

# RepairWatch

# PUBLIC REPORT

A quarterly repair effectiveness report from  
Georgia's Clean Air Force (GCAF)



Repair facility listings for  
the metro Atlanta area



DO NOT REMOVE FROM  
STATION

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# What is the Repair*Watch* Public Report?

The Repair*Watch* Public Report is compiled by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) and Georgia's Clean Air Force (GCAF). This report is produced quarterly and covers the reporting period of October 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024.

Repair*Watch* is a repair effectiveness program developed to meet requirements of the Federal Clean Air Act and to assist vehicle owners with identifying effective emissions repair facilities. The Repair*Watch* Public Report can be used by vehicle owners as a guide for locating emissions repair facilities meeting the established criteria.

All state-certified emissions inspection stations are required to have the Repair*Watch* Public Report available as a source of information for the public. Each inspection station and repair facility will receive one copy of the report. Additional copies may be printed from our website at [www.CleanAirForce.com](http://www.CleanAirForce.com).

The Repair*Watch* Public Report includes repair facilities meeting all of the following criteria during the report period:

- Completed 12 or more emissions-related repairs within the designated six month reporting period;
- Initial retest passage rates were 80 percent or better; and
- Vehicles received all recommended emissions-related repairs.

The report is developed by collecting and analyzing emissions-related repairs and retest results. Repair and retest information in the report is compiled according to the repair facility phone number entered on the Emission Repair Form and indicates which repair facility was associated with specific vehicle repairs. The information on the Emission Repair Form is entered into a database by the emissions inspector at the time of the first after-repairs retest.

**Remember:** It remains your right and responsibility as a consumer to evaluate and choose a repair facility. GCAF recommends calling your repair facility for more information prior to taking your vehicle there.

This report is not intended as a recommendation or endorsement by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) or their Management Contractor of the facilities included herein. This report is intended only as an information source to help vehicle owners locate repair facilities conducting emissions-related repairs. Inclusion in this report does not signify that these repair facilities possess particular repair skills or that they are the only such facilities qualified to make emissions-related repairs. Rather, the facilities included in the report are those facilities that have made emissions-related repairs within the six month reporting period on at least 12 vehicles that failed their initial emissions inspection, and those vehicles had all recommended emissions related repairs made prior to the first retest. Additionally, because of the nature of the information included in the report and the manner in which it is compiled, EPD and their Management Contractor make no representations as to and do not warrant its accuracy.

## My vehicle did not pass inspection... **WHAT SHOULD I DO?**

### **MY VEHICLE IS “NOT READY”**

A vehicle’s on-board diagnostic (OBD) computer may indicate “Not Ready” as a result of recent maintenance or if the vehicle’s battery has recently been replaced or disconnected. No repairs or diagnostic analysis may be needed if a vehicle fails the initial inspection due to being “Not Ready.”

### **GCAF SUGGESTS THESE OPTIONS TO “READY” THE OBD COMPUTER:**

- 1) Drive your vehicle for one to two weeks under normal conditions, including some highway driving.
- 2) Contact your vehicle manufacturer or repair technician and inquire about recalls, manufacturer applied extended warranties and technical service bulletins (TSBs) regarding the emissions control system (research by your vehicle identification number - VIN).
- 3) Make sure all thermostats and fuses are working properly.
- 4) If your vehicle has had an after-market system (i.e. radio, CD player, security system, navigation system, or satellite radio) installed, make sure the wiring is not interfering with connection to the vehicle’s computer or battery system.
- 5) Federal law requires the OBD computer and catalytic converter on 1995 and newer vehicles be warranted by the manufacturer for eight years or 80,000 miles.
- 6) Have a diagnostic analysis performed using an OBD generic scan tool; connect to the data link connector (DLC) under the dash, not under the hood.
- 7) If emissions-related repairs meet or exceed \$1,111 for 2024 registration, you may qualify for a Repair Waiver. See Repair Waiver Requirements below.
- 8) Return to the original inspection station for a free retest within 30 calendar days of the initial inspection (30 calendar days includes the day of your initial inspection and expires at the time of day of the original inspection).

### **MY “CHECK ENGINE” LIGHT IS ON**

- Your vehicle inspection report (VIR) will list diagnostic trouble codes (DTCs) that indicate the general area of the emissions control systems that fail inspection. Along with a diagnostic analysis, DTCs help the technician determine what repairs are necessary. *Ask for an estimate and understand what work will be performed prior to authorizing repairs. Also, ask if the repairs are covered under warranty.*
- Your VIR is not intended to be a diagnostic test; it is designed to let you know if you passed or why you failed. The OBDII system is designed to indicate out of limit emissions, not diagnose specific failures. Professional diagnostics should be performed by a qualified automotive specialist prior to repairs being attempted.

- The “Check Engine” light may illuminate indicating something as minor as a loose fuel cap or a major emissions control component failure.
- If a DTC listed on the VIR indicates a fault with the vehicle’s evaporative system, try tightening the fuel cap until it clicks, then drive the vehicle for a few days to see if the OBD system turns the light off.
- A transmission code that turns the “Check Engine” light on is directly related to the vehicle’s emissions control system. A vehicle’s onboard computer will illuminate the “Check Engine” light if a problem with the transmission is detected. A diagnostic analysis will help identify the transmission component(s) that need repair. A transmission malfunction can indeed prevent a vehicle from running efficiently, thereby increasing emissions above the federal certification limits while driving.
- If the “Check Engine” light remains on, you will need to have the problem properly diagnosed and your vehicle repaired prior to retest. The retest is free if you return to the original inspection station within 30 calendar days (30 calendar days includes the day of the initial inspection and expires at the time of day of the original inspection).
- Make sure to allow ample driving time after repairs for the vehicle to complete its drive cycle and the OBD computer to become “Ready” for testing (one to two weeks, including some highway driving).
- Motorists should beware of offers to turn the “Check Engine” light off in an attempt to pass the OBD test without making repairs. If the light has been turned off without making necessary emissions-related repairs, it will come back on and the vehicle will fail the test or the VIR will read “Fail” for being “Not Ready.”
- If the “Check Engine” light is flashing, service your vehicle immediately to avoid costly damage of your vehicle’s main emissions control component – the catalytic converter. Refer to your owner’s manual if you see a flashing light.
- Contact your vehicle manufacturer or repair technician and inquire about recalls, manufacturer applied extended warranties, and technical service bulletins (TSBs) regarding the emissions control system (research by your VIN).
- If emissions-related repairs meet or exceed \$1,111 for 2024 registration, you may qualify for a Repair Waiver. See Repair Waiver Requirements below.

## **MY VEHICLE “DID NOT COMMUNICATE”**

- The inspector should attempt to test the vehicle several times.
- Verify there is power to the vehicle’s data link connector (DLC).
- If your vehicle has had an after-market system (i.e. radio, CD player, security system navigation system, or satellite radio) installed, make sure the wiring is not interfering with connection to the vehicle’s computer or battery system.

- Research recalls, technical service bulletins (TSBs), and manufacturer applied extended warranties to determine if there are any recommended repairs regarding your vehicle's emissions control system.
- Have a diagnostic analysis performed using an OBD generic scan tool; connect to the DLC under the dash, not under the hood.
- If the inspector has attempted to test the vehicle several times and/or a diagnostic analysis indicates the vehicle is unable to communicate with an OBD generic scan tool, call the GCAF Call Center at 1.800.449.2471, option #1.
- Federal law requires the OBD computer and catalytic converter on 1995 and newer vehicles be warranted by the manufacturer for eight years or 80,000 miles.

## **REPAIR WAIVER REQUIREMENTS**

- The vehicle does not pass the initial inspection. The initial inspection cannot be more than one year old (12 months) or associated with a previous Repair Waiver or registration renewal.
- If emissions-related repairs meet or exceed \$1,111 for 2024 registration, you may qualify for a Repair Waiver. See Repair Waiver Requirements below.
- Emissions-related repairs can be performed up to 60 days prior to the initial inspection.
- Repair receipts from each emissions-related repair attempt can be considered toward a Repair Waiver as long as each receipt is dated 60 days before or after the corresponding failed emissions test.
- Repair receipts must be from a repair facility possessing a valid business license.
  - All emissions-related repairs, including a diagnostic analysis, parts, and labor can be used toward the Repair Waiver limit amount.
  - Labor costs from a company not possessing a business license will not count toward the Repair Waiver limit amount.
  - If required, the repair facility's business license must be obtainable.
  - If repairs are performed by the owner, only the cost of parts will be considered toward the Repair Waiver limit amount.
- Repairs and parts must be itemized and identifiable for consideration.
- Receipts must identify the vehicle (VIN, year, make and model OR tag number, make and model).

If your vehicle fails its annual emissions inspection, please have all related taxes and fees ready. Then visit your local county tag office for information about a possible non-renewable 30 day extension on your registration, per OCGA 40-2-20.

**Testing tip!** A properly maintained vehicle gets better fuel economy than a poorly maintained one. Furthermore, an improperly maintained vehicle may lead to a compromised emissions control system, and not be effective in removing or reducing harmful air pollutants; this could result in not passing the emissions test. Make sure your vehicle is ready and help keep Georgia's air clean.

For additional assistance,  
visit [www.cleanairforce.com](http://www.cleanairforce.com) or call 1.800.449.2471.

## RECOGNIZED REPAIR TECHNICIANS

Georgia's Clean Air Force (GCAF) promotes an online training for technicians. This training enhances the service levels of the participating technicians with the objective of reducing unnecessary repairs and costs to consumers. Repair technicians who have passed GCAF's training are listed below.

**Mike Deen**  
**Express Oil Change and Service Center**  
525 Peachtree Parkway  
Cumming, GA 30041  
770.886.4883  
[www.expressoil.com](http://www.expressoil.com)

**Leonard Boone**  
**Hickory Flat Highway Automotive**  
5182 Hickory Flat Highway  
Canton, GA 30115  
678-880-7395  
[www.hickoryflathwyautomotive.com](http://www.hickoryflathwyautomotive.com)

**Brian Etchison**  
**Speedemissions Car Care Center**  
8870 Tara Boulevard  
Jonesboro, GA 30236  
770-472-9272  
[www.speedemissions.com](http://www.speedemissions.com)

**Jeremy Hernalsteen**  
**Buckhead Tire and Auto Repair**  
3830 Roswell Road NE  
Atlanta, GA 30342  
404.812.9909  
[www.buckheadtire.com](http://www.buckheadtire.com)

**Paul Freeman**  
**Paces Ferry Exxon**  
1400 W. Paces Ferry Road  
Atlanta, GA 30327  
404-237-5040  
[www.pacesferryexxon.com](http://www.pacesferryexxon.com)

**Jack Ray**  
**South Flats Automotive, LTD.**  
7325 Hickory Flat Highway  
Woodstock, GA 30188  
770.345.2007  
[www.southflatsauto.com](http://www.southflatsauto.com)

**John Scott**  
**Second Opinion Solutions**  
PO Box 88011  
Atlanta, GA 30356  
404.480.0396  
[www.sosautoatl.com](http://www.sosautoatl.com)

**Joseph Camire**  
**Nalley Nissan**  
2551 The Nalley Way  
Atlanta, GA 30360  
770.455.1122  
[www.nalleynissanofatlanta.com](http://www.nalleynissanofatlanta.com)

**John Shaheen**  
**Randy's Auto Center**  
1244 Buford Highway  
Cumming, GA 30041  
678.513.5150  
[www.randysautocenter.com](http://www.randysautocenter.com)

**David Lilkas**  
**Brickyard Automotive**  
333 Tanger Blvd.  
Locust Grove, GA 30248  
678.379-2603  
[www.locustgrovega.brickyardautomotive.com](http://www.locustgrovega.brickyardautomotive.com)

**Jeremy Everett**  
**Express Oil Change  
& Tire Engineers**  
3425 Peachtree Industrial Blvd.  
Duluth, GA 30096  
770.623.9448  
[www.expressoil.com/stores/duluth/ga/1836](http://www.expressoil.com/stores/duluth/ga/1836)

**Stefan R. Smith**  
**Texaco Service Center of Mableton**  
5401 Floyd Road  
Mableton, GA 30126  
770.906.7875

Any individual identified as a GCAF recognized emissions repair technician, and the repair information provided, is not intended as a recommendation, certification or endorsement by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) or their management contractor. These individuals have completed advanced training and are qualified only as resources to help vehicle owners with emissions-related repairs. Because of the nature of the information provided and the manner in which it is compiled, EPD and their management contractor make no representations as to and do not warrant its accuracy.

CITY	NAME	ADDRESS	ZIP	PHONE	NUMBER OF REPAIRS	% SUCCESS RATE FOR INITIAL RE-INSPECTIONS	AVERAGE COST OF REPAIR
ALPHARETTA	EXPRESS OIL CHANGE LLC.	12470 CRABAPPLE RD.	30004	(770) 752-9111	44	97.70%	\$20
ALPHARETTA	EXPRESS OIL CHANGE LLC.	11720 HAYNES BRIDGE RD.	30009	(770) 752-7522	13	100.00%	\$406
ATLANTA	DRESDEN AUTO REPAIR	2300 DRESDEN DRIVE	30341	(770) 256-9710	25	96.00%	\$484
ATLANTA	ROGER JORDAN GARAGE INC.	1152 DEKALB AVE NE	30307	(404) 688-2692	22	90.90%	\$334
CANTON	INTERNATIONAL AUTO SALES & SERVICE	2527 MARIETTA HWY	30114	(770) 720-3039	21	100.00%	\$117
CONYERS	M & N AUTO ELECTRIC	1834 OLD COVINGTON HIGHWAY SW	30012	(770) 483-7771	19	94.70%	\$382
DACULA	AMERICAS SERVICE STATION #312	3508 BRASELTON HWY	30019	(770) 831-9780	14	92.90%	\$976
DALLAS	DALLAS AUTO REPAIR INC.	838 VILLA RICA HWY	30157	(770) 445-3405	15	93.30%	\$433
DORAVILLE	O.K. AUTO SERVICE, INC.	5127 BUFORD HWY NE	30340	(770) 458-9896	25	96.00%	\$375
DOUGLASVILLE	DOUGLAS COUNTY AUTOCARE INC.	2205 FAIRBURN RD.	30135	(770) 942-5533	15	93.30%	\$805
FAYETTEVILLE	AUTOZONE AUTO PARTS	1361 GA-314	30214	(770) 991-2997	42	95.20%	\$23
FOREST PARK	CERTIFIED AUTO REPAIR EXPERT INC.	4210 JONESBORO RD.	30297	(404) 361-6101	19	94.70%	\$756
FOREST PARK	FUERZA LATINA AUTOSHOP, LLC.	4234 JONESBORO RD.	30297	(404) 363-9943	23	100.00%	\$406
JONESBORO	JOHN'S AUTO REPAIR INC.	899 SPUR 138	30236	(770) 210-6514	13	100.00%	\$730
LOGANVILLE	PRESTIGE AUTOMOTIVE OF LOGANVILLE LLC.	3354 LANGLEY ROAD	30052	(770) 466-7143	16	87.50%	\$363
MCDONOUGH	PDQ AUTO REPAIR	1012 PREMIERE WAY	30252	(678) 432-3388	14	100.00%	\$441
MCDONOUGH	RAINBOW MUFFLER AND BRAKE	504 JONESBORO ROAD	30253	(678) 432-6228	13	92.30%	\$839
NEWNAN	AUTO EMISSION & REPAIR	1366 HWY 29 S.	30263-5293	(770) 252-8353	16	100.00%	\$340
NORCROSS	J & M AUTO CENTER	2807 SIMPSON CIR	30071	(770) 246-1004	24	100.00%	\$486
NORCROSS	DANZ AUTO REPAIR INC.	1200 COMMERCIAL CT	30093	(770) 448-4305	13	92.30%	\$749