Test-Only Station
Requirements Checklist

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

BAR

Bureau of Automotive Repair

The purpose of this checklist is to help station owners and inspectors pass the BAR Smog Check station inspection. All station requirements should be met before the station contacts their local BAR field office for an appointment. The station owner/manager and inspector must be present during the inspection. Please allow up to two hours for the BAR inspection. Re-inspections will result in station licensure delays.

STAR stations and standard stations must possess all required equipment, tools and reference materials as set forth in the Smog Check Manual for the type of vehicles being inspected. All equipment shall be on the premises, calibrated, and in working order.

Station Licenses and Signs
(Licenses and signs shall be posted in a conspicuous area frequented by consumers)
☐ Valid Automotive Repair Dealer (ARD) Registration
☐ Official Automotive Repair Dealer (ARD) Sign
☐ Valid Smog Check Inspector License
☐ Official Smog Check Station Sign
☐ Official Smog Check Station Service Sign *(showing Test-Only as station type)*
☐ Inspection Cost Sign
☐ Notice to Consumers Sign *(cost limit)*

Station Equipment	STAR Certified Station	Standard Station	
		BAR-OIS[2]	**BAR-97**[1]
BAR-97 Emissions Inspection System (EIS)	☐		☐
Telephone line connection to EIS	☐		☐
BAR approved EIS calibration gases	☐		☐
Ignition timing light with advance features [3]	☐		☐
Low-Pressure Fuel Evaporative Tester (LPFET)	☐		☐
BAR certified fuel cap tester and adapters[3]	☐		☐
BAR approved cooling fan	☐		☐
BAR-OIS *(On-Board Diagnostic (OBD) Inspection System (OIS) with hardware and software necessary to conduct an OBD inspection)*			
➢ BAR Certified Data Acquisition Device (DAD)	☐	☐	
➢ Computer (32 or 64 bit Microsoft Windows operating system versions 7, 8.0, or 8.1; Internet Explorer version 9, 10, or 11; *Windows 8 RT is not compatible*)	☐	☐	
➢ Printer *(compatible with Windows operating system)*	☐	☐	
➢ Bar Code Scanner *(needed **only** for OIS download and registration)*	☐	☐	
High speed/broadband internet connection to OIS	☐	☐	
Tools necessary to inspect vehicle ignition, fuel delivery, and emission control systems	☐	☐	☐
Tire pressure gauge	☐	☐	☐

Station Reference Material and Records	STAR Certified Station	Standard Station	
		BAR-OIS[2]	BAR-97[1]
BAR certified Fuel Cap Adapter Guide[3]	☐		☐
Low-Pressure Fuel Evaporative Tester (LPFET) Operator's Manual	☐		☐
Current Smog Check Manual and Reference Guide	☐	☐	☐
Most current Emission Control System (ECS) application guides	☐	☐	☐
Vacuum routing and electronic component location guides	☐	☐	☐
Electronic components locations manuals	☐	☐	☐
BAR ET Blasts dated after January 1, 2012, relevant to any vehicle inspection procedures	☐	☐	☐
Technical Service bulletins and manufacturer recall notices	☐	☐	☐
Other Requirements			
EIS passes gas calibration and leak test with dual exhaust probe hose connected	☐		☐
A licensed Smog Check Inspector present during all hours the station is open for the testing of vehicles. Testing of vehicles shall be performed by a licensed Inspector	☐	☐	☐
Station has enrolled with SGS Testcom if purchasing certificates electronically	☐	☐	☐
Testing of vehicles shall be performed only in a work area within a building and shall be large enough to accommodate the type of vehicles' being serviced	☐	☐	☐
Station must follow requirements of maintenance of records	☐	☐	☐

[1] Required to perform emissions testing (ASM Dynamometer required in Enhanced Program Areas)
[2] Required to perform OBD tests on 2000 model year and newer vehicles
[3] Required to test 1976-1995 model year vehicles

Disclaimer: This checklist is for guidance only. It is the responsibility of station owners and inspectors to be in compliance with all State of California Laws and Regulations applicable to Smog Check inspection procedures and station requirements. Refer to the State of California Laws and Regulations and 2013 Smog Check Manual available on the BAR Web site at www.smogcheck.ca.gov for specific Test-Only station requirements.