

## Frequently Asked Questions – Equipment for Auto Shops/Inspectors

### How does my shop sign up?

Shops that want to participate in the Gateway Vehicle Inspection Program (GVIP) must:

- Apply to the state for an emissions inspection license.
- Complete and submit the Missouri Inspection Station Enrollment Package with the contractor.
- Pay license fee (\$100 per year — prorated the first year so that safety and emissions licenses are synchronized).
- Have Internet for real-time vehicle registration verification along with a dedicated electrical outlet.
- Purchase inspection equipment from the state's contractor (Equipment not required if only doing safety inspections).
- Charge for testing no more than the following:
  - Emissions testing fee = \$24
  - Safety inspection fee = \$12

To apply to be a motor vehicle inspection station, download the [Motor Vehicle Inspection Application](#) online.

Visit Worldwide Environmental for a copy of the [Missouri Inspection Station Enrollment Package](#)

The contractor's Enrollment Package contains the Contract to participate in the Gateway Vehicle Inspection Program with three forms that need to be completed and returned to the contractor.

- **Part 1 – Station Participation Agreement** – provides a description of products and services to be provided and establishes your legal relationship with the contractor;
- **Part 2 – Program Enrollment Application** – allows you to apply for an GIS9000; and further establishes your legal relationship with the contractor;
- **Part 3(a) – Authorization Agreement for Direct Payments (ACH Debits)** – will be completed ONLY if choosing to pay through ACH / Direct Debit OR;
- **Part 3(b) – Authorization Agreement for Credit Card / Debit Card Payments** – will be completed ONLY if choosing to pay through Credit Card or Debit Card. There is a 4% service charge for all credit card transactions.

Fill out all required sections of the inspection station enrollment package and submit the package to Worldwide Environmental Products (WEP) in one of three ways:

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The Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the Missouri State Highway Patrol jointly administer the Gateway Vehicle Inspection Program. The program is a key component of the ongoing effort to improve air quality in the St. Louis region.

- Email to [GVIP@wep-inc.com](mailto:GVIP@wep-inc.com) (*recommended*)
- Mail to the following address:  
Worldwide Environmental Products Inc.  
1100 Beacon St.  
Brea, CA 92821  
ATTN: Contracts Department

Once WEP receives your enrollment package, a WEP representative will contact you to answer any questions as well as to provide an invoice for your standard solution and any optional accessories. Once WEP receives your payment, WEP will schedule delivery and installation of the inspection equipment.

### **What is required of inspectors to participate in the program?**

To become a licensed inspector you must:

- Apply to the state for a license (Valid for three years and provided at no cost).
- Take training for emissions inspections from the contractor. The contractor schedules inspector/mechanic training for GVIP. To learn more about training classes and to preregister, contact Worldwide Environmental Products, at [877-832-7664](tel:877-832-7664).
- Pass a written and practical exam for safety inspections offered by Missouri State Highway Patrol

### **What is a Missouri Recognized Repair Technician (MRRT)?**

A Missouri-recognized repair technician (MRRT) is:

- Employed full time at an automotive repair shop;
- Certified by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence in A6, A8 and L1 areas of expertise; and
- Approved to work with the Gateway Vehicle Inspection Program with a MRRT number from the MoDNR-APCP-IM. (The acronyms refer to the Inspection and Maintenance Section within the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Air Pollution Control Program.)

### **Why should I become a MRRT?**

- Your qualified labor and diagnostic costs related to emissions work count toward cost-based waiver minimums, but your competitors won't have this ability if their repair technicians are not MRRTs.
- When vehicles fail an inspection, your shop could be included on a list of the ten closest MRRT shops on reports given to motorists. Of course, this depends on the location of your shop.
- Your shop will appear on the website [Missouri GVIP](#) website as a MRRT shop. Note that you do not have to be a licensed GVIP inspector or shop to be recognized as a MRRT facility and technician.

### **How do I become a MRRT?**

The facility you work at must give a completed MRRT application to MDNR-APCP-IM along with copies of your current ASE certification in A6, A8, and L1 areas. A shop may include multiple full-time staff members from a shop on the same application. You can get the [Agreement/Application to Register with the State as a Vehicle Repair Station Employing an ASE A6, A8 and L1 Certified Technician](#) online or by calling MoDNR-APCP-IM at 314-416-2115. There is no cost to apply, apart from the cost of obtaining and maintaining current A6, A8, and L1 ASE certifications.

**How much does the equipment cost; what does that include?**

The cost to purchase new equipment is \$1,500.00 and is exempt from state sales tax. The standard equipment includes a Ruggedized Inspection Tablet & Wireless Keyboard, OBDII Data Acquisition Device & Emulator, Wireless Router HUB, Inspection Report Printer, and a Windshield Sticker Printer. The GIS9000 Vehicle Inspection Tablet features a barcode reader, an OBD vehicle interface cable, an OBD verification tool, a high-resolution camera, USB drive, and a fingerprint scanner. The standard equipment listed above is all that is necessary to participate in the Gateway Vehicle Inspection Program, however optional accessories are available at an additional cost.

With the July 1, 2022 change to Franklin County, stations wishing to remain in the GVIP that are no longer located in the nonattainment area (Franklin County stations) may continue to perform inspections by purchasing or renting equipment from WEP.

**Do I have to choose all options now or can I choose them at a later date?**

You may choose additional equipment options later; however, the price of the optional equipment may increase. And while you are not required to choose any additional options, the all-inclusive warranty upgrade can only be chosen in the initial service contract. The warranty option is not available to you once you receive your equipment and begin operation.

**Are there other costs for participation?**

Yes. Participating shops must be licensed by the state. The cost of the station license is \$100 per year. Safety inspection station licensing fees are \$10 per year.

**Emissions inspection oversight fee**

Along with this, licensed emissions inspection stations shall pre-pay the state \$2.50 for each passing emissions inspection that they intend to perform. The fee is paid to the Department of Revenue and submitted to the Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP). Using the Vehicle Inspection Database (VID), the system that, the MSHP will credit the number of pre-paid emissions inspections to the licensed emissions inspection station's analyzer.

**Safety inspection oversight fee**

Licensed safety inspection stations shall pre-pay the state \$1.50 for each passing safety inspection that they intend to perform. The fee is paid to the Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP). Using the Vehicle Inspection Database (VID), the system that, the MSHP will credit the number of pre-paid safety inspections to the licensed emissions inspection station's analyzer.

**Vehicle Inspection database (VID) service fee**

Licensed emissions inspection stations shall pay the contractor \$1.32 for each paid

emissions inspection that they perform. The fee shall be made payable to the contractor and submitted monthly according to the terms of the contract between the contractor and the licensed emissions inspection stations. The contractor shall reimburse any VID service fee overcharges to an inspection station within 60 days of the date of notification by the emissions inspection station manager. There is also no service fee charged when the shop performs a safety only inspection for a vehicle.

**How will I be billed for Vehicle Inspection Database service fees?**

At the end of the month an electronic invoice will be sent. This electronic invoicing will allow shops to review their charges instantly. Service fees can be paid by check, charge or through a direct debit from a bank account. If you are delinquent in making this payment, your shop will be locked out of the system until payment is received.

**Why do I have to pay a Vehicle Inspection Database service fee?**

The service fee allows the contractor to maintain the electronic database that stores all vehicle inspection information and makes the information readily available to both the shop and the state. This fee includes software upgrades as well as service calls and technical support to any of the shops. There will be no additional charge for software updates.

**What if the equipment I ordered does not operate properly?**

Contact the contractor immediately for all software and hardware problems. Contractor personnel will determine the best course of action for each situation. Upon notification on the hotline, the contractor will make every reasonable attempt to repair or replace defective GVIP analyzer hardware within an average of four business hours. At a minimum, these repairs should occur within the first weekday after notification.

**What are the costs for technical support or service calls?**

Technical assistance and service calls are free of charge. The contractor will determine the appropriate assistance option for each shop based on their specific need. These services are provided to the shops for the life of the contractor's contract.

**Do I need internet to participate?**

Yes, the station shall provide dedicated data transmission capabilities for the emissions inspection equipment to stay online with the contractor's VID. The cost of this telecommunications service, including initial installation and ongoing maintenance, is the responsibility of the licensed emissions inspection station.

**What happens if I run out of stickers?**

Shops will prepurchase stickers that give authorization to perform emissions tests or safety inspections. Your shop will be locked out of the system if you run out of authorizations. Shops can see the current amount of authorizations they have left to utilize using the GVIP software.

**Is a dedicated bay required to perform emissions testing and safety inspections?**

No. Shops may perform emissions testing and safety inspections in different bays as long as those bays are inspected and approved by the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

**Why do I need a fingerprint scanner and camera?**

The fingerprint scanner is a security feature for the GVIP. The fingerprint scanner will

ensure that licensed inspector/ mechanics are the only employees performing the emissions and safety inspections. The fingerprint scanner will also save time by simply allowing the inspector to place a finger on the scanner, rather than requiring them to type numerous identification codes to access the required information.

The camera is used during the inspection to ensure the integrity of the program. The digital camera will be used to take pictures of the vehicle's odometer, license plate and VIN number for both the combined test and safety only inspections. Additional security features include real time tracking and recording of Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) mismatches, OBD "fingerprint" mismatches, odometer decreases, multiple 'readiness monitor fails' on the same vehicle, and 'Repair Verification' action regarding problem waivers. This allows an in depth look at the inspection process to ensure the integrity of the program.

### **How many days per week am I required to perform emissions testing and safety inspections?**

As required by law, any shop that performs emissions testing and safety inspections must operate at least five days per week. Those five days do not have to be consecutive. A day of operation should be at least eight hours.

### **How much can I charge my customers for an emissions test?**

State law caps the emissions test fee at \$24. Safety inspection fees are capped by state law at \$12. If a shop performs both a safety inspection and an emissions test for a customer, the most that they can charge is \$36. If a customer fails one or both tests they are entitled to one free retest at the shop that performed the initial test, as long as they return within 20 business days.

### **How long does it take to complete an emissions test?**

The emissions test takes approximately 5 to 10 minutes to complete.

### **How can shops help inform the public of the emissions testing procedure?**

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources has established a website to help inform the shops and the public about the [Gateway Vehicle Inspection Program](#). The website includes frequently asked questions and other helpful information to aid motorists. For more information, shops can direct their customers to the website or they may call WEP at [877-832-7664](tel:877-832-7664).

### **For more information call or write:**

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