



UTAH HIGHWAY PATROL VEHICLE SAFETY SECTION

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NEWSLETTER

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2009 Safety Inspection Year Requirements	
Vehicle Model Year	Inspection
2009 (Excludes new vehicles)	Required in 2009
2008	Not Required
2007	Required in 2009
2006	Not Required
2005	Required in 2009
2004	Not Required
2003	Required in 2009
2002	Not Required
All Older Vehicles	Required in 2009

2009 Safety Inspection Manual

The 2009-2010 Safety Inspection Manual will be available on-line and in hardcopy sometime in January. As mentioned in a previous newsletter, the manual will now come out every other year. Any changes to the manual will continue to be underlined and highlighted for your convenience. A station can either download or print off a copy from our safety inspection website at <http://safetyinspections.utah.gov> or they can be purchased at our office, 5500 West Amelia Earhart Dr. #360, Salt Lake City, for \$10.00.

All stations are required to have a copy of the most recent manual by having a hard copy on hand or by downloading a copy to a file on your computer. Accessing the manual through our website does not qualify for meeting this requirement.

WEBSITE CONTACT INFORMATION

Our Safety Inspection website has a 'Contact Safety Inspection' link along the left side column that is used to collect information from the public, which could assist us with our program needs. This website can be accessed through the following web address. <http://safetyinspections.utah.gov>

SAFETY INSPECTION NOTICES

During our station visits, we have found that there are a lot of stations that do not have a two (2) piece light meter, which is one of the required tool items that each station must have. If you find that your station is not meeting this requirement, please make sure to get one immediately for your use during all safety inspections. In recent cases, we have seen problems in the light transmittance readings that the one (1) piece meters are displaying. A list of all approved vendors can be found on our website and in our Safety Inspection Manual.

Effective January 1, 2009, all new stations coming into the Safety Inspection Program will have to be equipped with a hoist, capable of the lifting all four tires off of the ground simultaneously.

2009 HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES

The Utah Highway Patrol Vehicle Safety Inspection sales office will be closed on the following holidays in 2009. **Please keep these dates in mind when preparing to purchase supplies.**

Thursday, January 01, 2009
Monday, January 19, 2009
Monday, February 16, 2009
Monday, May 25, 2009
Saturday, July 4, 2009
Friday, July 24, 2009
Monday, September 7, 2009
Wednesday, November 11, 2009
Thursday, November 26, 2009
Friday, December 25, 2009

New Years Day
Martin Luther King Day
President's Day
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Pioneer Day
Labor Day
Veterans Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day

ON-LINE STATION REMINDERS

Please make sure that you contact our Safety Inspection Office immediately after an employee starts or leaves your employment. We are seeing a number of stations that are not updating us with this information and are being charged for inspections conducted by a past employee who is now working for a different station. It is very important to keep us updated with any change in inspectors to avoid billing problems later. If you would like to know what inspectors we have assigned to your station, please contact our office at (801)965-4889.

ALTERNATIVE FUEL CONVERSIONS

We have been working on some proposed updates to the 'Fuel System' sections in both the Passenger Vehicle/Light Truck and the Heavy Truck manuals. These proposed amendments will give more detail on what to inspect on these alternative fuel systems, which is very important to public safety with the growing number of vehicles that are now being converted to an alternative fuel system. We have been working with several outside industries and other county and state agencies to generate these new criteria items. We feel strongly that this new criteria will increase the safety for both the consumer and the public while being around and operating these converted alternative fuel systems. You will find these new amendments in our 2009-2010 Safety Inspection Manuals, which will be out sometime in January.

CONVERTING DIRT BIKES

Please remember that two-wheel dirt bikes that are being converted to become street-legal must be equipped with turn signals if they were manufactured after January 1, 1973. This information can be found in Section 12 of the Motorcycle Manual.

SAFETY INSPECTION REMINDERS

Every month our Safety Inspection Troopers conduct saturation patrols around the state targeting the vehicles that are not complying with our state's equipment laws. A lot of our vehicle stops lead to stations and inspectors who conducted an improper inspection. In most cases, depending on the history, these stations and inspectors are served with an agency action of a written warning, suspension or revocation. Please make sure that all vehicle inspections are conducted correctly every time and that all current guidelines are being followed. If at any time, an inspector has a question on an inspection that they would like some guidance on, please contact your Station Investigator or our Safety Inspection Office for assistance.

Station Insurance/Bond Requirement Reminder

Per Administrative Rule R714-158-4 (A)(1), all stations have the option of either having a \$1,000.00 Surety bond or a Garage Keepers Insurance policy.

ON-LINE PROGRAM UPDATE

We are now a week or so away from releasing another update to the Utah Interactive On-Line Program. Our progress has slowed quite a bit due to some computer server issues but we continue to remain hopeful that other future updates will soon come.

This new update will include the following:

- 1) Automatically fills in the inspection fees for all vehicle types.
- 2) Removes the registration expiration field from all inspections.
- 3) Adds a window tint waiver check box for vehicles that are issued a window tint waiver by DPS.
- 4) Adds 'Other brake conditions' inspection field.
- 5) Corrects the vehicle make list problem with heavy trucks.
- 6) Moves the emissions number entry and heavy truck sticker entry to the end of inspection.
- 7) Removes the plate brake test section from the motorcycle and heavy truck inspection.
- 8) Removes the 'Vehicle Weight' from the vehicle information screen.
- 9) Corrects the misspellings seen within the system.

Items currently being worked on:

- 1) Make the heavy truck printed certificates identical to the other vehicle types, to also include having a state tax copy on the bottom.
- 2) Require that all failed items only be allowed to be entered as repaired on re-inspection.
- 3) Newsletter tab on top of screen so that all inspectors have access to information being put out in Safety Inspection Newsletters.
- 4) Correct printing issue, with only requiring one click on the print button to preview and print at the same time.
- 5) Add commercial trailers to the heavy truck inspection.
- 6) Create separate logins for station management to log into the station reports.
- 7) Default date ranges on stations reports to current month and year.
- 8) After login, display who is currently logged in on top of screen.
- 9) Remove 'Safety Required' check box from the vehicle information screen.



**CHECK EXPIRATION DATES OF
PLATEBRAKE TESTER CERTIFICATIONS.**

**PLACE STATION LICENSES AND INSPECTOR CARDS
IN A CONSPICUOUS AREA.**

**CHECK EXPIRATION DATES OF INSPECTOR
CERTIFICATION CARDS.**