

## VIRGINIA STATE POLICE

Virginia's Motor Vehicle Safety Inspections are supervised and administrated by the Virginia State Police.

We certify the inspectors; inspect & authorize the official inspection stations and track all inspection stickers issued—pass or fail.

**Did you know?**... every inspection station has an assigned State Trooper.

Consumers who have an unresolved issue can contact the State Police at 804-278-5300, and request a meeting with that station's "Trooper".



## CAPTAIN RONALD C. MAXEY



In today's busy world, vehicle maintenance may not rank high on your list of priorities.

Yet every time you pull out of your driveway, you are entrusting your safety and that of your loved ones to the vehicle in which you are riding.

You can take comfort in the knowledge that your vehicle, and over 8 million others traveling alongside of you,

receive a thorough inspection of all safety related components annually by a Certified State Inspector—thanks to Virginia's Motor Vehicle Safety Inspection Program.

The Virginia State Police is committed to improving highway safety, and a key component is the safety of the vehicles traveling on our roadways.

The Virginia State Police strives to ensure your experience during the annual inspection process is both educational and satisfying. If you have any questions or comments related to your experience, we would be happy to hear from you.

Captain Ronald C. Maxey,  
Virginia State Police - Safety Division

## VA INSPECTION PROGRAM

The Virginia Motor Vehicle Safety Inspection Program was started in 1932 to reduce highway accidents and deaths.

It is the oldest continuous motor vehicle inspection program in the United States and has been used as a model program for countries worldwide.



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# VA VEHICLE & INSPECTION STATISTICS

(Compiled from State Police, National Insurance & Federal Highway Administration records.)



## ONE-IN-FIVE VEHICLES FAILED IN 2019

8,305,816 vehicles were inspected.  
1,603,219—Failed (19.30%)

- 80.6% had steering/suspension violations
- 45.5% had brake violations
- 75.4% had emissions/exhaust violations
- 37.3% had fuel system violations
- 42.8% had tire/wheel violations
- 40.9% had turn signal violations
- 42.3% had headlight violations

## UP FROM ONE-IN-SIX VEHICLES IN 2015

The number and percentage of inspection failures increased from one-in-six vehicles in 2015, to one-in-five vehicles in 2019.  
8,012,434 vehicles were inspected in 2015.  
1,348,754—Failed (15.83%)



## AVERAGE VEHICLE AGE CONTINUES TO INCREASE

In 1969, the average age was—5.1 years  
In 1990, the average was—6.5 years  
In 2007, the average was—9.4 years  
In 2011, the average was—11.2 years  
In 2015, the average was—11.5 years  
In 2019, the average was—12.1 years

Drivers are holding on to their older vehicles longer.

Vehicles 16 years and older are expected to grow 22% to 74 million by 2023.



**OVER TWO-THIRDS OF VIRGINIA VEHICLES ARE 6-YEARS OR OLDER.**

## ANNUAL MILEAGE HAS INCREASED 28 PERCENT

Virginia motorists are driving more miles yearly. For years, the average annual mileage was considered to be 12,000 miles. However, nearly 70% of states have recorded significant increases in yearly mileage. In 2019, the average annual mileage in Virginia was 15,464 miles.



## COMMUTING TIMES HAVE DOUBLED

The current average commute for Virginia drivers is the nation's seventh highest. Traffic delays have doubled since 1985. In 2019, Northern Virginia was judged 2nd worst in the nation, after New York City, for average hours of delay per commuter.

## VEHICLE SAFETY IS PUBLIC SAFETY

Increased vehicle age, higher annual mileage, extended hours in traffic are all accelerating the climbing Safety Inspection failure rate. Vehicles which fail inspection are required to complete all repairs & pass a new reinspection before being allowed back on our roads



We are all at risk when unsafe vehicles travel our streets and highways. Environmentally, well-maintained vehicles are more eco-friendly than neglected vehicles.



Endorse & Support the Virginia State Vehicle Safety Inspection Program