



SMOG CHECK ADVISORY

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Numbers Critical in Smog Check Program Evaluation

Repair cost data will be critically important when BAR presents the results of the Enhanced Smog Check Program to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) for evaluation next February. The data show that shops are failing to report cost information on 30.8 percent of the repairs they are making.

Repair and cost data collected and published in the "Snapshot" column of the Smog Check Advisory have been providing a statistical glimpse of the status of loaded-mode testing, which officially began on June 8, 1998. The numbers, designed to indicate whether the program will meet its goals, are weak so far, according to Steve Gould, BAR's Research Analyst.

"Unless the numbers improve, it's going to be difficult to make a case that our program meets federal standards," he said. "Stations have a big financial stake in getting credit for properly testing and repairing vehicles."

If shops are properly testing and repairing vehicles, but not correctly entering the data into the Test Analyzer System (TAS), neither the shops nor the program will get credit for the work being performed and the reduced emissions that result.

Gould added that some of the poor data may be because of improper and poor repair work that makes all shops look bad. But he believes the bigger problem is that shop owners and managers haven't explained to their technicians the consequences of not correctly entering the repair data into the TAS.

Of utmost concern to BAR officials, as shown in the "Snapshot" over the last year, are the overall vehicle failure rate, average repair costs, and functional test failure rate.

For example, under the BAR-90 program, 16 percent of vehicles were failed in 1996. But in May of 1999, only 13 percent of vehicles in Enhanced Areas failed.

"While the reason may be that there are more pretesting and pretest repairs, there are no data to support that argument, Gould said. In fact, test analyzers in Basic and Enhanced Areas now have pretest modes whereby test and repair data can be captured.

Moreover, repair data that are entered into the TAS units and collected by the Vehicle Information Database (VID) sometimes don't make logical sense either, Gould said.

For instance, according to data from the VID reported in the May "Snapshot," the statewide average repair cost was only \$97. In the same month, data show that the average repair cost in Basic Areas was \$103, while the Enhanced Area average repair cost was only \$95.

"With higher failure rates, including NOx failures, in the Enhanced Areas, the repair costs should be considerably higher than in the Basic Areas," he explained.

Functional test failure rates being reported by shops are also a statistical mystery. Random roadside tests show nearly 20 percent of vehicles fail the functional tests, including the fuel cap test. Stations, however, are reporting only 5 percent of vehicles failing the functional tests. Such a disparity may be impossible to explain to the U.S. EPA.

Required functional tests include the ignition timing, check-engine or malfunction indicator lights, gas caps, and — in Basic Areas only — the exhaust gas recirculation system (EGR).

"Unless the honest and competent shops show that vehicles actually fail and that stations are doing complete repairs, they're shooting themselves and the program in the foot," Gould said. ❖

Quality Assurance Inspections Effective, Study Shows

Preliminary evaluation of the effectiveness of BAR's new Quality Assurance (QA) Inspection program shows the procedure is working, at least in the short term, according to Mike Vanderlaan, BAR's Smog Check Enforcement Program Manager.

Based on two weeks of data on length of testing time and failure rates before and after QA inspections, the data show

that 68 percent of the stations evaluated increased the amount of time they spent testing vehicles by an average of 1.14 minutes, and 70 percent of the stations increased the number of vehicles they failed by 4.1 percent.

"As with all other aspects of the Smog Check Program, we have to continuously evaluate the effectiveness of the procedures we use," Vanderlaan explained. "While this is a small amount

of data and a short-term look at our methods, they do seem to be working."

He added that Smog Check stations that failed previous QA inspections and do not show improvements will be the recipients of additional inspections. Moreover, BAR field representatives will soon begin gas audits on Test Analyzer Systems (TAS) to make certain they are calibrated and functioning properly. ❖



SNAPSHOT

Below are the Smog Check testing statistics for May and June 1999. The numbers include both ASM and Two-Speed Idle (TSI) testing and the number of certificates issued for all tests.

	MAY	JUNE
Program Volume		
Tests Conducted	912,704 *	1,003,969 *
Vehicles Tested	762,241	853,016
Vehicles Failed	63,425	86,648
Certificates Issued	824,480	871,987
Type of Failure		
Tailpipe:	45,481 (6.0%)	63,587 (7.5%)
Gross Polluters	13,939 (1.8%)**	20,432 (2.4%)**
Visual	12,552 (1.6%)	18,218 (2.1%)
Functional	29,572 (3.9%)	41,213 (4.8%)
Failure by Station Type		
Test & Repair	23,84 (5.2%)	35,180 (7.1%)
GSGR	10,839 (6.6%)	17,147 (9.2%)
GPC	5,500 (8.5%)	6,254 (9.1%)
Test-Only	23,896 (27.1%)	27,475 (27.2%)
Consumer Assistance/Referee Centers		
Tests	1,394	1,654
Cost Waivers Issued	82	107
Hardship Extensions Issued	113	130
Average Reported Repair Costs		
Vehicles Repaired	61,895	56,780
Average Cost (statewide)	\$ 97	\$ 100
Test & Repair Stations	\$ 88	\$ 85
GSGR Stations	\$ 98	\$ 92
GPC Stations	\$149	\$147
Enhanced Areas	\$ 95	\$ 99
Non-Enhanced Areas	\$103	\$105

* Includes multiple tests on same vehicle.

** Subset of tailpipe failures.

“Manuals and Publications” Changes Its Name to “Standards and Training”

The “Manuals and Publications Branch” of BAR’s Smog Check Operations has been renamed “Standards and Training Branch,” according to Manager George Adelsperger.

The branch previously had been called Standards and Training, but in reorganizations over the last several years, it was changed to Manuals and Publication.

“We believe returning to our original name more accurately reflects the depth and breadth of our function,” said Adelsperger.

He also outlined the primary responsibilities of each of the six members of the branch. As manager, Adelsperger supervises staff and has overall responsibility for its productivity. In addition, he is the technical liaison with the exam administration vendor.

Other staff and their responsibilities are as follows:

Ray Bolden

Oversees smog, brake, and lamp technician candidate guides and station manuals; updates the laws and regulations booklet; and provides technical guidance to Emissions Parts Locator.

Wayne Brumett

Certifies Clean Air Car courses, schools, and instructors in addition to developing technician licensing prerequisites and regulations.

Ken Harris

Develops and implements smog, brake, and lamp technician examinations.

Dave Lewis

Writes, evaluates, and updates the Smog Check Inspection Manual and conducts special studies and projects.

Kristal Avila

Provides reception and clerical support.

Members of the Standards and Training Branch can be reached by telephone at (916) 255-3465. ❖

Auto Repair Database Is Key Tool in 21st Century Repair Shop

Electronic databases are quickly replacing their paper counterparts in modern repair shops.

According to Nick DiVerde, Mitchell Repair Information Company's Senior Product Manager, computerized systems have several advantages over printed materials:

- ❖ No limitations based on page count.
- ❖ Information not available in print, such as technical bulletins, recalls, and maintenance schedules.
- ❖ Information updated regularly throughout the year.

Mitchell's flagship electronic-based product, ON-DEMAND, contains 13 CDs of information. It is a service-and-repair system, which is also available in a Digital Versatile Disc (DVD) format that integrates fully with its Mechanical Parts and Labor Guide. ON-DEMAND allows shops to:

- ❖ Check procedures and specifications before beginning a repair.
- ❖ Check for technical service bulletins, recalls and technical tips before beginning diagnosis.
- ❖ Print service schedules for every vehicle serviced.

Mitchell ON-DEMAND is updated quarterly and includes newly released original equipment manufacturer material or other new information.

ALLDATA, another leading supplier of electronic automotive diagnostic, repair, and estimating information, recently released a DVD version of a repair and diagnostic database, according to Jeffery Lagges, Senior Vice President, Product Development and Marketing. ALLDATA's five-DVD version, known as AFW™, is equivalent to 37 individual CDs of information. The new format will allow technicians to get to the information easier and faster, he explained.

ALLDATA decided to offer the DVD version because its information database grew 480 percent in just two years.

The information database includes diagnostic and repair articles, factory technical service bulletin pages, and illustrations such as original equipment wiring diagrams. Under an AFW™ subscription, technicians have access to:

- ❖ Electronic diagnostic, repair, and estimating information.
- ❖ Toll-free customer service access.
- ❖ Customer resource center.
- ❖ Installation and training assistance.
- ❖ A certified ALLDATA information specialist program.



Here are some automotive repair resources, including online, hotline, and computerized database repair system companies that offer diagnostic and repair assistance:

ALLDATA: (800) 684-1250

ASPIRE: (800) 247-1099

iATN: www.i-atn.net

Mitchell Repair Information Company: (888) 724-6742

Snap-on Diagnostic Customer Service: (800) 758-5853

Taylor Automotive Tech-Line: (800) 636-6414

Editor's Note: This is the third in a series of stories dedicated to helping technicians become aware of online or other hotline or electronic subscription services that help technicians make effective repairs. While BAR editors conducted interviews with individuals at the firms mentioned, the article does not constitute an endorsement by BAR of the products or services offered by these companies or their representatives.

Consumers Experiencing Enhanced Area Lockouts

Please inform your customers who experience an Enhanced Area Lockout that they need to complete the following steps to obtain a Smog Check Inspection:

1. Contact the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to ensure that the vehicle registration has the correct address and ZIP Code.

2. Once the DMV has the correct ZIP Code information, contact the Bureau of Automotive Repair's Consumer Information Center at (800) 952-5210 to request that they update the vehicle's registered ZIP Code in the Vehicle Information Database.

The consumer's request will be processed within five working days following the request. ❖

Proper BAR-97 Maintenance Saves Money, Reduces Downtime, and Improves Performance

There are many advantages to taking proper care of a BAR-97 Emissions Inspection System (EIS). Like vehicles, this equipment needs regular maintenance, according to manufacturers.

Here are some key items on the BAR-97 EIS that need regular inspection and replacement:

- ❖ **Sample Hose.** Must be maintained as originally manufactured. It should not be shortened, lengthened, turned around to protect the dual hose connector, replaced with a rubber hose, or have end clamps removed. Check it weekly, remove and blow it out, and probe it with a little compressed air to keep it clean and functioning properly.
- ❖ **Sample Probe.** If the probe is leaking, spins at the connection, is bent, has a loose handle, or has holes plugged, it must be repaired or replaced.
- ❖ **Filters/Bowls** (located at the rear of the BAR-97). In some cases, filters can be washed and reused, but in most cases they should be replaced. The filters should be white at all times and inspected weekly if many tests are performed each day. Filters protect the system's pump and gas bench and, if they are not serviced, can cause both the pump and bench to be damaged. A \$5 filter can protect a \$1,200 gas bench and a \$200 pump.
- ❖ **Cooling fan filters.** A preventive look at the ventilation filter for the analyzer's computer is also a good idea. Often this filter can be washed and reused. Check the Operators Manual for exact procedures.

These procedures will not only save Smog Check shops money by reducing downtime resulting from lack of maintenance but will also improve test performance by reducing hydrocarbon (HC) hangup. This improvement can, in turn, reduce the potential number of service calls needed. ❖



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THE BOTTOM LINE

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- 108** Cut score on the current and new smog exam.
- 79.0** Percent of technicians who passed EA Smog Check exam in June 1999.
- 10,390** Technicians who completed BAR-97 8-hour Transition Training.
- 7,046** Technicians who completed the BAR-97 20-Hour Update Training (of approximately 8,600 EA technicians who will need it by June 30, 2000).
- 8,756** Advanced (EA) technicians licensed as of July 8, 1999.
- 4,436** Basic (EB) Area technicians licensed as of July 8, 1999.
- 1,939** Gold Shield Guaranteed Repair (GSGR) stations statewide as of July 1, 1999.
- 4,985** Test & Repair Stations statewide as of July 1, 1999.
- 311** Test-Only Stations statewide as of July 1, 1999.
- 429** Test-Only Lanes statewide as of July 1, 1999.
- 106** Repair Assistance Program (RAP) stations participating as of June 30, 1999.
- 543** (RAP) vehicles repaired as of June 30, 1999.
- 378** Vehicle Retirement Program (VRP) vehicles retired as of June 30, 1999.

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Disciplinary Actions

Northern California

CARBEX—Clovis

James R. McCall, 111, Owner
Order: ARD registration and Smog Check station license are revoked. Further ordered to make restitution to consumers, immediately cease and desist designation as Gold Shield station, and pay reinstatement or new licensure costs of \$50,000 to BAR as condition for issuance of any license. (02/01/99)

VUKSANAJ, PAUL—Gilroy

Order: Basic Area Technician license revoked. (01/05/99)

G V SMOG—Grass Valley

Frank A. Reichel, aka Frank Alfred Reichel, Owner/Technician
Order: ARD registration permanently invalidated; Smog Check station license and Advanced Emissions Specialist Technician license revoked. (01/05/99)

AUTO MEX—Napa

Jose Armando Castro, Owner
Order: ARD registration permanently invalidated and Smog Check station license, Basic Area Technician license, and any other licenses are revoked. (02/29/99)

BROWN'S AUTO REPAIR—

Oakdale
 Larry Allen Brown, Owner/Technician
Order: ARD registration probation revoked, revocation reimposed, Smog Check station license probation revoked, revocation reimposed. Smog Technician license, Basic Area Technician license, Official Brake station license, Brake Adjuster license, Official Lamp station license, and Lamp Adjuster license all revoked. Further ordered to pay BAR \$7,999.23 for costs of investigation. (03/05/99)

WHITEY'S TBA, INC., dba ROHNERT PARK EXXON—

Rohnert Park
 Michael Gutzman, President
Order: ARD registration permanently invalidated, stayed, and placed on three years' probation. Smog Check station license revoked. Further ordered to pay BAR \$6,819.07 for costs of investigation. (03/24/99)

ALCOCER, MANUEL H.—Salinas

Order: Basic Area Technician license revoked. (01/05/99)

PANTOJA, HECTOR P.—Salinas

Order: Basic Area Smog Check Technician license revocation reim-

posed. Ordered to pay BAR \$3,914.99 for costs of investigation. (03/05/99)

RC AUTO WORKS—Salinas

Raul Cornejo, aka Raul Cornejo Cossio, Owner

Order: ARD registration permanently invalidated. Smog Check station license and Official Lamp station license revoked, and probation on Smog Check station license revoked. (01/05/99)

SMOG AUTOMOTIVE CLINIC—

San Francisco

Roberto Giron, Owner

Order: ARD registration permanently invalidated, and Smog Check station license revoked. (01/05/99)

ONETO ENTERPRISES, INC., dba STEVE'S UNION SERVICE—

Santa Cruz

Steven Joseph Oneto, President

Order: ARD registration permanently invalidated, stayed, and license placed on three years' probation, suspended for 90 days, stayed 60 days, and 30 days' actual suspension imposed. Revocation reimposed on Smog Check station license. Owner ordered to pay \$3,914.99 to BAR for costs of investigation and report to BAR as directed. (03/05/99)

Southern California

BROTHERS K CORPORATION, dba BROTHERS K SMOG & TUNE—

Arcadia

Huh Pillman, Owner

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist Technician license revoked, stayed, and placed on five years' probation. Further ordered to report to BAR as directed. (03/09/99)

AZUSA AUTO REPAIR—Azusa

Said Daniali, President

Order: ARD registration invalidated, stayed for five years, suspended for 14 days. Smog Check station license revoked, stayed for five years, suspended for six months. Further ordered to obey all laws and regulations, compensate 52 consumers who received invalid Smog Checks, reimburse BAR \$2,679.97 for costs of investigation, and report to BAR as directed. (01/06/99)

E Z SMOG LUBE & TUNE—

Bakersfield

Glenn Wayne Reed, Owner

Order: ARD registration temporarily invalidated or suspended for 90 days, stayed for two years, report to BAR as directed, and pay BAR \$2,101 for costs

of investigation. Smog Check station license revoked, placed on two years' probation, suspended for 60 days. (01/28/99)

TECHNICOS AUTO REPAIR CORPORATION—Bell Gardens

Enrique Farias, aka Nerique Jimenez Farias, President/Technician

Order: ARD registration permanently invalidated, Smog Check station license, Official Lamp station license, Lamp Adjuster license, Official Brake station license, Brake Adjuster license, and Advanced Emission Technician license revoked. Further ordered to pay BAR \$10,848.15 for costs of investigation. (03/22/99)

RK SMOG SERVICE—Camarillo

James Kenneth Gorenflo, Owner

Order: ARD registration, Smog Check station license, and Advanced Emission Specialist Technician license revoked, stayed, and placed on three years' probation. Smog Check station license and Advanced Emission Specialist Technician license suspended for 10 consecutive days. Further ordered to reimburse BAR \$2,500 for costs of investigation and report to BAR as directed. (03/09/99)

FIRST CHOICE AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR—Costa Mesa

Randall Joseph Coffins, Owner

Order: ARD registration revoked, stayed and placed on three years' probation. Further ordered to reimburse BAR \$4,000 for costs of investigation and report to BAR as directed. Smog Check station license revoked. (02/23/99)

ROTH'S AUTO REPAIR AND SMOG—Delano

John M. Roth, Partner; Linda M. Roth, Partner

Order: ARD registration, Smog Check station license, and Basic Area Technician license revoked. (01/05/99)

SMOG STOP N TUNE—El Cajon

Josephine Paulino, aka Josephine Cunningham, Owner

Order: ARD registration and Smog Check station license revoked. Prohibited from applying for reinstatement, relicensure, or any license issued by BAR for five years. Submit proof that full and complete payment of \$8,748 as cost recovery has been made to BAR prior to any future reinstatement. (01/05/99)

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Disciplinary Actions *(continued from previous page)*

PRO TUNE & SMOG—El Centro
Enrique L. Guzman, Owner
Order: ARD registration permanently invalidated, and Smog Check station license revoked. (01/05/99)

ADAMS, JIM DAVID—Fontana
Order: Advanced Emission Specialist Technician license revoked. (01/28/99)

UNITED MOTORS—Fontana
Hosep Kyork Mourad, Owner
Order: Smog Check station license suspended for 90 days, 80 of which were stayed, and placed on three years' probation. Further ordered to obey all laws and regulations, reimburse BAR \$6,542.51 for costs of investigation, and report to BAR as directed. (01/28/99)

OK SMOG & AUTO REPAIR—Gardena
Kuen Sik Kim, Owner/Technician
Order: ARD registration permanently invalidated, Smog Check station license and Advanced Emission Specialist Technician license revoked. Further ordered to pay BAR \$7,946.27 for costs of investigation. (03/25/99)

KING SMOG—Hawthorne
Hung T. Nguyen, Owner
Order: ARD registration permanently invalidated, Smog Check station license revoked, and Advanced Emission Specialist Technician license revoked. (02/19/99)

MGUERIAN, KEVORK VARTAN—Huntington Beach
Order: Advanced Emission Specialist Technician license, Lamp Adjuster license, and Brake Adjuster license revoked. (02/19/99)

MERCER, JEFFREY JAMES—La Quinta
Order: Advanced Emission Specialist Technician license revoked, stayed, and placed on three years' probation. Further ordered to obey all laws and regulations and report to BAR as directed. (01/28/99)

L. A. UNOCAL 76—Los Angeles
Mansoor Ghaneian, Owner
Order: ARD registration revoked, stayed, placed on five years' probation. Further ordered to pay BAR \$6,772 for costs of investigation and report to BAR as directed. Smog Check station license revoked. (03/09/99)

GLS HONDA SERVICE—North Hollywood
Grigor Pambukyan, Owner
Order: ARD registration revoked, stayed, and placed on five years' probation. Smog Check station license, Official Lamp station license and Official Brake station license revoked. Further ordered to report to BAR as directed. (03/10/99)

ZANCAL INVESTMENTS, INC., dba PURRFECT AUTO SERVICE #54—North Hollywood
Teresa Brown, President
Order: ARD registration permanently invalidated, and Smog Check station license revoked. (03/19/99)

HUERTA, JAVIER ANDRES—Oxnard
Order: Advanced Emission Specialist Technician license revoked, stayed, placed on three years' probation, and suspended for 10 consecutive days. (03/09/99)

HOVLEY TIRE—Palm Desert
Craig David Allen, Owner
Order: ARD registration and Smog Check station license revoked, stayed, and placed on three years' probation. Further ordered to reimburse BAR \$1,000 for costs of investigation, make restitution payment of \$1,771.98 to consumer, obey all laws and regulations, and report to BAR as directed. (01/28/99)

RG'S SMOG TECH—Palm Springs
Ramiro Nelson Garcia, Owner/Technician
Order: ARD registration revoked, stayed, and placed on five years' probation. Further ordered to obey all laws and regulations, report to BAR as directed, and reimburse BAR \$3,289.88 for costs of investigation. Smog Check station license revoked, stayed, and placed on five years' probation. Smog Check station license suspended for 30 days; directed to obey all laws and regulations and report to BAR as directed. Advanced Emission Specialist technician revoked, stayed and placed on five years' probation, and suspended 30 days. (01/05/99)

YUCCA SMOG II—Palm Springs
Dean Allen Hanks, Owner
Order: ARD registration and Smog Check station license revoked.

Advanced Smog Technician license revoked and stayed. Placed on three years' probation, ordered to obey all laws and regulations and report to BAR as directed. (01/05/99)

RIDGECREST AUTOWORKS—Ridgecrest
Bob Dwane Pearl, Owner
Order: ARD registration revoked, stayed, placed on three years' probation. Further ordered to reimburse BAR \$4,500 for costs of investigation, obey all laws and regulations, and report to BAR as directed. Smog Check station license revoked. (01/28/99)

SHULL, TROY CHARLES—Ridgecrest
Order: Advanced Emission Specialist Technician license revoked. (01/05/99)

D & N SMOG—San Bernardino
Nhan Tran Dang, Owner
Order: ARD registration and Smog Check station license revoked. (01/05/99)

7 DAYS TIRE MUFFLER & AUTO REPAIR—Santa Ana
Sarkis Keourk, Partner; Karabit Sinblian, Partner
Order: ARD registration revoked, stayed, and placed on five years' probation. Directed to reimburse BAR \$6,000 for cost of investigation and report to BAR as directed. Smog Check station license, Official Lamp station license, and Official Brake station license revoked. (02/19/99)

WEAVER, ARRON ALBERT—Santee
Order: Advanced Emission Specialist Technician license revoked and stayed License suspended for 15 days, placed on three years' probation, and ordered to obey all laws and regulations and report to BAR as directed. (01/05/99)

CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE IMPORT EXPORT, INC., dba AMERICAN AUTOMOTIVE CENTER—Torrance
Roger Chua Tiu, President/Technician
Order: ARD registration invalidated, Smog Check station license revoked, and Advanced Emission Specialist Technician license revoked. (02/19/99)

SMOG CHECK STATION CITATIONS



FACILITY NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP	LEVEL	ARD NUMBER	CITATION NUMBER	ASSESS AMOUNT	ASSESS DATE	DATE MAILED
A & R Automotive	111141 San Mateo Avenue	Son Bruno	94066	1	AB 123078	C99-183	\$ 250	6/18/99	11/20/98
Elmore Toyota	15300 Beach Blvd.	Westminster	92683	2	AA 000537	C99-338	\$ 750	6/09/99	3/15/99
Tune Ups Plus	540 East 5th Street	Oxnard	93030	3	AJ 174536	C99-352	\$1,500	6/01/99	4/01/99
Oxnard Auto Repair	11338 Burbank Blvd.	North Hollywood	91601	2	AF 178983	C99-354	\$ 750	6/03/99	4/01/99
* Pete's Performance	7660 Foothill Blvd.	Tujunga	91042	2	AE 189309	C99-356	\$ 750	6/03/99	4/01/99
Kay Shell Service	4495 Clairemont Mesa	San Diego	92117	1	AC 108673	C99-358	\$ 250	6/03/99	4/01/99
Orange County Auto Smog	511 South Euclid Avenue	Fullerton	92632	3	AF 160927	C99-360	\$1,500	6/01/99	4/01/99
* Total Quality Motors	151 North Rose Street #A1 01	Escondido	92027	1	AH 168278	C99-362	\$ 250	6/09/99	4/01/99
* Smog Busters	2246 Esplanade #E	Chico	95926	1	AH 190612	C99-398	\$ 250	6/07/99	4/12/99
Econo Lube N Tune #77	140 7th Avenue	City of Industry	91746	1	AD 166433	C99-403	\$ 250	6/09/99	4/21/99
* Magic Lube	23615 Alessandro Blvd.	Moreno Valley	92553	1	AG 179323	C99-411	\$ 250	6/25/99	4/21/99
Parks Shell	10970 Firestone Blvd.	Norwalk	90650	1	AD 131793	C99-417	\$ 250	6/14/99	4/21/99
Purfect Auto Service #99	808 North Santa Fe Avenue	Vista	92083	1	AC 198660	C99-433	\$ 250	6/21/99	4/27/99
* J & J Auto Service Center	10385 Central Avenue	Montclair	91763	1	AJ 191126	C99-440	\$ 250	6/17/99	4/27/99
* Economic Auto Repair	320 West Florence Avenue	Los Angeles	90003	1	AG 173758	C99-442	\$ 250	6/04/99	4/27/99
Fullerton Smog (enter	537 West Valencia A	Fullerton	92832	1	AK 202101	C99-449	\$ 250	6/07/99	4/27/99
** C & R Automotive	5333 White Lane #B	Bakersfield	93309	1	AJ 155953	C99-453	\$ 250	6/07/99	4/28/99
** Motor Motion	4724 Greenleaf Circle	Modesto	95356	1	AD 159878	C99-459	\$ 250	6/14/99	5/06/99
* Doug's Mobil	2714 Artesia Blvd.	Redondo Beach	90278	1	AB 084912	C99-461	\$ 250	6/09/99	5/17/99
Auto Clinic	2551 East Orangethorpe	Fullerton	92631	1	AM 129353	C99-477	\$ 250	6/17/99	5/18/99
* Edwards Mobil Service Station	2742 North Del Rosa Avenue	San Bernardino	92404	1	AJ 168763	C99-479	\$ 250	6/21/99	5/18/99
MID Auto Repair & Tires	8750 Jamacha Road	Spring Valley	91977	1	AC 187794	C99-481	\$ 250	6/22/99	5/18/99
Ban's Auto Repair	8871 Fanita Drive	Santee	92071	1	AG 200934	C99-489	\$ 250	6/25/99	5/21/99
Kevin Smog	4519 Baldwin #A & B	El Monte	91731	1	AJ 201535	C99-491	\$ 250	6/29/99	5/21/99
** Sunkist Unocal	1200 North East Street	Anaheim	92805	1	AD 139482	C99-495	\$ 250	6/24/99	5/24/99
Young's Smog Test Only Station	2230 West Venice Blvd. #	Los Angeles	90006	1	AH 201298	C99-523	\$ 250	6/25/99	6/02/99

* Stations that have had their Gold Shield Guaranteed Repair (GSGR) certification withdrawn.

** Stations that have had their GSGR certification and Gross Polluter Certification (GPC) Pilot authority withdrawn..

*** Stations that have had their GSGR certification, GPC, and LIRAP authority withdrawn (none reported).



1999 Calendar of Coming Events

September

- Winners Announced in the "Thank You For Not Smogging" Newspaper in Education Public Service Announcement
- 24** Deadline to register for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) testing

October

- 1** Deadline to submit technician license application under old exam administrator
- 1-31** National Car Care Month
- 1-31** Healthy Lung Month — American Lung Association

- 22-24** 1999 Annual Convention Automotive Service Council (ASC) — San Diego
- 27** Automotive Career Education Day

November

- 4,9,11** Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) tests



State of California
 Gray Davis, Governor
 California Department
 of Consumer Affairs
 Kathleen Hamilton, Director
 Bureau of Automotive Repair
 Patrick Dorais, Acting Chief
 400 R Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Bulk Rate
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**BAR FIELD OFFICE
 PHONE NUMBERS**

Bakersfield	(661) 833-6304
Riverside	(909) 782-4250
Canoga Park	(818) 596-4400
Sacramento	(916) 255-4200
Culver City	(310) 410-0024
San Jose	(408) 277-1860
Fresno	(559) 445-5015
South El Monte	(626) 575-6934
Fullerton	(714) 680-7851
Hayward	(510) 785-1961
Oceanside	(760) 439-0942
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DCA Cashiering	(916) 322-7002
DCA Licensing	(916) 322-4010
ET Help Desk	(916) 255-4476
MCI	(800) 731-SMOG
<i>(Then press 5 for technical support)</i>	

**Consumer Assistance and
 Referee Center(800) 622-7733
 DCA HOTLINE (800) 952-5210**

Little Scoops...

- ❖ The cutoff date for technicians to submit license applications before a new examination administrator firm takes over has been extended to October 1. The cutoff date had been scheduled for July 19, but the contract process with the new vendor has been delayed.
- ❖ Regulatory changes for Test-Only stations and technician test prerequisites are under consideration. Once completed, they would be released for public comment, which would include a formal hearing before implementation.
- ❖ Approximately 80 percent of Smog Check stations in Basic Areas statewide began conducting fuel cap testing on July 1, and 74 percent of stations in the San Francisco Bay Area — the largest Basic Area in the state — kicked off the program right on time. Unfortunately, more than 500 analyzers at 424 Smog Check stations in Basic Areas were locked out because they failed to purchase and have installed the equipment necessary to conduct the tests.
- ❖ Good news overall with the start of the new program put into place to comply with the Border Smog Reduction Act (H.R. 8). This federal law requires that vehicles regularly crossing the border from Mexico meet California emissions standards. About three-fourths of them had already been smogged when they went to the local Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to be registered. A few direct market (“grey market”) vehicles were turned away in the first few days of the program, however.