Clean Truck Check

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) Clean Truck Check (CTC) program is part of California's comprehensive strategy to address air pollution and public health concerns associated with greenhouse gas emissions from the operation of Medium and Heavy Duty vehicles. By enforcing strict emission standards and regular inspections, the program aims to reduce the environmental impact of heavy-duty trucks and improve air quality for residents of California. The program combines periodic vehicle testing requirements with other emissions monitoring techniques and expanded enforcement strategies to identify vehicles in need of emissions related repairs and ensure any needed repairs are performed.

Applicability: Vehicles over 14,000 GVWR, non-gasoline powered and EVs, operating on CA roads.

Cost: $30 per vehicle annually.

Regular Inspections: Inspections may include checks of the vehicle's emission control systems, exhaust systems, and overall maintenance records.

Testing: Trucks may undergo emissions testing to measure pollutants such as nitrogen oxides (NOx) and particulate matter (PM). Compliance testing must be performed by a CARB credentialed tester.

Maintenance: Truck owners and operators must maintain their vehicles to ensure they meet CARB's emissions standards.

Compliance Deadlines: Deadlines vary depending on where the vehicle is registered. If any subject truck is equipped with CA issued plates, the compliance deadlines are defined by registration expiration. For trucks registered in a jurisdiction outside of CA (e.g., IRP/apportioned plating), the compliance deadlines vary depending on the last number of any subject VIN.

Penalties for Non-Compliance: Trucks that fail to meet the required emissions standards or do not pass inspections may face fines, penalties, or restrictions on their operations within California. If a non-compliant truck is registered in CA, the registration will not be renewed until CTC compliance is achieved (e.g., ensuring qualifying vehicles are added to your CTC account, payment of $30 annual fee, proof of passing test, etc.).

Reporting: Fleet owners/operators are required to report the compliance status of their trucks to CARB.

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January 2023

High-emitter vehicle screening

Flagged vehicles must submit passing vehicle compliance test within 30 days of notification

Oct 2023–Jan 2024

Complete fleet and vehicle reporting requirements

Pay 2023 vehicle compliance fees

July 1–Dec 2024

Resolve all vehicle enforcement holds

Pay 2024 vehicle compliance fees

Check reporting database for vehicle's specific deadline dates

Jan 1–June 30, 2025

Successful completion of periodic vehicle compliance test

The deadline for vehicles subject to annual compliance requirements is Jan 1–Dec 31, 2025

Submit passing emissions test up to 90 days before vehicle's compliance deadline

General Timing Considerations

Action	Deadline	Additional Information
Update CTC online after purchase/sale	Within 30 days	
Periodic testing requirements	July 1, 2024	Submit tests up to 90 days prior
Semi-annual requirement	Beginning in 2025	Twice a year, every 6 months

2024 California Registered Fleet Deadlines

Registration Expiry Month	Test Submission Window	No Later Than Date
January	April 2 – July 31	July 31
February	May 1 – August 31	August 31
March	June 1 – September 30	September 30
April	July 1 – October 31	October 31
May	September 1 – November 30	November 30
June	October 1 – December 31	December 31
July	May 2 – July 31	July 31
August	June 1 – August 31	August 31
September	July 1 – September 30	September 30
October	August 1- October 31	October 31
November	September 1 – November 30	November 30
December	October 1 – December 31	December 31

California Travels but Registered in a Different State

VIN Ending	Test Submission Window
0 or 6	August 1 – October 31
1 or 7	September 1 – November 30
2 or 8	October 1 – December 31
3 or 9	May 2 – July 31
4	June 1 – August 31
5	July 1 – September 30

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