

# Weber County I/M Bulletin

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

## **New Maximum Test Fee**

As of June 1<sup>st</sup> the Emissions testing fee cap will be raised to \$35, you may charge less but not more. All taxes or miscellaneous fees must be included in the \$35 fee for emissions testing.

#### Repairs prior to an I/M Test

Emissions related repairs <u>shall not</u> be performed prior to an official emissions test. This would include oil changes, air filter removal or replacement or any other act that may have an effect on the outcome of the official requested emissions test. This is in reference to Section 9.23 of the Regulation:

9.23 When a vehicle owner requests an Inspection, the Tester/Technician shall perform the inspection in the testing mode of the approved Analyzer. Performing a screening test (or pre-test) in the manual mode of the approved Analyzer or on a non-approved analyzer shall be a violation of this Regulation if the vehicle owner requested an emissions inspection. Adjustments or repairs shall not be made prior to a requested inspection.

## Turning Customers away who request an I/M Test

It would also be considered a violation of 9.23 to turn away a vehicle based on the type of test that is required. We have been receiving public feedback that people are being turned away from TSI tests because of the age or type of vehicles. This is a violation of our regulation.

## Permitted Tester must perform entire Test

A customer or non-permitted tester <u>is not allowed</u> to perform any part of an official emissions test. This means that a customer likely will need to vacate the driver's seating position of the vehicle during the MIL Bulb Check (KOEO/KOER) and OBD connection portion of the official I/M inspection. Something as simple as a non-permitted employee of the shop handing a gas cap to the certified inspector or making selections on the analyzer may also be considered a violation under section 4.2.10:

4.2.10 A Non-Permitted Person has gained access to the official testing portion of the analyzer, conducted any portion of an official inspection, or signed an Inspection Report;

## Testing a Vehicle for the first time in Weber County

It is not necessary to refer vehicles to the I/M tech center if they are not already in the database, you have the ability to add new vehicles that are displayed as "Not Listed" in the emissions analyzer. If the vehicle is not available in the Vehicle lookup screen you will need to enter in the Make, Model and Year and then select "Vehicle Not" it will ask you to confirm the unlisted vehicle data, if the data is correct select "OK" and proceed to the vehicle summary screen. We have had a number of shops refer 2021 vehicles to the I/M center for this issue and it is not necessary to inconvenience your customer.

### 2021 Corsair, Escape, bronco sport and E-series

Some 2020-2021 Escape/Corsair, 2021 Bronco Sport, and 2021-2022 E-Series may exhibit a communication fault with emissions inspection equipment. If this concern occurs, turn off the ignition key and remove the key, close the doors, and allow the vehicle to sit inactive for 5 minutes or disconnect the 12V battery for 10 seconds. After 5 minute vehicle soak time or reconnecting the 12V battery, reenter the vehicle, reconnect the emissions testing equipment and restart the emissions test following the emissions testing equipment instructions promptly.