

So, your vehicle is “not ready” for an OBD Test. What now?

Why your vehicle may not be “ready”:

Your vehicle's On-Board Diagnostic (OBD) computer reviews the status of the emission systems within the vehicle. During certain repair procedures, the status of these emission systems is reset by the repair technician. The status of the emission systems may also be reset by disconnecting the battery. After being reset, the emission systems on your vehicle will have a “not ready” status.

Why your vehicle could not be tested:

Vehicles from model years 1996 through and including 2000 cannot be tested if presented for a test with more than two (2) emission systems reporting “not ready”. Vehicles from model years 2001 and newer cannot be tested if presented for a test with more than one (1) emission systems reporting “not ready”.

What is a Monitor?

A Monitor is a test run by the vehicles computer on components and subsystems to see if they are working properly.

How the status of your vehicle's emission systems becomes “ready” again:

Driving the vehicle in a normal fashion may allow your vehicle's to become “ready”. However, for certain emission systems and certain vehicles, the status returns to “ready” only after driving the vehicle a specific way. This specific “drive cycle” is determined by the manufacturer. Speak to your repair technician regarding this drive cycle and what you or your repair technician should do to prepare for your retest.

If you perform your own repairs and do not have a scan tool, you should drive the vehicle in a “normal” fashion for up to a week. This “normal” driving should include both “stop-and-go” driving as well as cruising speed driving. You are entitled to one free test within 60 days of every paid test, until your vehicle passes the inspection.

I have driven the “drive cycle” repeatedly and my system still won't set to “ready”: Your vehicle may have an existing problem which prevents the system from resetting. Several problems can cause this to happen, for example: If the vehicle is not running at the **correct operating temperature**, either too cold or too hot (incorrect or bad thermostat, cooling fans on all the time or not working at all, other cooling system problems) the system will not run. **Electrical problems**, if the computer is losing power when the ignition is turned off (blown fuse, wiring problem, or has an internal computer problem) the computers memory is erased and system will be “not ready”.