

## Safety and Emissions Inspection Procedure

### Inspect:

- Headlights
- Directional signals
- Foot brakes and parking brakes
- Steering Mechanism
- Windshield wipers
- Window Tint (There is a \$10 charge for any vehicle that has an after-factory tint. Vehicles with after-factory window tinting must pass the 35 percent visible light requirement during an annual vehicle safety inspection)
- Tires
- Horn
- Rear view mirrors
- Exhaust emission controls
- Exhaust systems (ex: muffler)
- On board diagnostic emission tests , involves hooking up car to computer to communicate with the vehicles OBD system. This will obtain the status of readiness monitors, malfunction indicator light, and the presence of diagnostic trouble codes.

All motor vehicles registered in North Carolina must be inspected annually for mechanical safety. The DMV oversees the inspection process. The objective of the inspection is to make sure the motoring public is safe. A North Carolina vehicle safety inspection is required within 10 days of receiving a North Carolina license plate or by the last day of the month printed on the inspection window sticker.

The North Carolina vehicle inspection can be performed at any of the 7,500 licensed inspection stations throughout the state. Most service stations, automobile dealerships and vehicle repair garages are licensed inspection stations.

If a vehicle fails the safety inspection, it cannot be operated beyond the expiration date on the current sticker. However, the owner will have 30 days to repair any safety defects and qualify for a re-inspection at no additional cost, provided the owner repairs the defects and presents a receipt of the initial inspection at the same inspection station. If the inspection sticker expires after the initial inspection but before re-inspection, the owner may request a single-trip permit from the DMV to drive the vehicle to the inspection station for re-inspection.