

Vehicles Subject to Smog Check

Smog Check Exemptions

1) **Gas-powered** vehicles 1976 model year and newer are subject to the Smog Check program with the following exceptions:

- a) Gas-powered vehicles six model years or newer are exempt from the Biennial Smog Check inspection requirement.
- b) Gas-powered vehicles four model years or newer are exempt from the Change-of-Ownership Smog Check inspection requirement.

2) **Diesel-powered** vehicles 1998 model year and newer, 14,000 lbs GVWR or less are subject to the Smog Check program beginning January 1, 2010.

- a) The gas-powered vehicle exceptions (1a and 1b above) do not apply to diesel-powered vehicles.

3) Other exemptions include the following:

- a) Two cylinder vehicles
- b) Electricity-powered vehicles
- c) Two-cycle-powered vehicles, not including rotary engines
- d) Motorcycles
- e) Off-Highway Vehicles

4) For more information on **hybrid** vehicle exemptions see the following link http://www.bar.ca.gov/80_BARResources/02_SmogCheck/Engineering/Hybrid.html

Gas-Powered Vehicles Model Year Table

| Vehicle Model Year | Calendar Year | | | | | | |
|--------------------|---------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
| 2016 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | A |
| 2015 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | A | A |
| 2014 | NA | NA | NA | NA | A | A | A |
| 2013 | NA | NA | NA | A | A | A | A |
| 2012 | NA | NA | A | A | A | A | A |
| 2011 | NA | A | A | A | A | A | B |
| 2010 | A | A | A | A | A | B | B |
| 2009 | A | A | A | A | B | B | C |
| 2008 | A | A | A | B | B | C | C |
| 2007 | A | A | B | B | C | C | C |
| 2006 | A | B | B | C | C | C | C |
| 2005 | B | B | C | C | C | C | C |
| 2004 | B | C | C | C | C | C | C |
| 2003 to 1976 | C | C | C | C | C | C | C |

How To Determine Model Year Exceptions

- 1) In the "Gas-Powered Vehicles Model Year Table" locate your vehicle's model year in the "Vehicle Model Year" column (white colored).
- 2) Locate the "Calendar Year" your vehicle is due for Smog (gray colored).
- 3) Locate the box that corresponds to steps 1 and 2.
- 4) Observe the letter in the box located in step 3.
- 5) Match the letter located in step 4 to the same letter in the "Gas-Powered Vehicles Smog Check Requirements Table."
- 6) In the "Gas-Powered Vehicles Smog Check Requirements Table", observe "Smog Check Required?" (Yes/No) for the letter located in step 5.

Types of Smog Check Requirements

Biennial Smog Check

Requires affected vehicles to be tested every other year.

Change of Ownership

Requires affected vehicles to receive a Smog Check before being sold.

Initial Registration

Requires out of state vehicles registering in California for the first time, and other initial registration events determined by the Department of Motor Vehicles to receive a Smog Check.

Gas-Powered Vehicles Smog Check Requirements Table

| | Smog Check Required? | | |
|--|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| | Biennial | Change of Ownership | Initial Registration |
| A) The First 4 Model Years Old | No | No | Yes |
| B) 5 to 6 Model Years Old | No | Yes | Yes |
| C) 7 Model Years Old to 1976 Model Year | Yes | Yes | Yes |