

Clean Truck Check Periodic Testing Requirements

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This Fact Sheet presents information on the Clean Truck Check regulation applicable to heavy-duty vehicles operating in California and describes requirements for periodic compliance testing. Periodic testing will become effective October 1, 2024 as vehicles may submit passing emissions tests up to 90 days before the vehicle's compliance deadline.

PERIODIC TESTING REQUIREMENTS

How will I know when periodic testing begins?

Clean Truck Check periodic compliance testing requirements for all vehicles that operate in California are effective October 1, 2024. For example, a vehicle with a compliance deadline of January 1, 2025, may submit a passing emissions test as early as October 1, 2024. Vehicles may submit tests no more than 90 days prior to the vehicle's compliance deadlines. Vehicle's upcoming deadlines will be available in the [CTC-VIS](#) account and notifications will be sent every 30 days beginning 90 days before the compliance deadline.

How often will my vehicles require a periodic emissions test?

Nearly all vehicles are required to undergo twice per year testing with results submitted to CARB. *On-road agricultural vehicles and California-registered motorhomes only will be required to undergo testing once per year.*

Three years after the start of Clean Truck Check periodic emissions testing (2028), on board diagnostics (OBD) equipped vehicles will be required to undergo testing four times per year. *On-road agricultural vehicles and California-registered motorhomes will remain on the once per year testing frequency, even if equipped with OBD.*

What are the due dates for my vehicles' periodic compliance testing?

For California-registered vehicles, the due dates, called compliance deadlines, are linked to each vehicle's DMV registration expiration/renewal date. Passing Clean Truck Check test results may be submitted up to 90 days before a compliance deadline.

As an example, for twice per year testing, if a vehicle's registration renewal date is March 15, the first compliance test results may be submitted up to 90 days before March 15, but no later

than that date. The second compliance test results would be due 6 months later by September 15 and could also be submitted up to 90 days ahead of that date. You may check your vehicle's compliance deadline in your [CTC-VIS](#) account.

What are the compliance deadlines for out-of-state vehicles and other vehicles not registered in California?

For vehicles registered outside of California and for vehicles exempt from DMV registration requirements (e.g., public agency vehicles, some federal vehicles), compliance deadlines are based on the last number of a vehicle's VIN as shown in the table below. Passing Clean Truck Check test results may be submitted up to 90 days before a compliance deadline.

As an example, for semi-annual testing, if a vehicle's VIN ends in 9, the first compliance test results would be due by the July 31, and the second compliance test results would be due six months later by January 31.

Last Number of VIN	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Month	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July

How must my vehicles be tested?

The type of Clean Truck Check emissions test your vehicle will undergo does not change. The testing requirements depend on whether your vehicle/engine is equipped with OBD or not.

OBD equipped vehicles (*2013 and newer diesel engines, and 2018 or newer alternative fuel engines*) are required to undergo a scan of the engines' OBD data using a CARB-certified OBD test device.

Non-OBD vehicles (*2012 and older diesel engines, or 2017 and older alternative fuel engines*) are required to undergo a smoke opacity test and a visual inspection of the vehicle's emissions control equipment, referred to in this program as the Vehicle Emissions Control Equipment Inspection. The smoke opacity test is the same

SAE J1667 snap acceleration smoke inspection used to comply with CARB's Periodic Smoke Inspection Program (PSIP).

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Is screening for high-emitting vehicles still in effect?

Yes, high-emitter vehicle screening that began in January 2023 using roadside emissions monitoring devices remains in effect. Even if your vehicle passes its periodic compliance tests, it still may be identified as a potential high emitter in between testing intervals. If you receive a Notice to Submit to Testing (NST), a passing Clean Truck Check compliance test must be submitted to CARB within 30 calendar days of receipt. Be sure to follow the instructions in the letter you receive from CARB and don't wait until the last day to get your vehicle tested and submit test results to CARB. Once CARB determines your vehicle is compliant, there is nothing more you will need to do in response to the NST.

HOW TO GET MORE INFORMATION ON THE Clean Truck Check REGULATION

How can I receive updates on Clean Truck Check activities?

To receive automatic email updates on Clean Truck Check implementation and other activities, sign up on the GovDelivery list at [California Air Resources Board \(govdelivery.com\)](https://govdelivery.com).

Where do I get additional Clean Truck Check information?

For more information, go to: [Clean Truck Check \(HD I/M\) | California Air Resources Board](#) or [Clean Truck Check \(HD I/M\)](#)

You may also view CARB's training modules developed for the Clean Truck Check Tester Training Course at: [Tester Training Course, Exam, and Certification](#)

Scroll to the Helpful Videos section to view them. These modules provide more in-depth information on the requirements of the Clean Truck Check regulation and testing procedures that may be helpful to vehicle owners.

Where can I find the text of the final Clean Truck Check regulation?

The Clean Truck Check regulation, referred to as the final regulation order, is in title 13, California Code of Regulations, sections 2195 - 2199.1 and is available here: [Final Regulation Order - Attachment A-1 Heavy-Duty Inspection and Maintenance Program \(ca.gov\)](#)

If I have additional questions, how do I contact CARB?

Please email staff at hdim@arb.ca.gov. We generally respond within three to five business days.

