

Blue Book Changes Will Affect Your Shop

There will be some changes to the Blue Book process that will be implemented for the January–June 2004 booklet. The Blue Book is the publication given to motorists that lists repair shops by city and repair record.

The upcoming changes are intended to improve our ability to report your shop's repair activity and the book's value to motorists seeking emission-related repairs.

Since 1995, motorists have been provided with a listing of repair facilities if their vehicle failed the inspection. While we continue to update the listing every six months based on repair activity, we have not updated our repair shop database or methods for monitoring repair shop performance lists during that period of time.

The Wisconsin Vehicle Inspection Program partners recently reviewed our format and methods and we are now implementing changes to make the book more useful for consumers.

Repair Facility Re-Registration

Repair facilities will need to complete a new profile form to be listed in the Blue Book, effective with the January–June 2004 edition. Shops desiring to be recognized (ie eligible to perform waiver-qualifying repairs) will need to submit documentation of appropriate technician certifications).

New Recognition Criteria:

Effective January 2005, recognition will reflect Wisconsin administrative rule Trans 131, §131.04 (c)(2), which specifies that repair technicians possess ASE L1 certification, WISETECH certification, or equivalent in order for their repairs to count toward repair waiver limits. If a technician possesses "other" training, it will be compared to the course content of ASE L1 and WISETECH to determine if it is equivalent.

Improved Record Keeping

Repair facilities who register with the program will receive official ink stamps to help improve our repair record keeping. Any Vehicle Inspection Report that has been stamped will be included in the Blue Book tabulation. Each stamp will feature a WVIP logo and will identify the facility's name, address and unique serial number. We will retain all Vehicle Inspection Reports at the time of retest to ensure that they are readily available for tabulating each shops REIs.

Blue Book Reformatting

The Blue Book will list all shops filing an updated profile (i.e. registering) with the Program which have at least 6 qualified emission related repairs during the 6 month reporting period. Shop listings will continue to be in alphabetical order by city/town, and production will remain on a biannual schedule. The book will distinguish between recognized shops and unrecognized shops by listing recognized shops first for each city/town.

Look for more information regarding training opportunities and seminars in the quarterly editions of The Analyzer newsletter.

Reasons For the Changes

1. Re-Registration of repair shops will list only current repair facilities active in emission related repairs.
2. New Recognition Criteria will ensure that recognized repair technicians have similar training in emission related repairs. These changes also bring the recognition criteria in line with Wisconsin Administrative Rule.
3. New official ink stamps will improve our repair data recordkeeping.
4. Reformatting of Blue Book will make it a more effective resource for consumers. Only registered shops, actively engaged in emission repairs will be listed.

Vehicles with Known Readiness Issues

From EPA OBD Guidance Document 420-R-01-015 , Colorado State University-NCVECS and Maryland Department of the Environment "RepairCARE" newsletter, December 2002 issue.

[1996 Chrysler vehicles](#) - Vehicles may clear readiness monitors at key off. If monitors are found to be "not ready," they should be referred to a qualified service provider so the OBD software can be updated.

[1996-1998 Mitsubishi vehicles](#) - These vehicles may have a high degree of "not ready" for the catalyst monitor. See Technical Service Bulletin #00-13-005 for drive cycle information.

[1996-1997 Nissan vehicles](#) - These vehicles may have a high degree of "not ready" for catalyst and evaporative monitors. See Nissan Technical Service Bulletin #NTB98-018 for drive cycle information.

[1996-1998 Saab vehicles](#) - These vehicles may have a high degree of "not ready" for catalyst and evaporative monitors. See Technical Service Bulletin #248-9037 for drive cycle information.

[1997 Toyota Tercel and Paseo](#) - Vehicles will never set the evaporative monitor to "ready." At this time, no fix is available.

[1996 Volvo 850 Turbo](#) - Vehicles will clear emissions at key off. At this time, no fix is available.

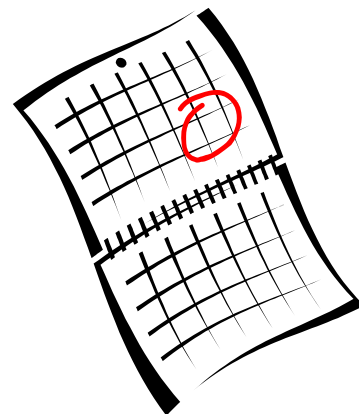
[1996-1998 Volvo vehicles \(excluding 850 Turbo\)](#) - These vehicles may have a higher degree of "not ready" for catalyst and evaporative monitors. See Technical Service Bulletin #SB 2-23-0056 for drive cycle information.

[Certain 1999 3.8L General Motors vehicles](#) - Vehicles report the continuous monitors as "unsupported", rather than ready.

Stations Closed For Holiday Observations

All Wisconsin Vehicle Inspection Stations will be closed on the following days for the holiday observances:

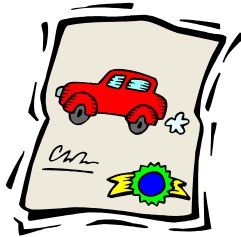
Thursday, November 27, 2003	Thanksgiving Day
Wednesday, December 24, 2003	Christmas Eve Day
Thursday, December 25, 2003	Christmas Day
Wednesday, December 31, 2003	New Years Eve Day
Thursday, January 1, 2004	New Years Day
Monday, January 19, 2004	Martin Luther King Day



Stations are typically very busy the day after a holiday. Please pass on to your customers that they may want to wait a few days after a holiday to encounter shorter wait times.

Training Classes

As an ongoing service to the repair industry, The WIVIP Analyzer will publish a list of private and public training centers that offer courses in automotive repair technology.



The following is just a sampling of training courses available to you. The WIVIP Analyzer is not recommending any specific course and would encourage you to contact us at 414-266-1080 if you are aware of other training opportunities.

WISETECH PROVIDERS

Waukesha County Technical College
800 Main Street
Pewaukee, WI 53072
262/691-5465

James Eden, Chrm Auto Program
Milwaukee Area Technical College
5555 West Highland Road
Mequon, WI 53092
262/242-6500 ext. 364

Gateway Technical College
Racine Campus
1001 South Main Street
262/619-6492

Jim Frantz
Lakeshore Technical College
1290 North Avenue
Cleveland, WI 53015-9761
920/458-4183

Other Training

Tim Houghtaling
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800/450-0402

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Wells Manufacturing Corporation
920/929-6258
Technician Hotline (Free)
1-800-558-9770 Press 3

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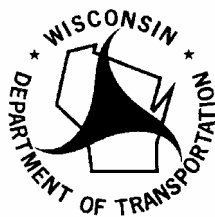
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