

UTAH COUNTY TECHNICAL BULLETIN

January, 2009-1



2009 COUNTY HOLIDAYS -office closures-

This year there's a slight change in the County Holidays. Our office will be open Monday October 12th (Columbus Day) but will be closed Friday November 27th (the day after Thanksgiving). Please take note of the holiday closures and plan ahead to prevent running out of certificates.

<u>Holiday</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>
New Year's Day	January 1	Thursday
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	January 19	Monday
Presidents' Day	February 16	Monday
Memorial Day	May 25	Monday
Independence Day	July 3	Friday
Pioneer Day	July 24	Friday
Labor Day	September 7	Monday
Veterans Day	November 11	Wednesday
Thanksgiving Day	November 26	Thursday
Day after Thanksgiving	November 27	Friday
Christmas	December 25	Friday

2009 CLASS SCHEDULE

The following is a tentative schedule for 2009 course dates. Classes will normally be limited to 9 students and may be canceled if less than 5 students are enrolled.

January 5-12	February 9-13, 17	March 16-23
April 13-20	May 11-18	June 15-22
July 13-20	August 10-17	September 14-21
October 12-19	November 16-23	December 14-21

TESTING 2005+ CNG VEHICLES

In Tech Bulletin 2008-2 we discussed testing 2004 and older CNG vehicles using bypass code 201. This procedure still applies but may not be used on 2005 and newer vehicles.

Federal law requires all CNG vehicles model year 2005 and newer to be 100% OBDII compliant. Only EPA or CARB certified conversions may be performed on these vehicles. Installing a non-certified conversion kit on one of these vehicles violates the Clean Air Act and is considered tampering.

An inspector may verify a certified conversion by the supplemental emission control label that the installer is required to permanently affix near the original emission decal. This decal will verify that the vehicle complies with federal emission requirements, as well as identify the vehicle's model year and engine family, who the conversion was performed by and what fuel the vehicle was converted to use. Factory CNG vehicles may only have one emission label but it will identify the vehicle as CNG and conforming to USEPA OBDII emission requirements. If no label is present an EPA certificate of conformity or CARB

executive order letter clearly matching the vehicle may be substituted. If no documentation is provided by the vehicle owner the vehicle should be failed for **ALL** visual tampering components on the inspection report and referred to the technical center.

We are more than willing to assist the vehicle owner in locating copies of the conversion documentation if it exists. However, there will be no alternative test procedures for these vehicles and there will be no waivers granted to non certified vehicles.

**Inspection Requirements - Gas Vehicles					
Renewal for 2008			Renewal for 2009		
Vehicle Model Year	Safety Inspection	Emissions Inspection	Vehicle Model Year	Safety Inspection	Emissions Inspection
2008	*Yes	*Yes	2009	*Yes	*Yes
2007	No	No	2008	No	No
2006	Yes	Yes	2007	Yes	Yes
2005	No	No	2006	No	No
2004	Yes	Yes	2005	Yes	Yes
2003	No	No	2004	No	No
2002	Yes	Yes	2003	Yes	Yes
2001	No	Yes	2002	No	Yes
2000 older	Yes	Yes	2001 older	Yes	Yes

* 1st year exemption with MSO. Inspection required with change of ownership.

** Emissions & Safety Inspection required for first time registration of a **Salvage Title Vehicle**

TECH TIP # VE0047

VIN numbers on 2010 + models

It's 2009 already and the 2010 model vehicles will be released before we know it. Some technicians have asked how the 2010 models will be identified by VIN. The vehicle identification number will remain a 17 character unique identifier for all vehicles. The 10th character will continue to identify the model year but will change to an alpha character for 2010.

Besides the three letters that are not allowed in the VIN itself (I, O and Q), the letters U and Z and the digit 0 are not used for the year code. Therefore, A = 2010, B = 2011, C = 2012, etc. The VIN check digit will help differentiate a 2010 model from a 1980 model which both use an "A" for model year designation.