

INSPECTION STATION RESPONSIBILITIES

An automotive service facility assumes a new character and added responsibility by choosing to become licensed as an inspection station. The station is no longer just a private firm, operated as the owner desires, but has assumed another role as an agent for the State of Missouri. The business owner(s) and inspection personnel must comply with the vehicle inspection law and all inspection regulations. The responsibility of an inspection station operator is great because the station must inspect every vehicle in accordance with the inspection regulations.

It also means the station's business doors have been opened to supervision by the Missouri State Highway Patrol. We must emphasize that supervision will be strict, fair and uniform. Once you are licensed as an inspection station, you are under supervision by personnel of the Missouri State Highway Patrol while conducting your inspection duties. You should know that any officer of the Missouri State Highway Patrol or any motor vehicle inspector may enter your premises at any time during regu-

lar business hours to examine inspection records, inspection equipment, investigate complaints, and other items connected with Motor Vehicle Inspection.

The officer or motor vehicle inspector will also visit with the station operator and at least one inspector/mechanic to discuss problems, inspection procedures, and provide assistance with motor vehicle inspection. It is essential that station personnel be available and provide full cooperation during these visits. If problems regarding motor vehicle inspection exist, they can be mutually resolved at this time. If you have any reservations about accepting the responsibility of an inspection station operator or an inspector/mechanic, we suggest that you **not** apply for an inspection license. If you choose to accept this responsibility, you will be expected to work closely with the motor vehicle inspector who is assigned to supervise your station and enthusiastically assist the Missouri State Highway Patrol in detecting unsafe vehicle conditions through the motor vehicle inspection program.

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INSPECTION STATION REQUIREMENTS

Stations must comply with the following requirements before an application will be approved.

1. Personnel
 - a. Public stations must have at least one licensed inspector/mechanic available at the station for inspection purposes eight hours per day, five days per week. The person in charge of inspection will be present at the inspection station during the hours of inspection, except for short periods of time, such as illness or annual vacation.
 - b. Public stations must inspect a vehicle within a two (2) hour period after being presented, unless other vehicles are being inspected.
 - c. Public stations must reinspect a vehicle within one (1) hour.
2. Equipment (must be located at or near inspection area)
 - a. Brake performance - decelerometer, brake machine or substitute road test.
 - b. Brake lining gauges which measure in fractions of an inch.
 - 1) Bonded lining gauge
 - 2) Riveted lining gauge
 - 3) Disc brake pad gauge
 - c. Ball joint gauge
 - d. Lift and/or jack
 - e. Scraper, to remove old inspection stickers or decals
 - f. Six foot tape measure (minimum)
 - g. Paper punch, to validate inspection stickers and decals
 - h. Heavy duty stapler
 - i. The station permit, inspector mechanic permit and Hours of Operation Chart (MVI-6), must be framed and under clean glass. These items must be displayed in a conspicuous location discernible to those presenting vehicles for inspections.
 - 1) One 11" x 17" for MVI-6
 - 2) Two or more 8 1/2" x 11" (one for the station license and one for each inspector/mechanic's license)
3. Facilities
 - a. Storage space, to be locked, for safeguarding inspection supplies.
 - b. Inside inspection area of sufficient length and width to accommodate a full size domestic vehicle.