

Emissions Testing Bill of Rights

You have the following rights under the Connecticut Emissions Program:

- 1. Sale of Service or Goods:** You have no obligation to purchase any goods or services from an emissions test center as a condition of receiving an emissions test.
- 2. You Choose Where to Have Your Vehicle Repaired:**
You do not need to have your vehicle repaired where it was tested. You may obtain emissions repairs from any service center or repair the vehicle yourself.

However, if you are applying for a cost waiver following a retest failure, you must use a Certified Emissions Repair Facility for qualifying emissions-related repairs. A list of certified facilities and additional information detailing what to do if your vehicle fails its emission test can be found at ctemissions.com.
- 3. Vehicle Inspection Report (VIR):** When your emissions test is complete, you will receive a Vehicle Inspection Report. If your vehicle fails its test, you will receive an emissions repair form and a list of Certified Emissions Repair Facilities. It is recommended that you obtain and review a repair estimate before authorizing any repairs.
- 4. Retests:** If your vehicle fails its initial test, your vehicle is entitled to one (1) free retest per test cycle. If your vehicle is eligible, you may request the free retest at any emissions test center within sixty (60) consecutive calendar days of the initial test.
- 5. Cost Waiver:** The repair expense limits are based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and may vary annually. Detailed information regarding waivers can be found at ctemissions.com.
- 6. Emissions Testing Hours:** Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- 7. Motorist Test Fee:** \$20.00 (no sales tax)
- 8. Drive-up or Appointment:** You may drive up to any test center you choose. Some test centers offer testing by appointment.
- 9. Prompt Testing:** Every effort is made to complete your test promptly. However, occasional delays may occur.
- 10. Questions?** If you have any questions or comments, please contact the toll-free emissions test hotline at **(877) 469-2884** or visit ctemissions.com.



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What you need to know

Connecticut Emissions Program

Although you can't see it, ozone pollution is a reality in Connecticut and across the U.S. Since cars and light-duty trucks contribute to the problem, their emissions control systems must be checked over time to ensure they are working properly to control the pollutants they emit.

To manage the Connecticut Emissions Program, the State of Connecticut has combined the resources of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and Opus Inspection. The DMV provides oversight of the emissions program, while Opus Inspection manages testing, equipment, service, inspector training, and motorist relations.



What are the benefits of emissions testing?

Emissions testing helps identify pollution control devices that are malfunctioning and when fuel is being wasted. Detecting and repairing these problems can save on future repairs and reduces air pollution.

Which motor vehicles must get tested?

The State of Connecticut requires testing on most vehicles. Go to ctemissions.com for the full list of exempt vehicles.

How much does the emissions test cost?

The test fee is \$20. All test centers accept cash as a form of payment. Some may accept checks or credit cards, although they are not required to do so. Please call your test center before your visit to confirm accepted forms of payment.

Late fee:

State law requires the DMV charge a **\$20 late fee** to the owner of a vehicle who did not meet the deadline to complete the required emissions testing. Failure to pay your emissions late fee may affect your ability to renew or register your vehicle.

An emissions late fee is due because the required emissions test was either:

1. Not performed by the assigned emissions **test due date;** and/or
2. The vehicle was not retested within the **60-day** retest period of a failed test.

How will I be notified about emissions testing?

You will receive an official notification postcard at least **45 days** in advance of your vehicle inspection due date. Please ensure the DMV has your current address on file. You can also visit ctemissions.com and enter your VIN to find your test due date and request an email reminder.

Where do I go for an emissions test?

Testing is available through a network of privately owned automotive service facilities conveniently located throughout Connecticut. A list of certified facilities can be found at ctemissions.com. Each facility has an exterior sign with its official test center number and provides designated parking and a waiting area.

You may either make an appointment for a test or drive up to any test center you choose. Not all test centers offer advance appointments. There are two types of participating centers:

- **Full-Service Test Centers** can perform emissions testing on all eligible vehicles regardless of fuel type or model year.
- **OBD Plus Test Centers** can perform all emissions testing except on those diesel-powered vehicles from model year 1996 or older.

What types of emissions tests are performed?

The type of emissions test performed on each vehicle is determined by one or more of the following: make, model year, fuel type, and driveline configuration. The emissions test types are:

- On-Board Diagnostic (OBD)
- Pre-Conditioned Two-Speed Idle (PC TSI)
- Opacity
- Gas Cap Pressure Leak Test

What are my rights if I fail or question the accuracy of the test?

As a Connecticut motorist, you have specific rights, referred to as the Emissions Testing Bill of Rights, which will be prominently displayed at all emissions test centers. They are also printed on the back of this brochure and at ctemissions.com.

The DMV and Opus have created a sophisticated testing system and taken a number of steps to detect instances of fraud in the emissions test program and to protect you from fraudulent activities.