

2023 Gas Emissions Requirements

Model Year	Gas or Hybrid	Frequency of Test	Testing Fee
2023	Exempt	n/a	n/a
2022	Exempt	n/a	n/a
2021	Exempt	n/a	n/a
2020	Exempt	n/a	n/a
2019	Exempt	n/a	n/a
2018	Exempt	n/a	n/a
2017	Renewals are Exempt	n/a	n/a
	Need test if transfer of ownership	Every two years	\$25.00
1991-2016	Need test	Every two years	\$25.00
1976-1991 with Collector Plates	Need test	Every five years	1976 - 1981 = \$15.00 1982 - 1991 = \$25.00
1976-1990 Without Collector Plates	Need test	1976 - 1981 = Annually	1976 - 1981 = \$15.00
		1982 - 1990 = Every two years	1982 - 1990 = \$25.00
1976 or newer Grandfathered*	Exempt	n/a	n/a
1975 and older with Collector Plates	Exempt	n/a	n/a
1975 and older without Collector Plates	Need test	Annually	\$15.00
Horseless Carriage / Kit Cars / All-Electric Vehicles and Street Rods	No test needed	n/a	n/a

*Vehicles model year 1976 or newer that have been registered as a "collector's item" prior to September 1, 2009, and the registration has never lapsed or expired or had a change of ownership.

- 1982 and newer vehicles: An emissions test is required every two years for vehicles more than seven model years old. Your vehicle registration renewal postcard will state whether or not a test is required, or if your vehicle has qualified for the roadside emissions test. The fee is \$25.
- 1981 and older vehicles without collector plates: A two-speed idle test is required every year at an Air Care Colorado station or at an independent, license test station. The fee is \$15.
- Change of ownership: An emissions test is required when a vehicle is sold or its ownership changes. The seller is responsible for obtaining the test. The dealer is responsible for repairing or repurchasing the vehicle if it fails the emissions test, but the consumer must return the vehicle to the dealer within 3 days of the purchase.

- New MSO (Manufacturer Statement of Origin), MCO (Manufacturer Certificate of Origin) vehicles purchased from a dealer are exempt from emissions testing for seven years.

Important Notice: Be sure your vehicle is due for an emissions test before going to an Air Care Colorado testing station.

State regulation requires testing stations to test all vehicles that are presented for testing. If you are not sure if your vehicle needs an emissions test, call the State Emissions Program at (303) 205 5603.

Colorado Gas Emissions Locations

Which counties require an emissions test to register a vehicle?

- Boulder
- Broomfield
- Denver
- Douglas
- Jefferson
- Portions of Adams
- Portions of Arapahoe
- Portion of Larimer
- Portions of Weld

If you are unsure if a test is required in your area, please contact your local county motor vehicle office. If you have a question about whether you need a test in Adams, Arapahoe, Larimer or Weld County, please click “Request review” in your transaction to connect with a JGT Auditor.