# RepairWatch PUBLIC REPORT

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



Repair facility listings for the metro Atlanta area



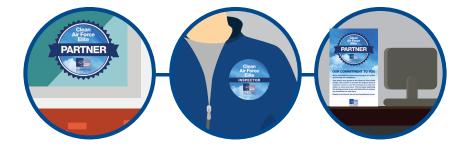
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"Clean Air Force Elite" program to promote excellence in vehicle emissions testing and customer service throughout the 13-county metro Atlanta area. Participating "Clean Air Force Elite" inspectors and testing stations have reviewed a toolkit and signed a pledge in support of best practices when assisting motorists.

Look for this signage at your emissions testing station:



To find a full list participating stations and inspectors, please visit www.cleanairforce.com.

## What is the RepairWatch Public Report?

The RepairWatch 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 July 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020.

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 emission repair facilities. The Repair*Watch* Public Report can be used by vehicle owners as a guide for locating emission repair facilities meeting the established criteria.

All state-certified emission inspection stations are required to have the **RepairWatch Public Report available for public review.** Each inspection station and repair facility will receive one copy of the report. Additional copies may be printed from our web site at <u>www.CleanAirForce.com</u>.

# The RepairWatch Public Report includes repair facilities meeting all of the following criteria during the reporting 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 emission-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 emission 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 emission-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 emission related repairs. Rather, the facilities included in the report are those facilities that have made emission related repairs within the six month reporting period on at least 12 vehicles that failed their initial emission inspection, and those vehicles had all recommended emission 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 emission-related repairs meet or exceed \$949, you may qualify for a Repair Waiver\*.
- 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 emission 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, have your vehicle serviced immediately to avoid <u>costly</u> 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 emission-related repairs meet or exceed \$949, you may qualify for a Repair Waiver\*.

#### **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 able 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 emission-related repairs meet or exceed \$949, you may qualify for a Repair Waiver\*.
- 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.

For additional assistance, visit <u>www.cleanairforce.com</u> 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

Leonard Boone Hickory Flat Highway Automotive 5182 Hickory Flat Highway Canton, GA 30115 678-880-7395 www.hickoryflathwyautomotive.com

#### Brian Etchison

Speedemissions Car Care Center 8870 Tara Boulevard Jonesboro, GA 30236 770-472-9272 www.speedemissions.com

#### Jeremy Hernalsteen

Buckhead Tire and Auto Repair 3830 Roswell Road NE Atlanta, GA 30342 404.812.9909 www.buckheadtire.com

Paul Freeman Paces Ferry Exxon 1400 W. Paces Ferry Road Atlanta, GA 30327 404-237-5040 www.pacesferryexxon.com

Jack Ray South Flats Automotive, LTD. 7325 Hickory Flat Highway Woodstock, GA 30188 770.345.2007 www.southflatsauto.com John Scott Second Opinion Solutions PO Box 88011 Atlanta, GA 30356 404.480.0396 www.sosautoatl.com

Joseph Camire Nallev Nissan

2551 The Nalley Way Atlanta, GA 30360 770.455.1122 www.nalleynissanofatlanta.com

#### John Shaheen

Randy's Auto Center 1244 Buford Highway Cumming, GA 30041 678.513.5150 www.randysautocenter.com

David Lilkas Brickyard Automotive

333 Tanger Blvd. Locust Grove, GA 30248 678.379-2603 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

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

Any individual identified as a GCAF recognized emission 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 emission-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.

QITY	REPAIR FACILITY	ADDRESS	ZIP	PHONE	# OF Repairs By Facility	% SUCCESS RATE FOR INITIAL RE-INSPECTIONS	AVERAGE Cost of Repairs
ALPHARETTA	CHRISTAN BROTHERS AUTOMOTIVE	10879 JONES BRIDGE RD.	30022	(678) 867-0900	15	86.70%	\$1,561
ATLANTA	ROGER JORDAN GARAGE, INC.	1152 DEKALBAVE NE	30307	(404) 688-2692	17	100.00%	\$297
ATLANTA	MY FAVORITE MECHANIC INC	1618 DEKALB AVE NE	30307-2112	(404) 371-9912	12	100.00%	\$219
ATLANTA	M & M MUFFLER & AUTO SERVICE	1134 SYLVAN RD	30310	(404) 755-8575	17	88.20%	\$325
ATLANTA	CHARLES ALLEN SHELL	4499 ROSWELL RD NE	30342	(404) 255-5341	14	1 00.00%	\$226
CANTON	INTERNATIONAL AUTO	2527 MARIETTA HWY	30114	(770) 720-3039	15	1 00.00%	\$132
CONYERS	M & N AUTO ELECTRIC	1834 OLD COVINGTON HIGHWAY SW	30012	(770) 483-7771	23	91.30%	\$208
CUMMING	RANDY'S AUTO CENTER	1244 BUFORD HWY	30041	(678) 513-5150	21	1 00.00%	\$509
CUMMING	SCOTT'S AUTO CENTER, INC	820 PEACHTREE PKWY	30041	(678) 947 -4040	20	80.00%	\$450
DACULA	AMERICA'S SERVICE STATION #312	3508 BRASELTON HWY	30019	(770) 831-9780	43	1 00.00%	\$324
DALLAS	DALLAS AUTO REPAIR, INC.	838 VILLA RICA HWY	30157	(770) 445-3405	17	100.00%	\$454

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\$601	94.40%	36	(770) 210-6514	30236	899 SR 138	JOHN'S AUTO REPAIR . INC	JONESBORO
\$288	100.00%	30	(404) 363-9943	30297	4234 JONESBORO RD.	FUERZA LATINA AUTOMOTIVE SHOP	FOREST PARK
\$339	100.00%	22	(404) 361-6101	30297	4210 JONESBORO RD	CERTIFIED AUTO REPAIR EXC	FOREST PARK
\$399	93.30%	15	(404) 361-8510	30050-3556	4832 JONESBORO RD	RAINBOW MUFFLER	FOREST PARK
\$284	85.70%	14	(770) 461-7258	30214	465 SOUTH GLYNN ST	MUFFLERS AND MORE , INC	FAYETTEVILLE
\$506	8 00.00%	20	(770) 460-9430	30214	785 EAST LANIER AVE	AUTO QUICK FAST LUBE	FAYETTEVILLE
\$458	87.00%	23	(770) 942-5533	30135	2205 FAIRBURN RD	DOUGLAS COUNTY AUTOCARE INC	DOUGLASVILLE
\$221	100.00%	15	(770) 942-9081	30134-1963	6424 CHURCH ST	RUSH AUTOMOTIVE	DOUGLASVILLE
\$400	95.20%	21	(770) 458-9896	30340	5127 BUFORD HWY NE	O.K. AUTO SERVICE, INC	DORAVILLE
\$275	91.40%	35	(770) 451-6977	30340	5097 BUFORD HWY NE	A K MOTOR TUNE	DORAVILLE
\$508	84.60%	13	(404) 296-3300	30032-1451	4800 MEMORIAL DRIVE	QUICK STOP AUTOMOTIVE, LLC	DECATUR
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JONESBORO	JD FULL SERVICE AUTO REPAIR	6541 TARA BLVD	30236-1227	(770) 473-9993	12	100.00%	\$275
KENNESAW	ALL-PRO AUTOMOTIVE	2517 N COBB PKWY	30152-3440	(770) 590-9909	12	83.30%	\$537
LOGANVILLE	PRESTIGE AUTOMOTIVE OF LOGANVILLE LLC	3354 LANGLEY ROAD	30052-8744	(770) 466-7143	16	1 00.00%	\$269
MARIETTA	ED VOYLES CHRYSLER PLYMOUTH: CHUCK ALLEN	789 COBB PKWY S	30060	(770) 429-1100	14	1 00.00%	\$580
MCDONOUGH	H3 AUTOMOTIVE CENTER	2747 HIGHWAY 81 EAST	30252	(770) 914-3119	18	1 00.00%	\$390
MCDONOUGH	DUAL AUTOMOTIVE	3940 JODECO RD	30253	(678) 814-4722	17	88.20%	\$412
MCDONOUGH	EXPRESS OIL CHANGE	60 WILLOW LANE	30253	(770) 957-7181	14	92.90%	\$581
NEWNAN	AUTO EMISSION & REPAIR	1366 HWY 29 SOUTH	30263	(770) 252-8353	19	1 00.00%	\$305
NORCROSS	J & M AUTO CENTER	2807 SIMPSON CIR	30071-2823	(770) 246-1004	14	1 00.00%	\$406
PALMETTO	PEEK'S GARAGE, INC.	510 MAIN STREET	30268	(770) 463-3201	17	1 00.00%	\$285
RIVERDALE	RIVERDALE EMISSION & AUTOMOTIVE	6464 HIGHWAY 85	30274	(770) 994-9895	17	1 00.00%	\$376

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ROSWELL	SMITH TIRES	1220 ALPHARETTA STREET	30075	(770) 993-2507	18	88.90%	\$228
ROSWELL	PALMER DODGE INC	11460 ALPHARETTA HWY	30076-3801	(770) 410-1111	13	84.60%	\$870
SANDY SPRINGS	MCCULLOUGH AUTO CARE, LLC	5810 ROSWELL RD	30328	(404) 252-3014	31	90.30%	\$458
SHARPSBURG	COWETA CAR CARE	71 MCINTOSH TRAIL	30277	(770) 254-1618	13	100.00%	\$436
SMYRNA	CAPITAL BUICK GMC	2150 COBB PKWY	30080	0000-000 (000)	19	94.70%	\$156
SMYRNA	COBB GALLERIA AUTOMOTIVE	2781 CUMBERLAND BLVD	30080	(770) 438-1916	16	100.00%	\$508
STOCKBRIDGE	FLETCHER AND SONS AUTO REPAIR & SERVICE	101 BURKE STREET	30281 -3431	(770) 389-4901	34	91.20%	\$568



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