

WAIVER CRITERIA

As of Sept. 1, 2007, all 1996 and newer gasoline and 1997 and newer diesel powered vehicles will be tested solely using the OBDII system. Currently, 97 percent of all initially failing vehicles are repaired and able to pass an emission retest. Those vehicles that are not repaired to pass an emission retest are eligible for a waiver.

There are three waivers offered to vehicle owners that fail the emissions retest. These include cost-based, out-of-area and reciprocity waivers.

Cost-based emissions waivers are available under these conditions:

- A motorist has spent more than \$450 on emissions-related repairs and labor. Labor costs can only apply toward the waiver amount if a Missouri Recognized Repair Technician performs the repairs.
- If a Missouri Recognized Repair Technician does not perform the repairs, the owner must spend at least \$400 in qualified emission-control parts toward the waiver amount.
- If vehicle owners are financially dependent solely on state and federal disability benefits or other public assistance programs and anticipate failing the emissions test, they may receive a waiver. The vehicle owner must provide reasonable and reliable proof to the department 30 days in advance of their vehicle's anticipated failure. The vehicle owner must spend at least \$200 on emissions-related repairs and labor to qualify.

Out-of-area waivers are available under these conditions:

- A vehicle is registered in the St. Louis ozone nonattainment area, but operating outside of that area for the next 24 consecutive months, owners may apply to the department for an out-of-area waiver.

Reciprocity waivers are available under these conditions:

- A vehicle is in a state other than Missouri and that state conducts pass/fail OBD testing, the motorist may choose to have the vehicle emissions inspected in that state and submit a reciprocity waiver application to the department.

Vehicle owners must apply for all emissions waivers with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.