



Vehicle Safety Inspection Program Bulletin

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Bulletin: All Inspection Station Personnel

From: Automotive Safety Enforcement Division

RE: **Regulation Change Notice - Headlamp Aim Inspection**

The Automotive Safety Enforcement Division has reviewed the current regulation which requires certain inspection stations to be equipped with headlight aiming machines to check the aim of vehicle headlights, fog lamps, and driving lamps for candlepower and proper aim. An audit of the authorized headlamp aiming devices was conducted, and the results of this audit were a primary consideration for this procedural change.

Due to substantial differences in the readings from machine to machine, and current and evolving automotive technology the regulation of lamp candlepower and aiming methods, and aiming equipment is no longer being regulated by the Division. The Headlamp machine is no longer a required inspection tool at licensed inspection stations. However, the inspection for proper aim and function of headlamps, fog lamps, and driving lamps is still required.

A vehicle undergoing headlamp, fog lamp, or driving lamp inspection which requires lamp alignment, may be corrected by inspection mechanics using their experience, training, and knowledge to properly align the vehicle headlights, using manufacturer's procedure.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact ASED at:

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