

Visible Smoke Test Begins

With the implementation of AB 1870 (Chapter 761, Statutes of 2006) into the Smog Check Program, every licensed smog technician should be familiar with the Visible Smoke Test. Technicians should also be prepared to distribute BAR-provided information to consumers who fail this test.

Because the smog technician is frequently the first point of contact for the owner of a vehicle failing Smog Check and since the visible smoke requirements are new, BAR has some suggestions to help technicians answer consumer questions. In addition, BAR wants consumers to be educated as to their options when they are faced with a failed smog test for visible smoke.

BAR strongly encourages technicians to perform a complete diagnosis to determine the underlying

cause of the visible smoke failure prior to deciding what to do with a failed vehicle.

Consumers have the following options if their vehicles fail the visible smoke test:

1. Repair the cause or causes of the smoke
2. Apply to BAR's Consumer Assistance Program (CAP)
3. Seek a one-time repair cost waiver from a Referee, once certain criteria have been met. This includes verification of household income levels less than 250 percent of the federal poverty guidelines and confirmation of emissions repairs of a minimum of \$450 have been performed at a licensed Smog Check repair station

Under CAP, eligible consumers receive \$1,000 to retire their vehicle at state-contracted dismantlers.

CAP also provides consumers, who either meet income-eligibility requirements or own a vehicle that was directed to a Test-Only station for inspection, up to \$500 in financial assistance toward emissions-related repairs.

For more information about CAP or to obtain applications, please visit www.smogcheck.ca.gov or call 800.952.5210.

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A Message from Sherry Mehl, BAR Chief



Over the past few months, the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) has taken two significant steps in its ongoing efforts to combat smog. In December, stations began testing vehicles for fuel evaporative emission leaks. In January 2008, stations performed 174,051 fuel evaporative tests on 1976-1995 model year vehicles of which 5.5 percent failed.

BAR is implementing another new Smog Check test to help clean the air. The test is the result of Assembly Bill 1870 (Chapter 761, Statutes of 2006), which requires BAR to incorporate a visible smoke test into the Smog Check inspection.

As adopted in regulation, the new test checks for visible smoke from the tailpipe and crankcase while the vehicle is idling. Test procedures were developed by an internal working group at BAR, in consultation with the California Air Resources Board. The working group was tasked with designing and implementing a test

procedure without imposing any new equipment or personnel costs on stations.

The group was also tasked to develop a test that did not require new training for Smog Check technicians, could be applied uniformly statewide, and could be replicated consistently from station to station. Any test for visible smoke, because of its subjectivity, had to keep these considerations in mind. BAR has worked diligently to meet the intent of the new law without placing any undue hardship on the Smog Check industry or consumers.

Vehicles that fail for excessive smoke or for fuel evaporative leaks may qualify for repair assistance or vehicle retirement under BAR's Consumer Assistance Program (CAP). However, waiver eligibility is greatly restricted under the new law for vehicles failing the visible smoke test.

We appreciate any feedback you have about the visible smoke test or the low-pressure fuel evaporative test and look forward to your continued partnership with BAR to help clean the air.

Sherry Mehl, Bureau Chief

Visible Smoke Test Procedures

Beginning in late March 2008, all vehicles subject to a Smog Check inspection will require a visual test for smoke from the Positive Crankcase Ventilation (PCV) System and tailpipe. The test requirements and procedures are defined in section 3340.42(f) of the California Code of Regulations. Here are some things to consider about the test:

Identifying Smoke

Types of smoke include:

- Black or gray smoke or soot from an overly rich condition.
- Blue or bluish-white smoke from burning oil.
- Steam from condensation does not constitute a failure for smoke.
- Smoke from any area other than the vehicle's tailpipe or PCV system, regardless of the cause, does not constitute a failure of the visible smoke test.

Tailpipe Smoke Test

To be performed immediately following the tailpipe emissions test:

- Leave the vehicle's engine at idle
- Remove the Emissions Inspection System (EIS) probe from the tailpipe
- Observe the tailpipe area of the vehicle for at least 10 seconds

Positive Crankcase Ventilaion (PCV) System Smoke Test

To be performed during the underhood portion of the visible fuel leak test:

- Leave the vehicle's engine running at idle
- Do not disconnect the PCV System
- Observe the PCV System for at least 10 seconds

Entering Test Results into the Emissions Inspection System (EIS)

If smoke is observed from the vehicle's tailpipe or PCV System, the vehicle fails the visible smoke test. When prompted by the EIS, enter "F" (Defective) in the "Other Emission Related Controls" category of the visual portion of the Smog Check test.

If no smoke is observed from the vehicle's tailpipe or PCV System, the vehicle passes the visible smoke test. When prompted by the EIS, enter "P" (Pass) in the "Other Emission Related Controls" category of the visual portion of the Smog Check inspection.

Example A

Smog Check Vehicle Inspection Report (VIR)

Vehicle Information

Test Date/Time: 03/01/2008 @ 11:25

Model Year: 1994	Make: AUDI	Model: 90 QUATTRO
License: ABC123	State: CA	VIN: ABC1234567
Engine Size: 2.8 L	Type: Passenger	Transmission: Automatic
GVWR: N/A	Test Weight: N/A	Cylinders: 6
Odometer: 532542	Certification: California	VLT Record #: 00006
Fuel Type: Gasoline	Exhaust: Single	Inspection Reason: Change of Ownership

Overall Test Results

Comprehensive Visual Inspection: FAIL Functional Check: PASS Emissions Test: PASS

Repairing your vehicle is necessary to help California reduce smog-forming emissions and reach our air quality goals.

Emission Control Systems Visual Inspection/Functional Check Results

(Visual/Functional test are used to assist in the identification of oxides of nitrogen, crankcase and cold start emissions which are not measured during the idle test)

Result	ECS	Results	ECS	Result	ECS
Pass	PCV	Pass	Thermostatic Air Cleaner	Pass	Fuel Evaporative Controls
Pass	Catalytic Converter	N/A	Air Injection	Pass	MIL/Check Engine Light
Pass	EGR Visual	Pass	Vacuum Lines to Sensors/ Switches	Pass	Carb./Fuel Injection
Pass	EGR Functional		Ignition Timing	Fail	Other/Emission Related Components
N/A	Fuel Cap Functional	N/A	Wiring to Sensors	Pass	Oxygen Sensor
Pass	Fuel Cap Visual	Pass	Fillpipe Restrictor	Pass	Liquid Fuel Leaks
Pass	Spark Controls	N/A			
Pass	Fuel Evaporative Controls Functional				

Idle Emission Test Results

Test	RPM	% CO ₂		% O ₂			HC (PPM)			CO (%)			Results
		MEAS	MEAS	MAX	AVE	MEAS	MAX	AVE	MEAS	MAX	AVE	MEAS	
Idle	823	14.7	0.5	100	17	0	1.00	0.00	0.00				PASS
2500 RPM	2294	14.7	0.6	130	12	0	1.00	0.10	0.00				PASS

MAX = Maximum Allowable Emissions AVE = Average Emissions For Passing Vehicles MEAS = Amount Measured

Need help with your vehicle's failed smog check? You may be eligible for financial assistance to repair or retire your car. To get an application to see if you and your vehicle qualify, visit the Bureau of Automotive Repair's website at www.smogcheck.ca.gov, or call toll-free at 1-800-952-5210. YOUR APPLICATION MUST BE APPROVED BEFORE YOU RECEIVE VEHICLE REPAIR OR RETIREMENT ASSISTANCE.

Smog Check Inspection Station Information

Station Number: TC998998	Technician Name/Number: BAR SMOGCHECK INTER/EA999101
	Repair Tech Name/Number:
	Software Version/EIS Number: 0703/ES797979

I certify, under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that I performed the inspection in accordance with all bureau requirements, and that the information listed on this vehicle inspection report is true and accurate.

Date _____ Technician's Signature _____

Failed Visible Smoke Test

Technicians are required to document the failure by writing or stamping the following statements on the Vehicle Inspection Report:

"Failed Visible Smoke Test"
or
"Failed For Visible Smoke"

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Example B

Invoice No. 7234			
<u>30-MINUTE SMOG</u>		TEST & REPAIR	
1234 Broadway, Anytown, CA 90000		BAR # AA556545 Toxic Waste # CAL-000-099-999	
916/123-1234			
Date 3/1/08			
Customer Name Bob Williams		Home Phone # 123-4567	Work Phone # 123-0000
Address 118 Big Bear Circle		License # 900YKY	Odometer 75,001
City Anytown, CA 90000		Vehicle Information 1998 Anaconda LX VIN# 1234561991	
PARTS (all parts new unless otherwise noted)		LABOR	
Qty.	Description of Parts	Price	Description of Labor
			Smog Inspection
			\$50.00
<p>Technicians are required to document the failure by writing or stamping one of the following statements on the customer's invoice:</p> <p>"Failed For Visible Smoke" or "Failed Visible Smoke Test"</p>			
			Failed For Visible Smoke
Original Estimate \$58.25 Authorized By BOB Williams		Certificate Fee \$8.25	
Date _____ Time _____ Phone _____	Save Parts _____	Subtotal Labor	
Revised Estimate _____ Reason _____	Additional Cost _____	Subtotal Parts	
Authorized By _____ Time _____ Date _____	Phone _____	Sales Tax	
2nd Revision _____ Reason _____	Additional Cost _____	Total	
Authorized By _____ Time _____ Date _____	Phone _____	\$50.00	
<small>Notice: YOU MAY CHOOSE ANOTHER SMOG CHECK STATION TO PERFORM THE NEEDED REPAIRS, INSTALLATIONS, ADJUSTMENTS, OR SUBSEQUENT TESTS.</small>			
<small>TEARDOWN ESTIMATE: I UNDERSTAND THAT MY VEHICLE WILL BE REASSEMBLED WITHIN _____ DAYS OF THE DATE SHOWN ABOVE. IF I CHOOSE NOT TO AUTHORIZE THE SERVICES RECOMMENDED</small>			
Additional authorization: <input type="checkbox"/> IN PERSON <input type="checkbox"/> TELEPHONE <input type="checkbox"/> FAX <input type="checkbox"/> E-MAIL			

NOTE: The EIS currently allows only one entry for the visual inspection of all components covered under the "Other Emission Related Controls" category. Therefore, if the vehicle passes the Visible Smoke Test but fails a visual inspection of any component covered under the "Other Emission Related Controls" category, enter the appropriate failure code: "D" (Disconnected), "M" (Modified), or "S" (Missing). However, if the vehicle passes the visual inspection for components included in the "Other Emission Related Controls" category but fails the Visible Smoke Test, enter "F" (Defective) into the EIS.

Documentation Provided to Consumer

If the vehicle fails the Visible Smoke Test, in addition to entering the failure into the EIS:

- Document the failure on the customer's copy of the Vehicle Inspection Report (VIR) in the "Other Emission Related Components" section (see Example A). Make a clear notation on the VIR, such as "Failed for visible smoke" or "Failed visible smoke test."
- Document the failure on the customer's invoice with "Failed for visible smoke" or "Failed visible smoke test" (see Example B).
- Provide to the customer the Bureau's Visible Smoke Test Failure Consumer Information Sheet, with the applicable items completed on the checklist.
- Provide the customer an application for the Bureau's Consumer Assistance Program (CAP).

A Message From the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB)

CIWMB Reaches Out to Consumers

The CIWMB is currently conducting two statewide outreach campaigns designed to help consumers save money and help the environment.

The CIWMB's Tire Sustainability campaign encourages consumers to check their tire pressure monthly in order to prolong tire life, increase gas mileage, and ensure safety. Statistics indicate that 85 percent of drivers do not regularly check their tire pressure. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, under-inflated tires contribute to 660 fatalities and 33,000 injuries each year.

Additionally, the CIWMB recently launched a campaign reminding consumers to check the vehicle manufacturer's recommendation for changing oil.

"With more than 42 million waste tires generated each year along with 152 million gallons of used motor oil, it is time for us to take greater steps

to reduce, reuse and recycle," said Margo Reid Brown, CIWMB Chairperson. "These efforts will help reduce the amount of waste tires and used oil in California and keep our environment safe and healthy."

The CIWMB is encouraging participation in these campaigns by providing anyone who is interested with free educational materials. Free materials include posters, Web banner ads, decals, tip sheets and point-of-purchase displays.

To learn more about the free materials and partnership opportunities, contact Jamie Cameron-Harley at jcameron-harley@ciwmb.ca.gov or 916.341.6308. You can also visit www.zerowaste.ca.gov to learn more about this consumer outreach effort.

We Get Questions...How to Become a Gold Shield Station

What does it mean to be a Gold Shield Station?

It's a certification, similar to a license. Gold Shield stations perform vehicle repairs for consumers who are eligible for assistance under BAR's Consumer Assistance Program. A Gold Shield station can also perform initial Smog Check tests on and issue certificates for Test-Only directed vehicles, based on a recent change in regulations. The Gold Shield station certification can be taken away through an administrative action for failure to meet the certification requirements.

How do I apply to become a Gold Shield station?

You must complete a Gold Shield station application. You may obtain an application by:

1. Visiting BAR's Web site at www.smogcheck.ca.gov. Click on the link titled "Forms".
2. Contacting BAR's Licensing Unit at 916.255.3145 or the Department of Consumer Affairs' Consumer Information Center at 800.952.5210.

When can I apply?

You can apply at any time.

What are the criteria for becoming a Gold Shield station?

To become a Gold Shield station, stations must meet the following criteria:

1. Have a comparative failure rate over the preceding calendar quarter that meets or exceeds the failure rate for Test-Only stations in the same Smog Check Program area.
2. Conducted a minimum of 10 successful emissions repairs in the preceding calendar quarter.
3. Demonstrated repair performance in the preceding calendar quarter that is within the top 75 percent of test-and-repair stations in the same Smog Check Program area.
4. Not have been issued any citations pursuant to Section 44050(a) of the Health and Safety Code within the preceding one-year period nor employ any technician who has been issued any citations pursuant to Section 44050(b) of the Health and Safety Code within the preceding one-year period.

5. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 3392.3, neither the current nor any previous registration nor license of the station owner, manager, and licensed Smog Check technicians employed by the station has been issued an order of suspension, a probationary order, or any other disciplinary order within the preceding three-year period. No station owner, officer, manager, licensed Smog Check technician or other employee of the station may currently be subject to suspension, probation or other disciplinary order.
6. The station owner, manager, and licensed Smog Check technicians or other employees of the station, must not have been convicted of a crime within the preceding three-year period that is substantially related to the duties of Automotive Repair Dealer, a licensed Smog Check station, or a licensed Smog Check technician.
7. Engaged in any conduct that would be cause for discipline of the station's Automotive Repair Dealer registration or Smog Check station license.
8. Pass a Quality Assurance inspection conduction by Bureau representatives.

What can I expect if I'm approved?

You will receive a letter acknowledging acceptance into the program, and a Payee Data Form (Std. 204) and Station Questionnaire. When completed, you will need to return these forms to the Consumer Assistance Program (CAP). CAP will process the forms and mail you a Repair Assistance contract to sign, along with a Consumer Assistance Program Operations Manual. CAP staff will then schedule a training session.

Please be advised that you cannot perform CAP repairs or other Gold Shield services until the contract is in place and you have received your Repair Assistance training.

What happens to my Gold Shield status if there is a change of ownership that affects my ARD registration?

In the event of a change of ownership for your Automotive Repair Dealer registration (e.g., a sole proprietorship to a partnership), you must submit a new ARD registration application and a Smog Check station application with the appropriate fees, along with a new Gold Shield station application. You will not be granted Gold Shield status again until such time as your new ARD registration and Smog Check station license are issued, and you meet the qualifying criteria to become a Gold Shield station.

2007 Legislative Update

Several legislative bills were signed into law by Governor Schwarzenegger in 2007 that impact the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR), its licensees, and consumers. Unless otherwise indicated, these bills took effect on January 1, 2008.

Senate Bill 23 (Cogdill, Chapter 634)

This bill creates a pilot program in the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District. It is designed to improve air quality by removing high polluting vehicles from the road and exchanging them for donated vehicles that emit fewer pollutants. The program gives priority to persons whose family income does not exceed 225 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, is limited to the exchange of

200 vehicles per year, and is to remain in effect until January 2013. Implementation of this pilot program will depend on funding according to the air district.

Assembly Bill 1488 (Mendoza, Chapter 739)

This bill requires model-year 1998 and newer diesel-powered vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of up to 8,500 pounds be integrated into biennial Smog Check Program beginning January 1, 2010. It also allows for testing of diesel vehicles up to 13,999 GVWR, provided test procedures can be developed by the California Air Resources Board and BAR. The test is to include a visual inspection of

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emission control devices and a test of the vehicle's exhaust emissions in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department that may include, but are not limited to, on-board diagnostic testing.

Assembly Bill 118 (Nunez, Chapter 750)

This bill enacts the California Alternative and Renewable Fuel, Vehicle Technology, Clean Air, and Carbon Reduction Act of 2007, and establishes the Enhanced Fleet Modernization Program and the Air Quality Improvement Program.

The Enhanced Fleet Modernization Program, to be administered by the California Air Resources Board and the Bureau of Automotive Repair, will allow for the voluntary retirement of high-polluting passenger vehicles and light-duty and medium-duty trucks, commencing on January 1, 2010. The program targets vehicles in the Central Valley and South Coast air basins.

Beginning July 1, 2008, the vehicle registration fee will be increased by \$3.00, of which \$1 will be dedicated to funding this new program.

Assembly Bill 829 (Duvall, Chapter 325)

This bill amends Vehicle Code section 27156 to allow aftermarket and performance parts to be sold and installed on motorcycles prior to or concurrent with the motorcycle's transfer to the buyer, provided the parts have received an exemption through a California Air Resources Board executive order.

Senate Bill 1047 (Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development, Chapter 354)

This bill makes several non-controversial, minor, or technical changes to various provisions regarding bureaus and boards under the Department of Consumer Affairs. One of the provisions requires that all accusations against an automotive repair dealer be filed within three years after the act or omission alleged as the ground for disciplinary action, with the exception of an accusation alleging fraud or misrepresentation. In such instances, an accusation may be filed within two years after the Bureau's discovery of the fraud or misrepresentation.

Get on the BAR Mailing List

The Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) maintains several mailing lists of interested parties who have asked to receive information such as notices, bulletins, newsletters, workshop flyers, and other items related to BAR operations.

Under Government Code section 11346.4, BAR is required to establish the Regulatory Actions Notice Interested Parties mailing list. In accordance with Government Code section 14911, BAR is also required to correct, verify, and update this list on an annual basis. The list is primarily used to mail regulation hearing notices, regulation workshop invitations, informational meeting invitations, and other miscellaneous information.

The Regulatory Actions Notice list is **not** used for mailing the *Auto Repair & Smog Check News*. Requests to be added to the newsletter mailing list are often confused with the Regulatory Actions Notice list. In order to help BAR staff direct mailing list requests to the correct location, we have provided a form for you to fill out. If you are a licensed Smog Check technician or a registered Automotive Repair Dealer (ARD), you are automatically placed on the list that is used to mail the newsletter and other official notices. As a result, you should already be receiving the newsletter.

Here's how to choose the mailing list that provides the information in which you're most interested. First, choose whether you wish to be placed on the newsletter or the regulation mailing list. You may select both, if you want to receive both.

If you elect to be placed on the Regulatory mailing list, you may further refine the information you want to receive by selecting from any of the sub-categories listed below. For example, if you select "General" you will receive information, invitations, and notices from all categories, but if you select "Smog Check" you will only receive information, invitations, and notices related to the Smog Check Program.

If you are not already on these mailing lists and wish to be added, sign up by completing the form below and faxing it to 916.255.1369, or complete, detach, and mail it to: Bureau of Automotive Repair, Attn: Mailing Lists, 10240 Systems Parkway, Sacramento, CA 95827. If you are already on any of BAR's mailing lists and want to remain on those lists, you do not need to take any action. As required by Government Code 14911, an annual update notification will be mailed to you during January or February of each year to confirm that you wish to remain on the Regulatory Notice mailing list. BAR is planning on updating the newsletter mailing list in the near future.

Please select one or more of the following subjects. If no subject is selected, "General" will be used. Please complete, detach and return.

Auto Repair & Smog Check News

- General (includes all auto repair)
- Auto Body Repair
- Smog Station
- Equipment Manufacturer
- Automotive Air Conditioning

Regulatory Actions Notices

(If you select this, designate the subjects you're interested in below)

- Automotive Repair (includes all Smog Check)
- Smog Check (includes all subjects)
- Lamp/Brake Station
- Lamp/Brake Technician
- Smog Technician
- Educational Institution/Instructor
- Consumer Assistance Program
- Automatic Transmissions
- Other (Please specify):

Name: _____

Title: _____

Company/Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone #: () _____

FAX #: () _____

E-Mail: _____

ARD Change of Ownership Requirements

If you are an Automotive Repair Dealer (ARD) who is purchasing an existing business, adding or dropping a partner, or a corporation that has had a change to its corporate number with the California Secretary of State, there are a few important things that you need to know.

First, you must reapply as an ARD for the business undergoing the change of ownership. Registrations and licenses are not transferable.

Second, California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 3306 (c) (1) defines a change of ownership as “any change in legal ownership of the license or the licensed business, including the addition or the deletion of a partner, the transfer of any ownership interest between members of a family (such as by sale, gift, or the death of the legal owner or one of the owners), change of the business entity by incorporation of the business or a change in the corporate status that requires a new corporate number as issued by the Secretary of State.” Along with your new ARD application, you must submit the appropriate fees and the date the change of ownership is going to take place.

Third, if you own a Smog Check or Brake and/or Lamp station, you must submit a new station application along with your new ARD application and the appropriate fees.

To help expedite the application process, be sure to submit completed applications and identify the change of ownership date.

If you need assistance completing any of the forms, please contact BAR’s Licensing Unit at 916.255.3145.



BAR Reaches Out to New ARDs Through Education First Program

Spring is a time for new ideas and fresh starts—and this year is no exception. So, in keeping with that tradition, the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) is recommitting itself to better educate and inform new Automotive Repair Dealers (ARD) through the Education First Program.

This pro-active effort is designed to educate new ARDs about the laws and regulations pertaining to their profession. It will not only introduce the new ARD to the rules that govern them, but also introduce them to BAR. With every educational visit comes a great opportunity to start a relationship between the new business and BAR, which should go a long way towards addressing issues before they become problems.

“The relationship between an ARD and the local BAR representative is an important one,” says BAR Chief Sherry Mehl. “The closer the working relationship, the quicker any issues or misunderstandings can be resolved.”

When a field representative meets with a shop, he or she will review the laws and regulations as they apply to ARDs. The representative will introduce the “Write it Right” publication, which is BAR’s guide to proper estimate and invoice procedures. Properly written estimates and invoices often serve as the cornerstone of good customer communications. The representative will also discuss how BAR operates and give the ARD an idea as to “what happens to me if . . .” scenarios. Most importantly, the ARD will have the opportunity to ask questions and share their concerns. When all is said and done, the representative will leave a business card behind, giving the dealer a way to contact a local field office if any issues should arise.

BAR believes this effort will go a long way towards promoting better business practices, improving customer relations, and preventing small issues from becoming larger ones.

Tire Pressure Strategy to Reduce Climate Change Emissions

In 2006, the Legislature passed and Governor Schwarzenegger signed into law Assembly Bill 32 (Chapter 488), the California Global Warming Solutions Act (Act). The Act establishes a comprehensive, long-term program for California to do its part to address climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2020. This goal requires reductions of 42 million metric tons (MMT) of carbon dioxide (CO₂) equivalent greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) annually.

California Air Resources Board (ARB) staff worked with a broad range of stakeholders to develop 44 strategies that have the most likely potential to reduce GHG emissions to the goals set for 2020. Each strategy was evaluated to determine potential emissions reductions, technical feasibility, and economic impact. Of these strategies, nine were identified as early actions that could be in place no later than January 1, 2010.

A Tire Pressure Strategy was identified as one of these early action items. With proper tire maintenance, ARB estimates that consumers could potentially save a minimum of 61 million gallons of fuel, which equates to 0.54 MMT per year in 2010 and 0.20 MMT per year in 2020. According to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimates, 74 percent of all vehicles have at least one under-inflated tire. The U.S. Department of Energy, the California Energy Commission, and NHTSA agree that for every one pound per square inch that a tire is under-inflated there is an approximate .4 percent drop in a vehicle's gas mileage.

While current Federal law requires auto manufacturers to install tire pressure monitoring systems in all new vehicles beginning September 1, 2007, owners of older vehicles will lack this important tool to help maintain proper tire pressure. ARB staff is currently investigating various options to ensure that tire pressure in older vehicles is also properly maintained. Beginning in early 2008, ARB staff is holding several workshops with stakeholders to discuss potential regulatory ideas, technologies, and other alternatives to reduce GHG emissions resulting from under-inflated tires.



For more information on the workshops, please visit ARB's Web site at www.arb.ca.gov or contact Theresa Anderson at 916.445.2159 or tmanders@arb.ca.gov.

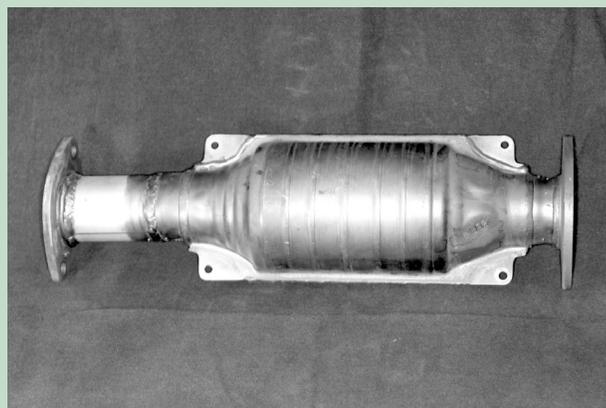
Replacement Catalytic Converters

The California Air Resources Board recently approved changes to the requirements for non-original equipment replacement catalytic converters. The proposed regulations are scheduled to be submitted to the Office of Administrative Law for adoption in the near future. Once the changes take effect on January 1, 2009, all aftermarket catalytic converters sold or installed in California must meet more stringent requirements for pollutant conversion performances, durability, and OBD II system compatibility.

The new rules adopted by the Board will also end the availability of certified

used original equipment converters in California, effective July 1, 2008. This means that no used converter can be legally advertised for sale, sold, or installed in California after June 30, 2008.

More information about the requirements will appear in a future *Automotive Repair and Smog Check News*. You can also obtain more information about the regulation at ARB's Web site at www.arb.ca.gov.



BAR Meets With Next Generation of Technicians

The Bureau of Automotive (BAR) recognizes the future and strength of the automotive repair industry depends on the availability of highly-skilled and trained technicians. To better educate and inform students about the career opportunities

in the automotive repair field, the Bureau has initiated an outreach program to high schools.

“Reaching out to a new generation of automotive technicians is tremendously exciting,” says BAR Chief Sherry Mehl. “The industry needs young

people ready to accept the challenge of keeping up with ever-changing automotive technology.”

In a recent visit to Cordova High School in Rancho Cordova, BAR Deputy Chief Dick Sullivan and Outreach Coordinator Debbie Romani met with students from three automotive vocational training classes. Students were informed about employment opportunities, benefits, and career paths in the automotive repair industry.

Typical of these kinds of events, questions were plentiful. Students asked about educational requirements and the value of specialized trade schools after high school. Other questions focused on BAR’s enforcement activities and its involvement with the highly successful Drag-Net Program, which helps combat illegal street racing activity throughout California. Students were also given handouts and promotional items.

BAR has many speaking engagements planned for the year ahead. If you would like to have a representative from BAR make a presentation to a school in your area, please contact Debbie Romani at 916.255.1335.



Deputy Chief Dick Sullivan and Outreach Coordinator Debbie Romani speak to students in an automotive vocational training class at Cordova High School.

CAP Facts

A statistical look at the Consumer Assistance Program (CAP)*

OCTOBER THROUGH DECEMBER 2007	
Vehicles Retired	5,382
Vehicles Repaired	10,331
Emission Reduced (tons) HC	273.3
Emissions Reduced (tons) NO _x	90.3
Emissions Reduced (tons) CO	2,540.6
Dollars Disbursed – Retirement	\$5,472,086
Dollars Disbursed – Repairs	\$3,628,881
TOTAL Disbursed	\$9,100,967

* This analysis considers a vehicle repaired or retired upon BAR approval of a station or dismantler invoice for payment, rather than the actual date the vehicle is repaired or retired.

Snapshot

SMOG CHECK TECHNICIAN TEST RESULTS OCTOBER THROUGH DECEMBER 2007

	# Tested	# Pass	% Pass
Advanced Emission Technician EA			
Total	402	176	44
Basic Area Technician EB			
Total	9	3	33
Brake Adjuster Class "A"			
Total	21	15	71
Brake Adjuster Class "B"			
Total	6	0	0
Lamp Adjuster Class "C"			
Total	85	63	74
Lamp Adjuster Class "A"			
Total	113	74	65

Disciplinary Actions Southern Region

AUGUST 2007

ALL AMERICAN TRANSMISSIONS, Los Angeles

Juan C. Hernandez, Owner
Order: ARD Registration is revoked and respondent Juan C. Hernandez's application for a second Automotive Repair Dealer Registration is denied. (8/15/07)

ASTRO MOTORS, San Diego

Ramon Salido-Paredes, Owner
Order: ARD Registration is revoked. (8/29/07)

ESCONDIDO AUTO REPAIR & SMOG (NOUR & ALBERT INC), Escondido

Nidal M. Nasseraldin, President
Order: ARD Registration is revoked. Reimburse BAR for investigating and prosecuting the case in the amount of \$55,957.56 prior to issuance of a new or reinstated ARD Registration or license. (8/20/07)

JUST VEE DUB'S INC, Spring Valley

Jose C. Ortega, President
Order: ARD Registration is revoked. (8/29/07)

SPEED TRANSMISSION, National City

Juan N. Acuna, Owner
Order: ARD Registration revoked, stayed, suspended for fifteen (15) days and placed on probation for five (5) years subject to the following terms and conditions. Comply with all laws and regulations, report to BAR on prescribed schedule, report any financial interest in any other repair facility, and reimburse BAR for the costs of investigating and prosecuting the case in the amount of \$30,000.00. (8/20/07)

SPEEDI, Riverside

Iraj Magsoudi, Owner
Order: ARD Registration is revoked. (8/20/07)

TONY AUTO REPAIR, Gardena

Young Joo Jin, Owner
Order: ARD Registration is revoked, stayed, and placed on probation for three (3) years subject to the following terms and conditions. Comply with all laws and regulations, report to BAR on prescribed schedule, report any financial interest in any other repair facility, and reimburse BAR for the costs of investigating and prosecuting the case in the amount of \$16,833.77. Official Brake Station License and Official Lamp Station License are revoked. (8/31/07)
Dong K. Jin, Brake and Lamp Adjuster
Order: Brake Adjuster License and Lamp Adjuster License are revoked. (8/31/07)

SEPTEMBER 2007

A & A COLLISION, INC, Los Angeles

Dan Johnson, President
Ykeitha Lachel Eatmon, Treasurer
Flora Esther Mucker, Secretary
Order: ARD Registration is refused and denied. (9/4/07)

ADVANCED AUTO BODY, Bloomington

Rafael Leon, Partner
Sergio Alvarado, Partner
Order: ARD Registration is denied. (9/4/07)

AUTO CENTER BODY (AUTO CENTER BODY & PAINT, INC.), Glendora

Joseph Angel Nava, President
Order: ARD Registration is revoked. (9/5/07)

BRAKE CENTERS (BRAKE MADNESS, INC), Los Angeles

Soheila B. Hosseini, President
Order: ARD Registration is permanently invalidated. (9/19/07)

BRAKE CENTERS (BRAKE MADNESS, INC), Lawndale

Soheila B. Hosseini, President
Order: ARD Registration is permanently invalidated. (9/19/07)

CALIFORNIA AUTO PAINT & MECHANICAL, Tarzana

Abdol Valid Jahanbin (a.k.a. Abdol valid Jahanian, a.k.a. Julian Andrew Hamilton), Owner
Order: ARD Registration is denied. (9/4/07)

COLLOSSUS AUTO REBUILDERS, El Cajon

Salome Alarcon Hernandez, Owner
Order: ARD Registration revoked, stayed, suspended for fifteen (15) days and placed on probation for three (3) years subject to the following terms and conditions. Comply with all laws and regulations, report to BAR on prescribed schedule, report any financial interest in any other repair facility, and reimburse BAR for the costs of investigating and prosecuting the case in the amount of \$15,000.00. (9/10/07)

COX AUTO SERVICE, Vista

Veronica Cox (a.k.a. Veronica Maria Coxatta: a.k.a. Veronica Maria Cox-Atta), Owner
Order: ARD Registration is revoked. Reimburse BAR for the costs of investigating and prosecuting the case in the amount of \$40,000.00. (9/21/07)

HAMNI AUTO, San Diego

Sang Suh Jr., Owner
Order: ARD Registration is revoked. (9/5/07)

J & H AUTO BODY OF RIVERSIDE (J & H AUTO BODY INC), Riverside

Jesus Reyes, Sr., President
Order: ARD Registration is revoked. Reimburse BAR for the costs of investigating and prosecuting the case in the amount of \$25,000.00. (9/4/07)

JIFFY LUBE #1782, (A. FANTICOLA COMPANIES INC), Redlands

Roy Schumacher, President
Order: ARD Registration revoked, stayed, suspended for five (5) days and placed on probation for three (3) years subject to the following terms and conditions. Comply with all laws and regulations, report to BAR on prescribed schedule, report any financial interest in any other repair facility, and reimburse BAR for the costs of investigating and prosecuting the case in the amount of \$34,711.34. (9/10/07)

MILLENNIUM AUTO BODY SHOP, Bellflower

Selvin E. Hernandez, Owner
Order: ARD Registration is permanently invalidated. (9/4/07)

OCTOBER 2007

BAY AUTO SERVICE, Wilmington

James H. Kwon, Owner
Order: ARD Registration is permanently invalidated. Official Smog Check Station license is terminated by operation of law, pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 16, section 3340.10, subdivision (c). Official Lamp Station License and Official Brake Station License are revoked. (10/2/07)
James K. Kwon, Brake and Lamp Adjuster
Order: Brake Adjuster License and Lamp Adjuster License are revoked. (10/2/07)

COLLISION EXPERTS, South Gate

Marla Jimenez, Owner
Order: ARD Registration is permanently invalidated. (10/2/07)

INLAND CENTER AUTO BODY, San Bernardino

Louie M. Avilez Jr., Owner
Order: ARD Registration is permanently invalidated. Reimburse BAR for investigating and prosecuting the case in the amount of \$13,918.00. (10/11/07)

Disciplinary Actions Northern Region

AUGUST 2007

CAR CLINIC (D'ALPHA N' OMEGA ENTERPRISES INC), Clovis

Laura Kaplanian, President/Treasurer
Mary Lossley, a.k.a. Mary Varseig Lossley, Vice President/Secretary
Order: ARD Registration is revoked. (8/29/07)

CAR CLINIC (C.A.L. & NORMAN ENTERPRISES INC), Clovis

Norman E. Lossley, President
Order: ARD Registration revoked. (8/29/07)

Disciplinary Actions Northern Region (continued)

SEPTEMBER 2007

A TO Z ENGINEERING AUTOMOTIVE, Sacramento

Jerzy M. Klosowski (a.k.a. Mike Klosowski), Owner
Order: ARD Registration revoked, stayed, and placed on probation for two (2) years subject to the following terms and conditions. Comply with all laws and regulations, report to BAR on prescribed schedule, report any financial interest in any other repair facility, and reimburse BAR for the costs of investigating and prosecuting the case in the amount of \$5,000.00. Pay restitution in the amount of \$1,116.37. (9/4/07)

AMERICAN WEST TIRE & AUTO CENTER, (MEIER GLAS ENTERPRISES, INC) Atascadero

Gregory Paul Glasmeier, President
Order: ARD Registration is revoked, stayed and placed on probation for two (2) years subject

to the following terms and conditions. Comply with all laws and regulations, report to BAR on prescribed schedule, report any financial interest in any other repair facility, and reimburse BAR for the costs of investigating and prosecuting the case in the amount of \$4,926.63. (9/19/07)

DAVIS BODY SHOP (DAVIS BODY SHOP INC), Atascadero

David Charles Davis, President
Order: ARD Registration is temporarily invalidated for one hundred eighty days (180), however, said temporary invalidation shall be stayed for one hundred seventy days (170) and registration is placed on probation for two (2) years subject to the following terms and conditions. Comply with all laws and regulations, report to BAR on prescribed schedule, report any financial interest in any other repair facility, and reimburse BAR for the costs of investigating

and prosecuting the case in the amount of \$12,000.00. (9/5/07)

STEVE'S AUTO RESTORATION, Tulare

Steven B. Kupstis, Owner
Order: ARD Registration is revoked. (9/19/07)

V B REPAIR AUTO BODY, Oakland

Virian Bouze, Owner
Order: ARD Registration is permanently invalidated. Reimburse BAR for the costs of investigating and prosecuting the case in the amount of \$11,022.72 (9/4/07)

OCTOBER 2007

(No disciplinary actions reported for October 2007.)

Smog Check Citations OCTOBER–DECEMBER 2007

Name	Address	City	ZIP	Level	ARD No.	Amount
BUDGET SMOG TEST ONLY CENTER	538 OLIVE AVENUE #300c	VISTA	92083	1	AH 229367	\$500
CHAO SMOG EXPRESS	3753 SAN PABLO DAM RD	EL SOBRANTE	94803	1	AA 237635	\$500
K NALBANDIAN SERVICE CENTER	1270 N VERMONT AVENUE	LOS ANGELES	90029	1	AF 222432	\$500
JET SMOG TEST ONLY	17502 GOTHARD ST STE A	HUNTINGTON BEACH	92647	2	AB 209408	\$1,000
SMOG DIAGNOSTIC	1449 SACRAMENTO AVE	WEST SACRAMENTO	95605	3	AM 231307	\$2,000
NORTHRIDGE GAS STATION	18473 DEVONSHIRE ST	NORTHRIDGE	91325	1	AH 235414	\$500
Y S 76 AUTO CARE	801 S HOOVER ST	LOS ANGELES	90005	2	AA 182000	\$1,000
BRYANTS AUTOMOTIVE	2354 CHURN CREEK RD	REDDING	96002	1	AA 056916	\$500
CALIFORNIA SMOG INSPECTION	494 SO MEADOWBROOK DR	SAN DIEGO	92114	1	AL 236599	\$500
MWANGI SMOG CHECK INC	9305 JAMACHA BLVD	SPRING VALLEY	91977	1	AC 238309	\$500
VILLAGE SMOG CENTER	218 W FIG ST	FALLBROOK	92028	1	AF 240086	\$500
ROLOS TEST ONLY	4631 E SLAUSON AVE	MAYWOOD	90270	2	AF 211083	\$1,000
FELL ST AUTO SERVICE	340 FELL STREET	SAN FRANCISCO	94102	1	AK 218826	\$500
AUTO SMOG	2070 HACIENDA DR #J	VISTA	92081	2	AK 163554	\$1,000
AUTOMOTIVE SOLUTIONS	945 TAMARACK AVENUE	CARLSBAD	92008	1	AC 251092	\$500
THE SMOG DEPOT	755 W SAN MARCOS BLVD	SAN MARCOS	92069	2	AA 243549	\$1,000
TEST ONLY CENTER	1100 S NOGALES ST #B	ROWLAND HEIGHTS	91748	1	AC 245179	\$500
SMOG TEST ONLY DISCOUNT	19116 WALNUT DRIVE #N	ROWLAND HEIGHTS	91748	1	AD 233170	\$1,000
SAVE ON GAS LLC	2604 W LA PALMA AVE	ANAHEIM	92801	2	AK 224089	\$1,000
MORRIS AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE	1300 SONOMA BLVD	VALLEJO	94590	2	AH126718	\$1,000
FOOTHILL CAR CARE	653 MALTMAN DRIVE SUITE A	GRASS VALLEY	95945	1	AM 225376	\$500
LOS GATOS AUTOCARE	300 LOS GATOS SARATO	LOS GATOS	95030	1	AG 200585	\$500
SMOG DOCTOR	2597 N BLACKSTONE	FRESNO	93703	2	AL 236680	\$1,000
CALIFORNIA SMOG	4012 W BURBANK BLVD	BURBANK	91505	1	AE 178364	\$500
OAKLAND TEST ONLY SMOG CENTER	229 INTERNATIONAL BLVD	OAKLAND	94606	1	AC 246554	\$500
SMOG EXPERTS TEST ONLY	16618 UNION STREET #	VICTORVILLE	92392	3	AD 238956	\$2,000
ALL SMOG TEST ONLY CENTER	2601 OCEANSIDE BLVD	OCEANSIDE	92054	2	AJ 229816	\$1,000
PHANS SMOG STATION	6938 THORNTON AVENUE	NEWARK	94560	1	AA 231707	\$500
SANTA FE MOTOR FUELS	3363 E TELEGRAPH RD	WHITTIER	90605	2	AF 167098	\$1,000
PROTEK AUTO	4947 LONG BEACH BLVD	LONG BEACH	90805	1	AC 246941	\$500
TEST ONLY CENTER OF LA MIRADA	14088 ROSECRANS AVE	SANTA FE SPRINGS	90670	2	AM 242826	\$1,000
COUNTRY CLUB AUTO SERVICE	16601 ALMADEN EXPRESSWAY	SAN JOSE	95120	1	AH 241096	\$500

Smog Check Citations OCTOBER–DECEMBER 2007 (continued)

Name	Address	City	ZIP	Level	ARD No.	Amount
AJ SMOG TEST ONLY	660 E VISTA WAY	VISTA	92084	2	AD 204920	\$1,000
QUALITY TUNE UP SHOP #23	92 SERRA WAY	MILPITAS	95035	1	AF 132954	\$500
BEST SMOG	10578 MAGNOLIA AVENUE	ANAHEIM	92804	1	AM 219266	\$500
AUTO SMOG CENTER TEST STATION	3691 VIA MERCADO #5	LA MESA	91941	1	AJ 241616	\$500
DR SMOG TEST ONLY STATION	1680 W SLAUSON W80	LOS ANGELES	90047	2	AC 245974	\$1,000
RELIABLE AUTO REPAIR	463 BLOSSOM HILL ROAD	SAN JOSE	95123	1	AG 228608	\$500
ARCO SMOG PROS #1637	1000 N STATE COLLEGE	ANAHEIM	92806	2	AE 200012	\$1,000
HERNANDEZ TEST ONLY #2	13441 IMPERIAL HWY	WHITTIER	90605	2	AF 240196	\$1,000
BELLFLOWER SMOG #3	2601 CLARK AVENUE	LONG BEACH	90815	2	AG 228788	\$1,000
SAMOS SMOG CHECK TEST ONLY	103 E ARROW HWY	GLENORA	91740	2	AC 238500	\$1,000
EDDIES RADIATOR MUFFLER A	195 E BASELINE STREET	SAN BERNARDINO	92410	1	AB 220102	\$500
ALL SMOG TEST ONLY CENTER	521 EAST LOS ANGELES	SIMI VALLEY	93065	3	AD 239246	\$2,000
SMOG DIAGNOSTIC	1449 SACRAMENTO AVE	WEST SACRAMENTO	95605	3	AM 231307	\$2,000
MANTECA TEST ONLY	2072 B W YOSEMITE AVE	MANTECA	95337	3	AK 242089	\$2,000
JACKS SERVICE	4 W RIDGE RD	SUTTER CREEK	95685	1	AE 153862	\$500
PALO ALTO SMOG TEST	1917 OLD MIDDLEFIELD	MOUNTAIN VIEW	94043	1	AD 233039	\$500
ARCO-SMOG PROS	600 MOORPARK RD	HOUSAND OAKS	91360	3	AL 175451	\$2,000
CAMARILLO CAR WASH & QUICK LUBE	4007 ADOLFO RD	CAMARILLO	93012	1	AM 225449	\$500
BROADWAY SMOG	3510 S BROADWAY	LOS ANGELES	90007	1	AF 184462	\$500
UNIVERSAL SMOG STATION	8429 SEPULVEDA BLVD	NORTH HILLS	91343	1	AC 251187	\$500
EL TORO SMOG STATION II	101 N 8TH ST	EL CENTRO	92243	1	AC 249210	\$500
FIGUEROAS AUTO SHOP	701 W MAIN STREET	EL CENTRO	92243	2	AA 214730	\$1,000
EL TORO SMOG STATION	110 WEST 7TH STREET	CALEXICO	92231	1	AB 237922	\$1,000
GAFFEY SMOG CENTER AND AUTO	711 BATTERY STREET	SAN PEDRO	90731	1	AJ 223784	\$1,000
UNIVERSITY 76	18050 NORDHOFF ST	NORTHBRIDGE	91325	1	AC 247020	\$500
WHITNEYS AUTO & RV CARE CTR	920 CHAMBERS LANE	SIMI VALLEY	93065	1	AE 239589	\$500
ALL SMOG TEST ONLY CENTER	2601 OCEANSIDE BLVD	OCEANSIDE	92054	3	AJ 229816	\$2,000
VIRGIN TEST ONLY	6800 S AVALON BLVD	LOS ANGELES	90003	1	AC 251573	\$500
MAPLE AUTO CENTER	745 S MAPLE AVE	LOS ANGELES	90015	1	AD 153370	\$1,000
SMOG TEST ONLY DISCOUNT CTR	19116 WALNUT DRIVE #N	ROWLAND HEIGHTS	91748	2	AD 233170	\$1,000
CAMPBELLS SERVICE CENTER	115 S HWY 49	JACKSON	95642	2	AC 220762	\$1,000
AAAAA SMOG CENTER INC	2134 MARKET ST	CONCORD	94520	1	AK 230407	\$500
YUS MPG	1000 S SANTA ANITA AVE	ARCADIA	91006	3	AJ 149243	\$2,000
CHANG SMOG	2400 W ROSECRANS AVE	GARDENA	90249	1	AL 175333	\$1,000
E P SMOG TEST ONLY STATION	555 S ESCONDIDO BLVD	ESCONDIDO	92025	1	AC 245740	\$500
SUNRISE 76 AUTO CARE	696 BLOSSOM HILL RD	SAN JOSE	95123	1	AC 245741	\$500
LEMON GROVE SMOG TEST ONLY	8068 BROADWAY	LEMON GROVE	91945	2	AB 232213	\$1,000
K T SMOG CHECK	3520 PEARL AVE #D	SAN JOSE	95136	1	AC 250705	\$500
CAR LAND	6710 ALHAMBRA AVE	MARTINEZ	94553	1	AB 226464	\$500
MAGANA SMOG AND AUTO REPAIR	6300 BRENTWOOD BLVD	BRENTWOOD	94513	1	AB 237853	\$500
TORRANCE SMOG TEST ONLY	21727 S WESTERN AVE	TORRANCE	90501	1	AJ 235689	\$500
SMOG EXPRESS TEST ONLY CENTER	14036 GOLDEN WEST ST	WESTMINSTER	92683	1	AC 243865	\$500
VALERO OF SARATOGA	601 SARATOGA AVENUE	SAN JOSE	95129	2	AA 203318	\$1,000
BALSWICK QUICK SMOG	379 N GOLDEN STATE BLVD	TURLOCK	95380	1	AC 243971	\$500
BEST SMOG	10578 MAGNOLIA AVENUE	ANAHEIM	92804	2	AM 219266	\$1,000
SMOG DOC	5081 MORAN ST #J	WESTMINSTER	92683	1	AJ 241551	\$500
AIR QUALITY SMOG INC	3851 NORTH MISSION RD	LOS ANGELES	90031	1	AH 223520	\$500
PETERS BEACON	108 BELLAM BLVD	SAN RAFAEL	94901	2	AE 239740	\$1,000
HAPPY SMOG CHECK	7896 MONTEREY HWY #B	GILROY	95020	1	AG 234553	\$500
LARY SMOG	2756 SCOTT BLVD UNIT	SANTA CLARA	95050	1	AC 244974	\$500
JACKS SERVICE	4 W RIDGE RD	SUTTER CREEK	95685	2	AE 153862	\$1,000
EZ SMOG CHECK	2231 EL CAMINO REAL	SAN CLEMENTE	92672	2	AH 217728	\$1,000

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