CONDITIONAL PASS

This year, Vermont's annual vehicle inspection will advance from a paper-based to an electronic data collection and management system, which is referred to as the Automated Vehicle Inspection Program (AVIP). Although the criteria for passing the annual vehicle inspection have not changed, for a limited time a Conditional Pass is now being provided for vehicles failing the on board diagnostic system (OBD) portion of the inspection. This one time conditional pass is designed to help inspection stations adjust to the new system, and to provide motorists with additional time to complete emissions repairs.

What is a Conditional Pass?

A Conditional Pass is an allowance of additional time of up to 12-months for OBD repairs for all vehicles receiving their first inspection under the new AVIP system. Vehicles that pass the safety inspection (all vehicles must pass the safety inspection) but fail the OBD inspection will receive an inspection sticker and a Vehicle Inspection Report indicating that the safety inspection passed, the OBD inspection failed, and the overall inspection result is a Conditional Pass.

What to do if your vehicle received a Conditional Pass

Although your vehicle received an inspection sticker, it is strongly recommended that you have your vehicle repaired as soon as possible. Repairing your vehicle can increase vehicle performance, save fuel and money, and help reduce the largest source of air pollution in Vermont. Repairing your vehicle as soon as possible will also help prevent additional problems and more expensive repairs later.

You will need to repair (or replace) the vehicle prior to the next inspection. If the necessary repairs are not made to the vehicle prior to its next inspection, it will fail the OBD inspection again and will not receive an inspection sticker.

Emissions Warranty Coverage

Vermont law requires that vehicle manufacturers provide more extensive emissions warranty coverage than that provided under federal law, so depending on your vehicle's age and mileage, repairs may be covered by your vehicle manufacturer's emissions warranty. For more information, specific to your vehicle, please consult your Owner's Manual or Warranty Booklet, contact your local dealer, or contact your vehicle's manufacturer through the toll-free Customer Assistance number listed in the Owner's Manual and Warranty Booklet, or you may visit http://bit.ly/2m99Ek7.