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## Vehicle Safety Inspection Program Bulletin

**ASED-026**

**Date:** January 01, 2019  
**Bulletin:** All Inspection Station Personnel  
**From:** Automotive Safety Enforcement Division  
**RE:** **Vehicle Equipment Alterations**

Materially altering, or knowingly changing equipment on a vehicle registered, or to be registered in Maryland which results in the equipment not meeting or exceeding the standards established under COMAR 11.14 Vehicle Inspections is prohibited. A vehicle presented for inspection for registration or certification of a Safety Equipment Repair Order (SERO) shall not be certified as compliant if equipped with unapproved components or unapproved repairs to regulated equipment present.

Replacement of regulated equipment must be performed using components which meet or exceed Original Equipment Manufacturer (O.E.M.) standards and which are certified as meeting DOT/SAE standards for on-road vehicle usage. Off-road, racing, or other equipment not recommended for on-road usage is prohibited.

Repair of regulated equipment must be performed using procedures and materials which meet or exceed Original Equipment Manufacturer (O.E.M.) standards or which are certified as meeting DOT/SAE standards for automotive and other on-road vehicle usage.

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