

State of New Hampshire
Department of Safety - Division of Motor Vehicles
Official Inspection Station Rules

- Inspection rules mailed to licensed inspection stations on/around 9/4/2007
- Rules effective 7/22/2007
- Rules updated every seven years
- Most changes are structural (bulleted/itemized vs. sentence format)
- **Bolded terms are NHADA highlights to significant change**
- *Italicized sections are NHADA comments*
- **This summary is not to be considered inclusive of all changes in the rules**

Major Changes:

- Saf-C 3212.02 Brakes.
 - (a) A vehicle shall be rejected if:
 - (7) Bonded linings on brake shoes or pads are less than **2/32** inch thick, when measured at the thinnest point;
 - (9) Riveted linings on the brake shoes or disc brake pads are worn to within **2/32** inch of any rivet head;
- Saf-C 3215.04 Lamp Function.
 - (a) A vehicle shall be rejected if:
 - (5) Any lamp shows a color inconsistent with the following:
 - b. **Colored headlamps, covers or tinted lenses shall not be permitted;**
- Saf-C 3209.01 Ordering Stickers.
 - (a) All stickers shall be ordered, in writing, on form DSMV 142, or similar form. **Electronic requests** shall be accepted as long as the request contains the signature of a person authorized to order stickers.
- Saf-C 3245.11 Replacement by Official Inspection Station.
 - (c) No safety inspection of the vehicle shall be made when issuing a replacement sticker and the charge for issuance shall not exceed **\$2.50**.
- Saf-C 3215.02 Emergency Lights. ▪ Saf-C 3215.03 Warning Lights.
 - *Lengthy section - establishes rules for emergency and warning lights, defines differences between them, light colors and positions, and establishes a permit system for warning lights.*
 - *NHADA will provide further clarification on this issue as it evolves.*
- Saf-C 3205.03 Attendance at Inspection School.
 - (b) In the event a mechanic is deficient in any area necessary to the completion of an inspection, the director shall require the mechanic to undergo **re-training** at the monthly inspection school.

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▪ Saf-C 3205.04 Mechanic Field Test.

(c) Any mechanic who has **not conducted inspections for a period longer than one year shall:**

(1) **Attend the inspection school** pursuant to Saf-C 3205.03; and

(2) Meet the requirements of (b) above. [(b) The person shall demonstrate his/her ability to inspect a motor vehicle based upon the inspection criteria contained in these rules.]

▪ Saf-C 3207.01 Days and Hours of Operation.

(a) For the purposes of this section, “regular business hours” means the days and hours that an inspection station is open to conduct inspections.

(b) Each inspection station shall set forth its regular business hours on form DSMV 24. The inspection station owner shall **promptly inform the department, in writing, of any changes** in its regular business hours.

(c) An inspection station that will be **temporarily closed** for inspections for longer than one consecutive week at a time, shall notify the department, in writing, no later than 30 days prior to the date of temporary closure.

(d) An inspection station closed pursuant to (c) above, shall inform the department of the **name and telephone number of at least one person who will be available during the period of closure** for the department to contact, in the event it is necessary to do so.

▪ Saf-C 3247.04 Rejection Slips.

(a) In the event a vehicle is rejected, the mechanic shall complete form DSMV 27. The form shall be retained until the tenth day of the month following the month that the vehicle was rejected.

(b) The mechanic shall furnish the following to the department on **form DSMV 27 or electronically:**

(1) Inspection station name and certification number;

(2) Mechanic’s name and certification number;

(3) The vehicle’s:

a. Year of manufacture;

b. Make;

c. Registration plate number;

(4) Owner’s name and address; and

(5) Reasons for rejection(s), including specific measurements, if applicable;

(6) Date of inspection; and

(7) Mechanic’s signature.

The new inspection station rules can be viewed at www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rules/saf-c3200.html

Questions can be referred to the Department of Safety, Division of Motor Vehicles (603) 271-3339, or contact Dan Bennett of NHADA at (800) 852-3372.