



## Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program

# REPAIRCARE

### Warranties for a Vehicle's Emission Control System

In an effort to keep CERFs and MCETs updated on federal regulations concerning vehicle emissions, MDE is forwarding information regarding vehicle emission warranties.

Extended warranty coverage for a vehicle's emissions control system is a benefit for the motorists covered by the Maryland Vehicle Emission Inspection Program. The federal EPA requires vehicle manufacturers to honor two types of emission control system warranties on 1995 and newer vehicles. These warranties are: 1) Performance Warranty and 2) Design and Defect Warranty. These warranties only apply to vehicles that are registered in a state with a federally approved emission inspection/maintenance program that require repairs to be made to a vehicle that fails that test, such as Maryland.

A brief summary of the two warranties is given below. The complete EPA warranty document for 1995 and newer vehicles is available for viewing on MDE's VEIP repair industry webpage. Click the following link to be taken to the webpage. [VEIP repair industry webpage](#). If you do not have internet access please call us at (410) 537-3270 to request a copy of the document. This EPA document lists some of the emission control system components covered by these warranties. Please consult the owner's manual or warranty booklet to verify which emission control system components are covered by these warranties. These books will also provide guidance on the procedures for obtaining warranty coverage.

#### 1. Performance Warranty

- a. Covers any repair or adjustment for the first 2 years or 24,000 miles which is necessary to make a vehicle pass an approved, locally-required emission test. A vehicle will be covered as long as it has not exceeded the warranty time or mileage and has been properly maintained according to the manufacturer specifications.
- b. Specified major emission control components are covered for the first 8 years or 80,000 miles. A vehicle will be covered as long as it has not exceeded the warranty time or mileage and has been properly maintained according to the manufacturer specifications.

#### 2. Design & Defect Warranty

- a. Covers repair of emission related parts that become defective during the warranty period.
- b. Has the same coverage periods as the Performance Warranty
  - i. Emission control and emission related parts for the first 2 years or 24,000 miles
  - ii. Specified major emission control components are covered for the first 8 years or 80,000 miles.
- c. An emission control or emission related part, or a specified major emission control component, that fails because of a defect in materials or workmanship, must be repaired or replaced by the vehicle manufacturer free of charge as long as the vehicle has not exceeded the warranty time or mileage limitations for the failed part.