

NORTH CAROLINA

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CURRENT PROGRAM

Date Started: January 1990

EPA Designation: Basic

Program Type: Decentralized test and repair

Program Areas: 48 counties: Alamance, Brunswick, Buncombe, Burke, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Carteret, Catawba, Chatham, Cleveland, Craven, Cumberland, Davidson, Durham, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Franklin, Gaston, Granville, Guilford, Harnett, Haywood, Henderson, Iredell, Johnston, Lee, Lenoir, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Moore, Nash, New Hanover, Onslow, Orange, Pitt, Randolph, Robeson, Rockingham, Rowan, Rutherford, Stanly, Stokes, Surry, Union, Wake, Wayne, Wilkes and Wilson.

Enforcement Method: Registration denial

Model Years: Up to 35 years old

Vehicle Types: LDGV, LDGT, HDGV

Exempt Vehicles: Current model year, diesel, motorcycles, motor homes and 1996+8,500+GVW (must get safety inspection only). *Note: Instead of exempting the current model year the law was recently changed to exempt the first 3 model years. This law will become effective either January 1, 2014 or on the first day of a month that is 30 days after EPA has approved the amendment to the NC State Implementation Plan and the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles certifies the new Motor Vehicle Inspection and Law Enforcement System (MILES) is in place.*

Test Type:	OBD for 1996+
Non-OBD Testable:	Safety inspection only
Cut Points:	N/A
OBD:	Pass/Fail as of May 2002
Max Not Ready Flags:	2 for 1996-2000, 1 for 2001+
Visual Checks	Catalyst, air pump, EGR, PCV, fuel inlet, fuel cap, evap disable and oxygen sensor
Evaporative System Test:	None
Safety Test:	Yes
Test Frequency:	Annual
Annual Test Volume	4.9 Million (based on 2011 reported data)
Decentralized Bays:	4310
Test Fee:	\$30 (includes safety inspection)
Re-test Procedures:	State statute allows one free re-test if conducted at the same facility within 60 days, initial fee beyond that. However most stations will allow customer more that one free re-test. This is a business call that the facility makes.
Contracted Services:	Verizon Business is being replaced by Systech International for communications and data analysis. Effective change over is scheduled for November 2, 2012
Comments:	Idle testing for vehicles ended January 2006, 1996 and newer vehicles are OBD tested.