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Will I have to pay for the re-test?

Your vehicle is entitled to one free re-test within 30 calendar days of its initial failure at the Official Emissions Test Center where it was originally tested. If you have your vehicle re-tested at another Official Emissions Test Center, you will be charged a \$20 inspection fee, or if the vehicle failed its initial test prior to an ownership change, the 30-day free re-test period may have expired, necessitating a paid retest.

If your vehicle fails an emissions test you may be entitled to free repairs.

Check your owner's manual for coverage beyond your regular warranty. Federally required emission control warranties may cover certain emission-related failures and repairs resulting from a manufacturer's defect in workmanship.

What if my certified emissions repair facility tells me that there is nothing wrong with my vehicle or that it cannot be repaired?

If a diagnosis fails to reveal any problem or there is no evidence to suggest emissions repairs are needed, you may apply for a diagnostic waiver. To qualify for a diagnostic waiver, a functional diagnosis and inspection must be performed by DMV personnel. To apply for a diagnostic waiver, call the DMV at (203) 271-5427.

What does it mean if my vehicle failed?



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Emissions Testing Hotline:
(888) 828-8399 (toll-free)
Mon. - Sat. 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.



If your vehicle failed, it means that it is not running properly and is polluting Connecticut's air.

Everyone's health is affected by these vehicles. A significant amount of all air pollution in the state comes from motor vehicles and it is important to keep motor vehicles running properly. The Connecticut Emissions Program identifies vehicles that are "high emitters" and requires that they be repaired to prevent excessive air pollution. Connecticut and other states use inspection and maintenance programs to comply with federal laws aiming to prevent this kind of pollution. By keeping your vehicle running clean, you are helping in this effort.

What should I receive from the emissions inspector?

After testing, the inspector will give you a Vehicle Inspection Report (VIR), identifying the pollutants emitted by your vehicle and the possible causes of the failure. You will also receive an Emissions Repair Data form and a list of local [certified emissions repair facilities](#). The Emissions Repair Data form must be completed, signed and presented **prior** to any re-test, including a free re-test.

My vehicle failed, what do I do next?

You have 30 calendar days from the date of the initial test to have your vehicle fixed and to pass a re-test. You may make the repairs yourself or have them done at any repair facility. **However, only repairs performed at a [certified emissions repair facility](#) will be considered eligible when requesting a waiver.** After repairs are made, make sure the Emissions Repair Data form is completed and signed. Keep your receipts. Then take your vehicle, the Emissions Repair Data form, and any receipts to an Official Emissions Test Center for a re-test. Remember, to receive a free re-test you must return within 30 calendar days to the center that initially tested your vehicle. If the vehicle failed its initial test prior to an ownership change, the 30-day free re-test period may have expired, necessitating a paid retest.

Can I qualify for a waiver?

To qualify for the waiver, your vehicle must have a complete emissions-control system intact and operating with no evidence of tampering. **You must be able to document emissions-related repair expenses of at least \$660, including parts and labor, incurred only at a [certified emissions repair facility](#).** To apply for an emissions waiver, call the DMV at (203) 271-5427. Waivers are valid until the next time your vehicle is due for an emissions test. No waivers are granted for failures of the gas-cap leak test. A properly working gas cap must be installed.

Where do I get my vehicle repaired?

When considering emissions repairs for your vehicle, you are not required to have the vehicle repaired at the same center that tested it. Many, but not all, Official Emissions Test Centers are also [certified emissions repair facilities](#). Along with your Vehicle Inspection Report, you will receive a list of local [certified emissions repair facilities](#). You can also find a full list on the web at ctemissions.com, or by calling (888) 828-8399. In addition, you can use any repair shop of your choice or perform the repairs yourself.

However, to be eligible for a waiver the work must be performed by a [certified emissions repair facility](#). You must obtain a receipt and have a certified emissions repair technician sign and complete the Emissions Repair Data form that documents that the proper repairs have been done to the vehicle. Remember to get a written estimate and approve the estimate prior to having repairs. If you believe work was done inappropriately, you can call the DMV Emissions Division at (203) 805-6244 or (203) 271-5427. The majority of emission repairs increase your vehicle's fuel efficiency (gas mileage).

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