

## WHAT TO DO AFTER A FAILED EMISSION TEST

A failed emission test indicates your vehicle is not operating properly. The vehicle does not pass emission standards set by the Federal EPA and is polluting the air we breathe more than it should. Because it is not operating properly, it could be costing you poor gas mileage and it may get worse.

An attempt to repair the vehicle must be made. Repairs may be made by the vehicle owner or by any qualified mechanic. Once repairs are completed a re-test is required to determine if the vehicle will now pass the standards.

***Emission testing stations are prohibited from making repairs or adjustments or giving repair advice.***

### TESTING FEES

You may be charged up to \$16.50 for the initial failed test. Each test station is individually owned and one free retest is available if the vehicle is returned to the initial test station within 30 days of the failed test. When your vehicle passes or if it is granted a waiver you will also be charged \$3.50 for the Certificate of Compliance. This Certificate indicates the vehicle has completed the emission testing requirement. Please keep a copy of the Certificate in the vehicle.

### DUE DATE

You must still meet the emissions testing due date printed on your testing notice. If the repairs and retest cannot be completed by the due date contact the Air Quality Board at 377-9191 for an extension of the due date.

### REPAIRS, READINESS MONITORS AND DRIVE CYCLES

Discuss with your mechanic what repairs are necessary to correct emission problems. Repairs for 1996 and newer vehicles must be related to the fault codes printed on your failing test report.

For 1996 and newer vehicles some repairs cause the computer to clear its data memory and the vehicle must be driven after repairs to accumulate new memory before it is ready to be retested. If your vehicle computer is not ready for the test it will fail for readiness monitors. Ask your mechanic to avoid clearing these monitors if possible.

### WAIVERS

After your vehicle has failed the initial test you must attempt to fix the problem. If you spend a minimum of \$300.00 on related repairs and your vehicle still fails the retest you **may** qualify for a waiver. Please keep all receipts for any emission related repairs completed after your initial fail date. Most waivers are issued at the testing station after a failed retest once the repair receipts have been confirmed.

There are some repairs that do not qualify toward a waiver. Catalytic converters, air injection systems, gas caps, and check engine lights are required by the Federal EPA to be functional in order to test the vehicle. If any of these are missing it is considered illegal tampering and the cost of reinstalling them does not count toward a waiver. If these items are present on the vehicle but in need of repair or replacement that cost can count toward a waiver.

### REPAIR AND RETEST STATIONS

The following stations are authorized by the Air Quality Board as repair and retest stations. They are not permitted to do an initial test. However, if your vehicle has failed elsewhere they are qualified to do emission related repairs and may do the retest. *You are not required to use these stations for your repairs.*

Al's Car Care	1645 Grove St	Boise	344-3800	Gasoline vehicles only
Fairview Tune-Tech	9225 Fairview Ave	Boise	377-4220	Gasoline vehicles only
Rod's Repair	4345 Chinden Blvd	Garden City	376-4700	Gasoline vehicles only
Jeff's Import Auto Werks	4433 Adams St	Garden City	376-4686	Gasoline vehicles only
Meridian Auto Repair	505 N Main	Meridian	888-3797	Diesel and Gasoline

*Thank you for caring about the air we breathe.*