



Weber County I/M Bulletin

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To: Weber County I/M certified test/test and repair technicians, managers, and station owners. Please post a copy of this technical bulletin by your analyzer for easy reference and ensure all certified technicians, managers, and owners read it.

NEW CERTIFICATE PAPER FOR 2007

The Weber County I/M Program Staff have found a number of certificates issued with illegitimate certificate numbers. We've been working with the DMV to find a solution to catching these certificates before vehicles are registered. The simplest and most cost effective solution we've been able to find is switching the certificate paper, and creating an inventory tracking system. Other options would require significant costs and time to implement. We realize and understand this places an additional burden on the testing stations and apologize for this inconvenience, however, we feel it's a necessary step in controlling the number of fraudulent tests being conducted. We will be working closely with each station to implement this change and appreciate your cooperation and understanding. These efforts are being made to improve the quality of the I/M Program for the testing stations and the residents of Weber County.

Now when you buy 100 certificates you will get 100 sheets of numbered certificate paper, along with a paper tracking sheet. It is the station's and tester's responsibility to fill out the tracking sheet. In order to purchase new certificates, the paper tracking sheet must be completely and accurately filled out and turned into the Weber County Emissions Center. If there are any discrepancies between the paper tracking sheet and the information received off your analyzer, a station suspension may result. Paper will be assigned to your station, under no circumstances may the paper be used anywhere else, violations will result in a 6 month station suspension per occurrence.

We understand that you will have printing errors or other mishaps that will make the paper unusable. When this happens, write void across the certificate and save it! Also, write void on the line of the paper tracking sheet and record the paper number. When a vehicle fails or is not ready, make sure you put in a blank piece of paper. If you accidentally print a failed emission test on a numbered certificate, write void on it, track it, and save it. Reprint the failed test on a blank piece of paper and give it to the customer.

Paper replacement cost will be 10 cents per sheet (exact change only) if you bring the unusable paper into us, \$3.00 per sheet if you cannot account for it. We will not sell more than five sheets of paper to any station if they can not account for their missing paper.

We will visit every station during the month of December and give you exactly the same amount of paper as the number of certificates in the analyzer. As of January 1, 2007 the DMV will not accept the old certificates with a pass date later than December 31, 2006.

EMISSION APPLICATION GUIDE/ REPAIR MANUALS

As stated in the previous bulletin, all test/test and repair stations are required to have a paper emission control application guide, no older than 2 years, for tester reference. Test and repair stations are also required to have access to current electronic or paper repair manuals. Auditors will be checking for emission control application guides and repair manuals, stations have until January 1st to purchase these items or you will be locked out until you have them. Paper emission control application guides can be purchased from Motor by calling 1-800-4A-MOTOR or Mitchell by calling 1-888-724-6742. Make sure you ask for the 2007 edition.

TEST ONLY vs. TEST AND REPAIR TECHNICIANS

In 2007, every test/test and repair technician will have to come into the Weber County Emissions Center for a recertification test. We will reclassify each individual as a test only or as a test and repair technician. If you wish to be a test only technician, you will have to complete a practical test similar to the one this year. If you would like to become or stay a test and repair technician, you will have to complete the practical test and meet the following criteria. Your first option is to be a ASE Master Technician and/or L1 certified. Your second option is take an emission diagnosis and repair test at the Weber County Emissions Center. In order to qualify to take the test you must be ASE certified in Engine Repair, Engine Performance, and Electrical/Electronic Systems. Please bring in your current ASE certificates at the time of your recertification.

We receive a large volume of phone calls from the public asking where they can have their vehicle repaired after it fails an emission test. Starting in January, when we receive a phone call we will refer the caller to our website where it will list all the test and repair technicians and the stations they are employed at. If you are a ASE Master Technician and/or L1 certified and would like to be put on our website before your recertification, fax your ASE certificate to 399-7145. We think this will be worth your while because it could increase your repair business significantly.

DAVIS COUNTY VEHICLES

If you are testing a Davis County vehicle, enter the correct county code and perform a gas cap test on 1995 and older vehicles. Also, if a vehicle is on Weber County's list for a Two Speed Idle Bypass Test, **DO NOT TEST THE VEHICLE**, you must send the customer to be the Davis I/M Technical Center in Kaysville to have a modified OBD test.

INACCURATE/INCOMPLETE DATA

We are still seeing a lot of certificates issued with inaccurate and incomplete data. Make sure you type in the vehicle owner's name and address. Type in the correct vehicle, GVW, engine size, transmission, VIN, and license plate. As of December 1, 2006 we will take enforcement action for inaccurate and/or incomplete data.

FORMS OF PAYMENT

We are now able to accept credit and debit cards in addition to cash and check. You may make purchases over the phone with a credit card, but you will still have to come in and sign a receipt and pick up your paper, tester manual, etc.

I/M ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A public hearing was conducted during the Weber-Morgan Board of Health meeting on November 27th to discuss changes to the I/M Regulation. It was the board's recommendation to resurrect the I/M Advisory Committee and get their input before any new sections are amended.

Resolution II from the Board of the Weber-Morgan Health Department states that the committee shall consist of 6-12 members. It also recommends that the committee shall be made up of individuals that represent the following areas: New Car Dealerships, Independent Stations, Fleet Management, Aftermarket Industry, Education, Environmental and Consumer Groups, and Government. The committee will meet six times a year and terms of appointed members will last between 1-3 years. You will not be financially compensated for your time. If you are interested in becoming a member, email your resume to Brian Cowan bcowan@co.weber.ut.us by December 31, 2006 and he will pass it on to the Weber-Morgan Board of Health. Appointments to the committee will be made in the Weber-Morgan Board of Health meeting scheduled for January 22, 2007.