 1984; heavy-duty gasoline vehicles; hydrogen-powered vehicles

Test Type: OBD-only for light and medium-duty vehicles; snap opacity test for heavy-duty diesels (medium-duty diesel vehicles over 10,000 lbs GVWR and 15 years old or older will become subject to the opacity test when their OBD exemption becomes applicable)

Non-OBD Testable: Not Applicable (not subject to emissions test)

Cut Points: Not Applicable (OBD-only)

OBD: Pass/Fail as of June 2004 for light-duty vehicles, MY 2007 for medium-duty diesels, MY 2008 for medium-duty gasoline vehicles

Max Not Ready Flags: 2000 and older: 2; 2001 and newer: 1

Visual Checks MIL bulb check for vehicles failing the OBD test with the MIL commanded on

Evaporative System Test: OBD

Safety Test:	Yes (annual) – Massachusetts Commercial Vehicle Inspection is certified as FMCSA-equivalent
Test Frequency:	Annual
Annual Test Volume	4.5 million
Decentralized Bays:	1,650 public (non-fleet) stations
Test Fee:	\$29 for noncommercial vehicles; market-based fee for the Massachusetts Commercial Vehicle Inspection
Re-test Procedures:	First reinspection is free at the original station within 60 days; vehicles are turned away from reinspection if they do not meet readiness requirements
Contracted Services:	Parsons Commercial Technology is the network contractor. Major services include the vehicle inspection database (VID), workstations, equipment service and repair, operating 12 Motorist Assistance Centers, inspection station and motorist hotlines, program web site and newsletter, inspector training, network management, managing the registered repairer network, repairer training, covert auditing, and processing applications for waivers and economic hardship failure extensions.

Comments:

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