

SMOG CHECK REQUIREMENTS BY VEHICLE TYPE



Fuel Type	Model-Year	GVWR ¹	OBD II Equipped?	Smog Check Required		
				None	BAR-OIS Test	BAR-97 Test
All ² (except Diesel)	Four model-years and newer ³	All	All	X		
	Fifth and sixth model-years ⁴	All	All	X		
	1975 and earlier	All	All	X		
Gasoline & Flex Fuel (Methanol or Ethanol)	1976-1999	All	All			X
	2000 and newer	14,000 and less	Yes ⁵		X	
		Over 14,000	All	No		
Hybrid	2000 and newer	14,000 and less	All		X	
Dedicated Propane and Natural Gas (CNG, LNG, or LPG)	1976-1999	14,000 and less	All			X
		Over 14,000	All	X		
	2000 and newer	14,000 and less	Yes		X	
			No			X
		Over 14,000	All	X		
Diesel	1976-1997	All	All	X		
	1998 and newer	14,000 and less	All		X	
		Over 14,000	All	X ⁶		
Full Electric Powered	All	All	All	X		
Motorcycle	All	All	All	X		
Other Vehicles: Two Cylinder Engine, Two-stroke Engine, Off-highway Registered	All	All	All	X		

¹ Gross vehicle weight rating

² Includes gasoline, flex fuel, hybrid, dedicated propane, and natural gas vehicles. A Smog Check is required for all out-of-state 1976 model-year and newer vehicles registering in California for the first time and other initial registration events determined by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

³ Vehicles four model-years and newer are not subject to biennial (every other year) or change-of-ownership Smog Checks. Add four to the model-year of a vehicle to determine the first year a vehicle will be subject to a change-of-ownership Smog Check. For example, a 2010 model-year vehicle will be first subject a change-of-ownership Smog Check in 2014 (2010+4=2014).

⁴ Fifth and sixth model-year vehicles are not subject to biennial Smog Checks. However, a change-of-ownership Smog Check is required. Add six to the model-year of a vehicle to determine the first year a vehicle will be subject to a biennial Smog Check. For example, a 2010 model-year vehicle will be first subject to a biennial Smog Check in 2016 (2010+6=2016).

⁵ In the future, BAR may identify some vehicles that have GVWR of 14,000 and less or that have problematic OBD II systems that may require the BAR-97 test.

⁶ Fleet vehicles are subject to the ARB Periodic Smoke Inspection Program (PSIP).