

“RPM” means revolutions per minute.

“Smoke” means small gasborne and airborne particles, exclusive of water vapor, arising from a process of combustion in sufficient number to be observable.

“Tier 1 Standards” means standards for LDGTs and LDGVs of model years 1994 and later, prescribed at section 202(g) of the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C.A. 7521(g).

“Ultimate purchaser” means any person, other than a motor vehicle dealer purchasing in his capacity as a motor vehicle dealer, who in good faith purchases a motor vehicle for purposes other than for resale as a motor vehicle dealer.

“Vehicle curb weight” means the actual weight of a motor vehicle in operational status or the weight given by the manufacturer for such a motor vehicle. Such weight shall include the weight of all standard equipment, of the fuel at nominal tank capacity, and of optional equipment computed in accordance with 40 CFR section 86.082-24. This term, with respect to an incomplete light-duty gasoline truck, shall be the weight given by the manufacturer for such a truck.

Amended by R.1985 d.1, effective January 21, 1985 (operative July 1, 1985).

See: 16 N.J.R. 2889, 17 N.J.R. 189(b).

Administrative Corrections.

See: 23 N.J.R. 1432(d).

Emergency Amendment R.1995 d.409, effective June 29, 1995 (expires August 28, 1995).

See: 27 N.J.R. 2752(a).

Adopted concurrent proposal, R.1995 d.527, effective August 28, 1995, (operative October 27, 1995).

See: 27 N.J.R. 2752(a), 27 N.J.R. 3806(a).

Provisions of R.1995 d.409 readopted, with changes effective October 2, 1995.

Amended by R.1996 d.302, effective July 1, 1996 (operative July 30, 1996).

See: 28 N.J.R. 138(a), 28 N.J.R. 3413(a).

Amended “Quasi-public property”.

Amended by R.1997 d.283, effective July 7, 1997 (operative August 11, 1997).

See: 29 N.J.R. 726(a), 29 N.J.R. 2826(b).

Amended “Gasoline-fueled”, “Heavy-duty gasoline-fueled vehicle”, “Hydrocarbons (HC)”, and “Motor vehicle emission testing equipment”; and added “Idle”.

7:27-15.2 Applicability

(a) Except as provided in (b) and (c) below, this subchapter applies to all light-duty gasoline-fueled vehicles, light-duty gasoline-fueled trucks and heavy-duty gasoline-fueled vehicles.

(b) This subchapter does not apply to:

1. Motor vehicles operated solely on diesel fuel; and
2. Motorcycles.

(c) N.J.A.C. 7:27-15.3, 15.4, 15.5 and 15.6 apply only to those light-duty gasoline-fueled vehicles, light-duty gasoline-fueled trucks and heavy-duty gasoline-fueled vehicles that are subject to inspection in accordance with N.J.S.A. 39:8.

(d) This subchapter shall apply to any person and the United States, all political subdivisions of the United States, and any agencies or instrumentalities thereof.

Emergency New Rule, R.1995 d.409, effective June 29, 1995 (expires August 28, 1995).

See: 27 N.J.R. 2752(a).

Adopted Concurrent Proposal, R.1995 d.527, effective August 28, 1995 (operative October 27, 1995).

See: 27 N.J.R. 2752(a), 27 N.J.R. 3806(a).

7:27-15.3 General public highway standards

(a) No owner or operator of a gasoline-fueled motor vehicle shall cause, suffer, allow or permit the operation of the motor vehicle upon the public roads, streets or highways of the State or any public or quasi-public property in the State if the vehicle emits visible smoke in the exhaust emissions or in the crankcase emissions for a period in excess of three consecutive seconds.

(b) No owner or operator of a gasoline-fueled motor vehicle shall cause, suffer, allow or permit the operation of the motor vehicle upon the public roads, streets, or highways of the State, or any public or quasi-public property in the State, if the vehicle emits hydrocarbons (HC), carbon monoxide (CO), or oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) in the exhaust emissions in excess of any applicable standards set forth at N.J.A.C. 7:27-15.6(b).

(c) No owner or operator of a gasoline-fueled motor vehicle shall cause, suffer, allow or permit the operation of the motor vehicle upon the public roads, streets or highways of the State or any public or quasi-public property in the State if the motor vehicle does not satisfy and pass all applicable motor vehicle inspection testing requirements at N.J.A.C. 7:27-15.5 unless the motor vehicle has been issued a waiver in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:20-43.13.

(d) No owner or operator of a gasoline-fueled motor vehicle shall cause, suffer, allow or permit the operation of the motor vehicle upon the public roads, streets or highways of the State or any public or quasi-public property in the State if the motor vehicle is a 1968 or later model year vehicle (or, if the vehicle was originally sold in California, a 1966 or later model year vehicle), and the motor vehicle is not certified by either of the following agencies as meeting the applicable emission standards for motor vehicles manufactured in the model years listed below:

1. EPA for model years 1968 and later; or
2. CARB for model year 1966 and later motor vehicles originally sold in California.

Amended by R.1985 d.1, effective January 21, 1985 (operative July 1, 1985).

See: 16 N.J.R. 2889, 17 N.J.R. 189(b).

Section substantially amended.

Emergency recodification from 7:27-15.2 and amendment R.1995 d.409, effective June 29, 1995 (expires August 28, 1995).

See: 27 N.J.R. 2752(a).

Adopted Concurrent Proposal, R.1995 d.527, effective August 28, 1995 (operative October 27, 1995).
See: 27 N.J.R. 2752(a), 27 N.J.R. 3806(a).

7:27-15.4 New motor vehicle dealer inspections

(a) A new motor vehicle dealer shall ensure that, prior to delivery by the new motor vehicle dealer to the ultimate purchaser, any gasoline-fueled new motor vehicle subject to this subchapter pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:27-15.2 conforms to the emission specifications prescribed by the manufacturer for the new motor vehicle. These specifications may be prescribed by the manufacturer in the new motor vehicle predelivery check list provided for the dealer's use in assuring proper functioning of the vehicle emission control apparatus.

(b) Whenever applicable emission specifications are not prescribed by the manufacturer, the inspection standards as set forth in N.J.A.C. 7:27-15.6(b) shall apply to the new motor vehicle.

Amended by R.1985 d.1, effective January 21, 1985 (operative July 1, 1985).

See: 16 N.J.R. 2889, 17 N.J.R. 189(b).

Section substantially amended.

Emergency recodification from 7:27-15.3 and amendment R.1995 d.409, effective June 29, 1995 (expires August 28, 1995).

See: 27 N.J.R. 2752(a).

Adopted Concurrent Proposal, R.1995 d.527, effective August 28, 1995 (operative October 27, 1995).

See: 27 N.J.R. 2752(a), 27 N.J.R. 3806(a).

7:27-15.5 Motor vehicle inspections

(a) The owner of a motor vehicle subject to this section pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:27-15.2 shall have the motor vehicle periodically inspected in accordance with this section.

(b) The motor vehicle shall be inspected at least once every two years. This biennial inspection shall be deemed an "on-cycle" inspection and shall include an initial inspection, together with any reinspections required pursuant to (h) below. In addition, in accordance with its procedures, the DMV may require the owner of a motor vehicle to have it inspected more frequently than every two years. Such more frequent inspections shall be deemed to be "off-cycle" inspections and shall also include an initial inspection together with any reinspections required pursuant to (h) below.

(c) Initial inspections and reinspections for an on-cycle or an off-cycle inspection shall be performed at either an official inspection facility or at a PIF.

(d) A motor vehicle inspection is not complete until:

1. The motor vehicle passes all of the tests and satisfies all of the requirements, as specified in (f) below, that constitute the emission inspection at an appropriate inspection facility, as specified in (c) above; or

2. The motor vehicle has been issued a waiver in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:20-43.13.

(e) Initial inspections shall be performed without repair or adjustment, other than proper tightening of the gas cap, at the inspection facility, prior to the inspection.

(f) A motor vehicle inspection shall include the following:

1. A visible smoke test conducted in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:27B-4.5(a);

2. Unless the motor vehicle is exempt pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:27-15.6(e) or (f), an exhaust emission test utilizing motor vehicle emission testing equipment approved by the Department. The specific exhaust emission test to be used shall be determined in accordance with (g) below;

3. For all post-1974 model year LDGVs, LDGTs and HDGVs, an emission control apparatus compliance examination conducted in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:27B-4.9;

4. Twelve months after the EPA's interim approval of the Enhanced I/M State Implementation Plan Revision, for all post-1980 model year LDGVs and LDGTs originally equipped with an evaporative emission control system, an evaporative pressure test utilizing motor vehicle emission testing equipment approved by the Department and conducted in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:27B-4.10;

5. Twelve months after the EPA's interim approval of the Enhanced I/M State Implementation Plan Revision, for all post-1980 model year LDGVs and LDGTs originally equipped with an evaporative emission control system, an evaporative purge test utilizing motor vehicle emission testing equipment approved by the Department and conducted in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:27B-4.11, except that those motor vehicles that, in accordance with (g) below, are subject to only the 2500 RPM test as their sole exhaust emission test, shall not be subject to an evaporative purge test;

6. For all LDGVs, LDGTs and HDGVs originally equipped with a sealed fuel filler cap (that is, not a directly vented fuel filler cap), not otherwise subject to an evaporative pressure test pursuant to (f)4, above, a fuel cap leak test utilizing motor vehicle emission testing equipment approved by the Department and conducted in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:27B-4.13;

7. On and after January 1, 1998, for all post-1995 LDGVs and LDGTs, an on-board diagnostics test conducted in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:27B-4.12; and

8. For any motor vehicle that is subject to a recall notice issued to the owner on or after January 1, 1995, pursuant to either a "Voluntary Emissions Recall" as defined at 40 C.F.R. section 85.1902(d) or to a remedial plan determination made pursuant to 42 U.S.C.A. section 7541(c), the provision by the owner of the motor vehicle of documentation that all applicable recall repairs have been completed; provided, however, for any recall notice received fewer than 60 days prior to inspection, provision of this documentation may, instead, be provided at the next scheduled vehicle inspection.

(g) The exhaust emission test to be used pursuant to (f)2 above shall be determined as follows:

1. Except as specified in (g)2 and 3 below, the exhaust emission test procedure to be used shall be as follows:

i. For model year 1980 and older motor vehicles, the exhaust emission test procedure to be used shall be the idle test set forth at N.J.A.C. 7:27B-4.5(b);

ii. For model year 1981 and newer motor vehicles, the exhaust emission test procedure to be used 12 months after the EPA's interim approval of the Enhanced I/M State Implementation Plan Revision shall be the ASM5015 test set forth at N.J.A.C. 7:27B-4.7, except that an inspection performed at a PIF may utilize the IM240 test set forth at N.J.A.C. 7:27B-4.8; and

iii. For model year 1981 and newer motor vehicles, the exhaust emission test procedure to be used until 12 months after the EPA's interim approval of the Enhanced I/M State Implementation Plan Revision shall be the idle test set forth at N.J.A.C. 7:27B-4.5(b).

2. Notwithstanding the provision of (g)1 above, if the motor vehicle has a GVWR in excess of 8,500 pounds, the exhaust emission test procedure to be used shall be the idle test set forth at N.J.A.C. 7:27B-4.5(b).

3. Notwithstanding the provision of (g)1 above, if the motor vehicle is any of the following types, the exhaust emission test procedure to be used 12 months after the EPA's interim approval of the Enhanced I/M State Implementation Plan Revision shall be the 2500 RPM test set forth at N.J.A.C. 7:27B-4.6:

i. Motor vehicles of model year 1981 and newer that employ full-time four-wheel drive; or

ii. Low mileage vehicles of model year 1981 and newer.

(h) The owner of a motor vehicle that fails to pass all of the tests that constitute a motor vehicle inspection pursuant to (f) above shall have it reinspected in accordance with every applicable element of (f) within 30 days. Operation of the motor vehicle upon the public roads, streets or highways of the State or any public or quasi-public property in the State shall be prohibited pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:27-15.3(c) unless, by the 30-day deadline:

1. The motor vehicle passes all of the tests and meets all the requirements that constitute the inspection; or

2. A waiver is issued pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:20-43.13.

(i) An on-road inspection conducted pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:20-43.14 may include the following:

1. A visible smoke test conducted in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:27B-4.5(a);

2. Unless the motor vehicle is exempt pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:27-15.6(e) or (f), an idle test utilizing motor vehicle emission testing equipment approved by the Department and conducted in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:27B-4.5(b);

3. For all post-1974 model year LDGVs, LDGTs and HDGVs, an emission control apparatus compliance examination conducted in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:27B-4.9;

4. Twelve months after the EPA's interim approval of the Enhanced I/M State Implementation Plan Revision, for all post-1980 model year LDGVs and LDGTs originally equipped with an evaporative emission control system, unless the motor vehicle is exempt pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:27-15.6(e) or (f), an evaporative pressure test utilizing motor vehicle emission testing equipment approved by the Department and conducted in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:27B-4.10; and

5. Any other tests deemed appropriate by the Director of the DMV that are directed toward detecting acts of tampering with emission control apparatus specifically prohibited at N.J.A.C. 7:27-15.7(a)1 or toward identifying vehicles operated in violation of N.J.A.C. 7:27-15.3(d). Such tests may include visual or functional checks of emission control apparatus and elements of design.

(j) A motor vehicle inspection test using remote sensing techniques shall include the following:

(Reserved)

(k) Any motor vehicle that fails an on-road inspection conducted pursuant to (i) above or a remote sensing test conducted pursuant to (j) above shall be subject to an off-cycle inspection. An off-cycle inspection shall consist of all test procedures and requirements to which a motor vehicle would normally be subject in accordance with (f) above. If the motor vehicle fails the initial off-cycle inspection, the provisions of (h) above apply.

(l) Each year DMV shall conduct a program evaluation test which shall entail additional testing for at least 0.1 percent of those motor vehicles subject to inspection during that year. The motor vehicles subject to the program evaluation testing shall be selected by the DMV in accordance with its procedures. The program evaluation test shall consist of two IM240 tests performed in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:27B-4.8. The program evaluation test shall be performed after, and in addition to, any other inspection procedures required pursuant to this section. The results of the program evaluation test shall not be used in determining whether a motor vehicle has passed or failed its motor vehicle inspection with regard to exhaust emissions.

Emergency New Rule, R.1995 d.409, effective June 29, 1995 (expires August 28, 1995).

See: 27 N.J.R. 2752(a).

Adopted Concurrent Proposal, R.1995 d.527, effective August 28, 1995, (operative October 27, 1995).

See: 27 N.J.R. 2752(a), 27 N.J.R. 3806(a).
 Provisions of R.1995 d.409 readopted, with changes effective October 2, 1995.
 Amended by R.1997 d.56, effective February 3, 1997 (operative March 8, 1997).

See: 28 N.J.R. 2298(b), 29 N.J.R. 498(a).
 Updated model year references and inserted references to HDGVs and to twelve months after EPA interim approval of plan revisions throughout; substantially amended (c); inserted (f)6 and (f)7 and recodified former (f)6 as (f)8; inserted (g)1iii; and substantially amended (g)2.
 Amended by R.1997 d.283, effective July 7, 1997 (operative August 11, 1997).

See: 29 N.J.R. 726(a), 29 N.J.R. 2826(b).
 Inserted text in (f)7.

7:27-15.6 Motor vehicle inspection standards

(a) Any light-duty gasoline-fueled vehicle, light-duty gasoline-fueled truck or heavy-duty gasoline-fueled vehicle shall not emit visible smoke in the exhaust emissions or in the crankcase emissions for a period in excess of three consecutive seconds when measured using the test procedure established at N.J.A.C. 7:27B-4.5.

(b) Any light-duty gasoline-fueled vehicle, light-duty gasoline-fueled truck or heavy-duty gasoline-fueled vehicle shall not emit carbon monoxide (CO), hydrocarbons (HC), or oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) in the exhaust emissions in excess of the following standards:

1. If, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.A.C. 7:27-15.5(g), a motor vehicle is tested using the idle test, the motor vehicle shall be subject to the exhaust emission standards set forth in Table 1 below. Compliance with these standards shall be determined in accordance with the inspection test procedure at N.J.A.C. 7:27B-4.5;

TABLE 1
EXHAUST EMISSION STANDARDS
FOR THE IDLE TEST
LDGVs and LDGTs Powered by Gasoline

Model Year	CO (% by volume)	HC (ppm as hexane)
Pre-1968	8.5	1400
1968-1970	7.0	700
1971-1974	5.0	500
1975-1980	3.0	300
1981 & Later	1.2	220

LDGVs and LDGTs Powered by a Fuel Other Than Gasoline
 (Reserved)

HDGVs Powered by Gasoline

Model Year	CO (% by volume)	HC (ppm as hexane)
Pre-1968	8.5	1400
1968-1970	8.5	1200
1971-1974	6.0	700
1975-1978	4.0	500
1979 & Later	3.0	300

HDGVs Powered by a Fuel Other Than Gasoline

(Reserved)

2. If, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.A.C. 7:27-15.5(g), a motor vehicle is tested using the 2500 RPM test, the motor vehicle shall be subject to the applicable exhaust emission standards set forth in Table 2 below. Compliance with these standards shall be determined in accordance with the inspection test procedure at N.J.A.C. 7:27B-4.6;

3. If, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.A.C. 7:27-15.5(g), a motor vehicle is tested using the ASM5015 test, the motor vehicle shall be subject to the applicable exhaust emission standards set forth in Table 3 below. Compliance with these standards shall be determined in accordance with the inspection test procedure at N.J.A.C. 7:27B-4.7; or

4. If, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.A.C. 7:27-15.5(g), a motor vehicle is tested using the IM240 test, the motor vehicle shall be subject to the applicable exhaust emission standards set forth in Table 4 below. Compliance with these standards shall be determined in accordance with the inspection test procedure at N.J.A.C. 7:27B-4.8.

TABLE 2
EXHAUST EMISSION STANDARDS
FOR THE 2500 RPM TEST
LDGVs and LDGTs Powered by Gasoline

Model Year	CO (% by volume)	HC (ppm as hexane)
1981 & Later	0.5	100

LDGVs and LDGTs Powered by a Fuel Other Than Gasoline

(Reserved)

TABLE 3
EXHAUST EMISSION STANDARDS

FOR THE ASM5015 TEST

LDGVs Powered by Gasoline

(Effective through December 31, 1999)

Model Years	HC [†]	CO [†]	NO _x [†]
1981-1982	4	13	19
1983-1990	4	11	19
1991-1995	2	10	18
1994+ Tier 1	1	9	17

[†] The numbers given in this column refer to the appropriate column number in Table 5 below, which contains the actual exhaust emission standards.

LDGVs Powered by a Fuel other than Gasoline
(Effective through December 31, 1999)
(Reserved)

LDGT1s Powered by Gasoline
(Effective through December 31, 1999)

† The numbers given in this column refer to the appropriate column number in Table 5 below, which contains the actual exhaust emission standards.

<u>Model Years</u>	<u>HC†</u>	<u>CO†</u>	<u>NO_x†</u>
1981-1983	8	16	24
1984-1987	6	15	24
1988-1990	6	15	20
1991-1995	5	13	19
1994+ Tier 1			
(≤3750 LVW)	1	9	17
(>3750 LVW)	2	10	18