

Stricter measures to deal with fraud

The increased compliance measures that make it an offence under the *Environmental Protection Act* for anyone to create, distribute or use false *Drive Clean* passes also mean that the few emissions inspectors that commit these offences can be decertified from the program more quickly.



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Ontario's *Drive Clean*

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Test exemption increases for newer vehicles



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Emissions testing now begins with five-year-old vehicles

As of January 1, 2006, two more years of newer vehicles are exempt from the emissions testing requirements of Ontario's *Drive Clean* program as the program focuses more strongly on vehicles most likely to pollute.

All vehicles in the *Drive Clean* program will now need an emissions test for registration renewal when they are five years old, instead of three. This means that 2003 model vehicles require their first test in 2008 and 2004 model vehicles in 2009.



Other changes to *Drive Clean*:

- The exemption for 20-year-old light duty vehicles is ending for 1988 and newer model year vehicles. Light-duty vehicles include cars, pick-up trucks, vans and sport utility vehicles.
- The creation, use or distribution of fraudulent *Drive Clean* passes is now an offence under the *Environmental Protection Act*.

A scientific review of the *Drive Clean* program determined that the program is successful in reducing emissions of smog-causing chemicals and other pollutants but that it can be improved by focusing on the vehicles most likely to pollute. At the same time, *Drive Clean* can be made more efficient and cost-effective for consumers by increasing the test exemption for newer vehicles because of their low failure rate.

Additional changes to *Drive Clean* are also being considered to help ensure the program continues to protect our health and our environment. For more information, contact the *Drive Clean* Call Centre at 1-888-758-2999 or visit www.driveclean.com.

Vehicles requiring tests

The new age exemption for a vehicle's first emissions test applies to all vehicles in the *Drive Clean* program.

Registration Renewal Due	Model Years Of Light Duty Vehicles To Be Tested, As Of January 1, 2006							
2006	2001	1999	1997	1995	1993	1991	1989	1987
2007	2002	2000	1998	1996	1994	1992	1990	1988

Registration Renewal Due	Model Years Of Heavy Duty Vehicles To Be Tested, As Of January 1, 2006
2006	2001 and older
2007	2002 and older

Hybrid vehicles are exempt from test requirements.

Age exemption ends for older cars

Light-duty vehicles of the 1988 model year and newer will stay in the program and require emissions tests every two years. Light-duty vehicles of the 1987 model year and earlier continue to be exempt from the program when they are 20 years old or older.

Vehicles currently registered as "historic" continue to be exempt from emissions tests. An exemption from tests will be recommended for 1988 and newer model vehicles when they reach 30 years of age, if they are designated as historic under the *Highway Traffic Act*.

The end to the rolling exemption means that age requirements for testing light-duty vehicles will eventually be the same as for heavy-duty trucks, and buses which have always required emissions tests, no matter their age.

All resale vehicles will still require an emissions test for ownership transfer beginning when they are one year old, as an important consumer protection measure. This means resale vehicles of the 2005 model year must be tested in 2006 and 2006 model years in 2007.