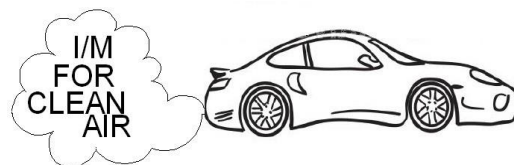


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Certified Testing Equipment Update

The rollout of the new Certified Testing Equipment has been largely successful. While there have been some initial hiccups and a learning curve associated with the transition, overall system functionality has been performing well. As issues continue to be reported, our team is actively working to identify and address them.

As expected with the implementation of an entirely new system, some issues were encountered early on. These primarily included system freeze-ups and camera-related problems. Many of these bugs have already been identified and addressed through software updates, and additional updates will continue to be released as new concerns are discovered.

Please continue to submit service calls for any equipment malfunctions. In some cases, temporary workarounds have been identified for certain errors; however, these are not intended to be permanent solutions. All issues must be addressed at the manufacturer level to ensure a complete and lasting fix.

We have experienced an increase in calls to our office and to Opus during this transition. Many of these calls are related to questions about use of the new equipment and procedures. As these situations arise, we are actively providing guidance and support to technicians to promote consistent and proper use.

Please note that frequent software updates are an anticipated part of this rollout, and stations should expect ongoing improvements to system performance and reliability. During these updates, the tablet should not be used. Using the tablet while an update is in progress may cause system freezes and/or loss of a test authorization. Allow the tablet to fully complete the update before resuming use.

We will continue to communicate important information and guidance directly through tablet messages when time-sensitive information needs to be distributed. Each technician is responsible for reading these messages and adhering to the guidelines provided.

Class Schedule For 2026

The following is a tentative schedule for 2026 course dates. Classes may be canceled if less than 5 students are enrolled. Additional classes may be added if needed. We will continue with the 10-student class size limit.

January 12-16	February 9-13	March 9-13
April 13-17	May 11-15	June 8-12
July 13-17	August 10-14	September 14-18
October 12-16	November 2-6	December 7-11

Lane Camera Guidelines

Lane camera placement must be configured so that the entire perimeter of the vehicle being tested remains within the camera's field of view at all times. In practical terms, a person should be able to walk completely around the vehicle without leaving the view of the lane camera.

Lane cameras may be mounted anywhere within the shop, at the station's discretion, provided this visibility requirement is met. Relocation of lane cameras is permitted as long as the camera continues to comply with these guidelines. Failure to keep the vehicle fully within the camera's view during testing may result in penalties.

Stations are encouraged to verify camera positioning prior to conducting a test. The camera view can be checked by navigating to the Utilities menu, then Consoles, and selecting Bay Camera Consoles.

Technician Practical and CTE Training Lockouts

Technicians that haven't completed the practical exam at their shop and/or have not completed the Certified Testing Equipment (CTE) training are currently locked out. If you have not completed the mandatory training, your only option to continue testing is to enroll in our certification course. If you attended the training but did not complete a practical in 2025, you will need to schedule an appointment with our office to do the practical here at our tech center.

2026 Emission Control Application Guide Available

The 2026 Emission Control Application Guide is available. Stations are reminded that they must maintain an application guide that is no more than three (3) years old. If your most recent guide is from 2023, you are now required to obtain a newer version.. If you go past the grace period, March 31, 2026, you will be locked out until you have the required guide, no exceptions. We do not allow shops to share Application guides and we will not unlock the station until the book is physically in your station's possession, being on order does not count.

Application guides may be obtained from the following sources:

- Mitchell Application Guide: (888) 724-6742
- Motor Application Guide / Motor Repair Manuals (MATCO Tools):
www.matcotools.com or through your local MATCO Tool truck

Please ensure compliance to avoid service interruptions.

VIN Verification and VIN Mismatch

We are receiving a high volume of calls related to VIN mismatches—either from technicians unsure how to proceed during a test or from vehicle owners who are unable to register because the VIN on the test record does not match the vehicle.

Regardless of how the VIN is obtained, whether read from Mode 9 (eVIN), scanned, or entered manually, it is solely the responsibility of the technician performing the test to verify that the VIN entered into the tablet matches the VIN displayed on the vehicle's dashboard VIN plate.

If the eVIN is populated automatically from Mode 9 and does not match the VIN on the vehicle, the technician **must** change the VIN to match the vehicle before proceeding. Failure to do so may result in registration issues for the vehicle owner and additional work for the station.

When a VIN mismatch is recorded, the system will display a VIN mismatch warning indicating that the test will be reviewed. This is normal system behavior. As long as the VIN mismatch is legitimate and reflects the actual vehicle being tested, even though the eVIN does not match, there is no issue. Proceed past the warning and complete the test. It will be flagged in our system for review but eliminates the need for the technician to call us on every VIN mismatch.

Incorrect VIN entry creates unnecessary inconvenience for customers and will require retesting at no charge. Strict adherence to VIN verification procedures is required for every test.

Utah County Vehicle Emissions Ordinance and Fee Schedule

With the execution of the new contract and the implementation of updated testing equipment, it was necessary to address outdated language within the existing ordinance. Several sections have been revised, including the removal of the requirement for TSI testing, and a new Mobile Testing section has been added.

In addition, the fee schedule has been updated and is now reflected in Appendix B of the ordinance. The updated ordinance, including all fee changes, went into effect on January 1.

The fee schedule continues to allow for an open market on emissions testing fees, meaning the test price is set by the station. Previously, an increased fee was permitted for TSI testing. Since TSI is no longer an approved testing method for older vehicles, only one emissions testing price is allowed for all vehicles, including diesel vehicles.

Stations are required to review and update all posted signage to ensure it accurately reflects this pricing requirement. Failure to follow the signage requirements outlined in section 6.8.3 of the may result in penalties.

All technicians and station owners are strongly encouraged to review the ordinance in its entirety to ensure that current practices are fully aligned with regulatory requirements.

Inspection Requirements - Gas Vehicles (effective January 1, 2026)			
Renewal for 2025		Renewal for 2026	
Vehicle Model Year	Emissions Inspection	Vehicle Model Year	Emissions Inspection
2025	No	2026	No
2024	No	2025	No
2023	Yes	2024	Yes
2022	No	2023	No
2021	Yes	2022	Yes
2020	No	2021	No
2019 and older	Yes	2020 and older	Yes

Inspection Requirements - Diesel Vehicles (effective January 1, 2026)		
Renewal for 2026 Diesel Vehicles		
Vehicle Model Year	Visual Tampering	OBDII Computerized
2007 -2021	Yes	Yes
1998 - 2006	Yes	No

2026 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE -office closures-

The following list includes the 2026 holiday closures for the County office and the OPUS call center/Field Service Reps.

Office Closed	Holiday	<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>
County/OPUS	New Year's Day	January 1, 2025	Thursday
County	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	January 19	Monday
County	Presidents' Day	February 16	Monday
County/OPUS	Memorial Day	May 25	Monday
County	Juneteenth Day	June 19	Monday
County/OPUS	Independence Day	July 3	Friday
County	Pioneer Day	July 24	Friday
County/OPUS	Labor Day	September 7	Monday
County	Veterans Day	November 11	Wednesday
County/OPUS	Thanksgiving Day	November 26	Thursday
County	Day after Thanksgiving	November 27	Friday
County	Christmas Eve	December 24	Thursday
County/OPUS	Christmas	December 25	Friday