Inspection & Registration – Together At Last!

Texas Motor Vehicle Dealer Program Overview

September and October 2014

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Background

- **Consolidated Inspection and Registration System Study**
  - Required by Senate Bill 197, 82nd Legislative Session
  - Joint study by Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) and Department of Public Safety (DPS)

- **House Bill 2305, 83rd Legislative Session**
  - Establishes registration-based enforcement of inspection effective March 1, 2015

What happens on March 1, 2015?

- Inspection stickers are no longer issued at Vehicle Inspection Stations
- Registration sticker is proof of registration *and* inspection
- Current, passing inspection required for registration
- State's portion of inspection fee, if any is due, collected at registration
- No change to vehicles required to complete inspection
- No change to inspection fee or registration fee

Establishing a Single Expiration Date

Sync Up Year: March 1, 2015 – February 29, 2016

- Registration permitted if a current, passing vehicle inspection is on record (electronic or VIR) at the time of title application.

Example:

1. Vehicle receives a passing inspection in December 2014. The inspection expires in December 2015.
2. The retail customer's title application is submitted to the county in May 2015. Registration can be issued because there is a current and passing inspection at the time of title application.
3. The 2016 registration sticker is issued to represent the vehicle's inspection *and* registration expiration date.

After the Sync Up Year

March 1, 2016 and thereafter*

- Used vehicles sold by a dealer must have an inspection within 180 days of date of sale.
- No time frame requirement for new vehicles.

**84th Legislative session begins January 2015, so there could be changes to the program*

Importance of the "VIR"

Vehicle Inspection Report (VIR)

- Each vehicle will be issued a VIR by the inspection station at time of inspection
- VIR needed for manual verification of inspection
- Additional copies of VIRs may be obtained from any inspection station

Details beginning March 1, 2015

Rules for Year One (3/1/15 – 2/29/16)

- A current, passing inspection is required to register
- Inspection is verified only when registration is issued
- Registration sticker is proof of current, passing inspection

Title and Registration Applications

- Current, passing inspection required when customer's title application submitted
- State's portion of inspection fee due if inspection 3/1/15 or later and not previously paid
- Look up tool on TwoStepsOneSticker.com provides inspection information
- No change to emissions test on resale requirement - 90 day inspection window

Details beginning March 1, 2015

Dealer e-Tag System

- Inspection required before delivery of vehicle to retail customer
- Inspection will not be verified before issuance of an eTag
- Temporary dealer tag and temporary converter tag exempt from inspection requirements
- Best practice: provide a copy of the VIR to the retail customer in case law enforcement questions the inspection status

Dealer Plates

- Inspection is not verified before dealer plates are issued or renewed
- Inspection verified and any inspection fee due will be collected when the retail customer's title paperwork is submitted

Details beginning March 1, 2015

Multi-Year Registration (24 or 36 months)

- Eliminated option for issuance of 36 months of registration

- Only new passenger cars and light trucks sold by Texas dealers may receive 2 years/24 months of initial registration at time of title

Impact to TxDMV Systems

All TxDMV title and registration systems are impacted by Two Steps, One Sticker.

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- Electronic verification of inspection
- If no electronic record of inspection, clerk will:
  - Data enter of date of inspection
  - Select the inspection type from a list
- webDEALER will calculate any inspection fee due

Impact to TxDMV Systems

Dealer Title Application, DTA

- Verification of inspection when county processes the flash drive
  - Electronic verification of inspection
  - Manual verification of inspection by review of VIR if no electronic record of inspection
- DTA vendors will need to make updates
  - "Heads up" notification to vendors sent 9/22/14
  - Notification of details of changes, etc., to go out in November
- March 1, 2015: RTS will support only DTA version 7.4.0 and 7.6.0. RTS will not be able to process transactions on older versions of DTA

Training

Texas Dept. of Motor Vehicles

- County Tax-Assessor Collectors
- Dealers
- Subcontractors
- Other stakeholders: Government Agencies, Vehicle Leasing and Rental Companies, Lienholders

TxDMV Staff

- Regional Service Centers
- Consumer Relations
- RTS Service Desk
- MCD Help Desk

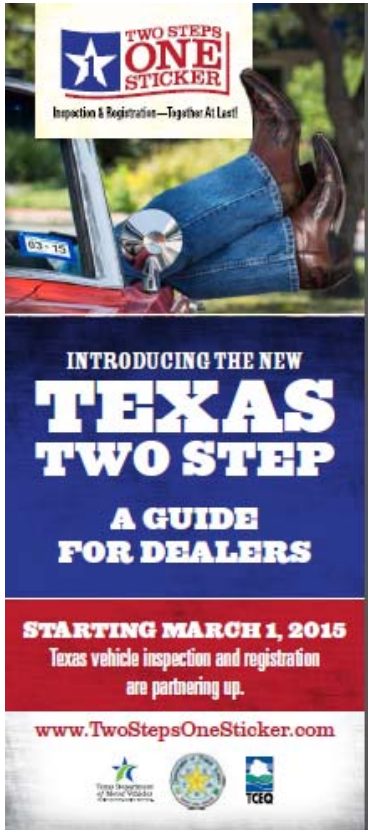
Department of Public Safety

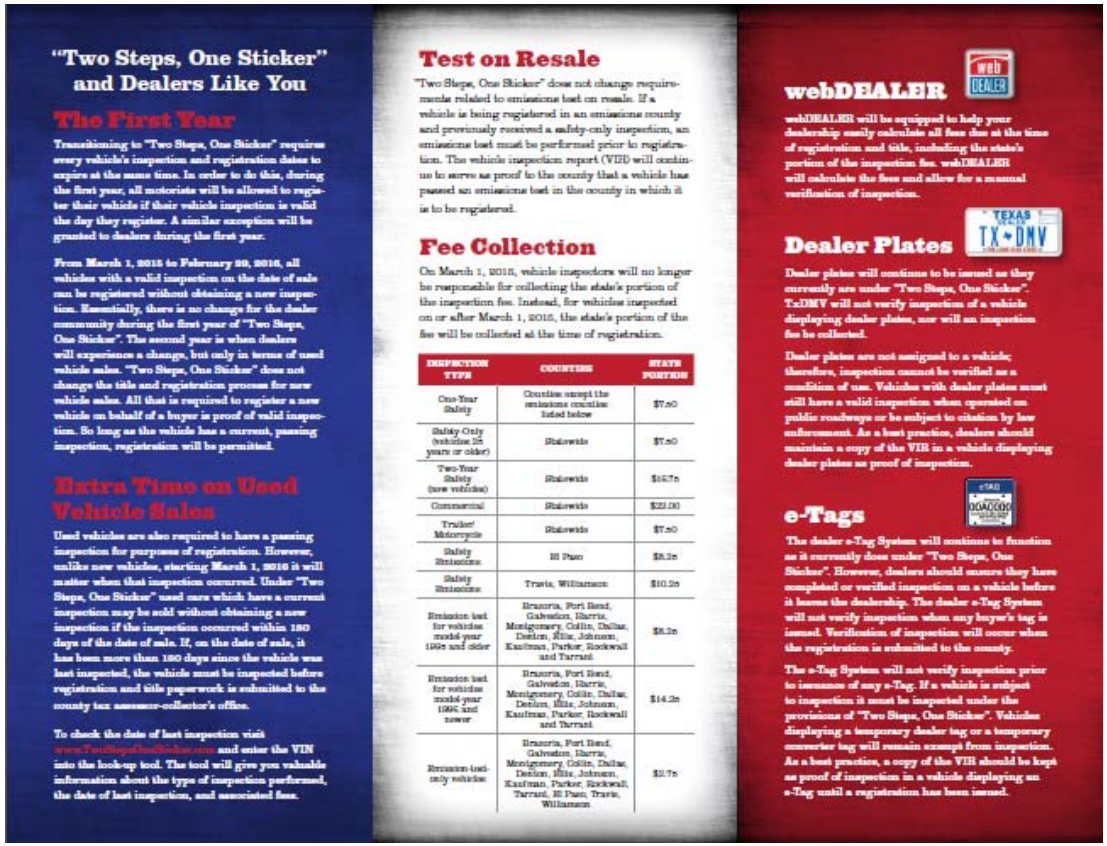
- Vehicle Inspection Stations
- Law Enforcement

Public Outreach

- **Website** www.TwoStepsOneSticker.com
- **Web video**
- **Radio public service announcements**
- **Registration Renewal Insert**
- **Posters**
  - General campaign poster and inspection station poster
- **Brochures**
  - Dealer brochure and Motor Carrier brochure
- **Push Cards**
  - General campaign push card and “Misstep” push card
- **Bumper Stickers**

Dealer Brochure





"Two Steps, One Sticker" and Dealers Like You

The First Year

Transitioning to "Two Steps, One Sticker" requires every vehicle's inspection and registration dates to expire at the same time. In order to do this, during the first year, all motorists will be allowed to register their vehicle if their vehicle inspection is valid the day they register. A similar exception will be granted to dealers during the first year.

From March 1, 2015 to February 29, 2016, all vehicles with a valid inspection on the date of sale can be registered without obtaining a new inspection. Essentially, there is no change for the dealer community during the first year of "Two Steps, One Sticker". The second year is when dealers will experience a change, but only in terms of used vehicle sales. "Two Steps, One Sticker" does not change the title and registration process for new vehicle sales. All that is required to register a new vehicle on behalf of a buyer is proof of valid inspection. So long as the vehicle has a current, passing inspection, registration will be permitted.

Extra Time on Used Vehicle Sales

Used vehicles are also required to have a passing inspection for purpose of registration. However, unlike new vehicles, starting March 1, 2016 it will matter when that inspection occurred. Under "Two Steps, One Sticker" used cars which have a current inspection may be sold without obtaining a new inspection if the inspection occurred within 180 days of the date of sale. If, on the date of sale, it has been more than 180 days since the vehicle was last inspected, the vehicle must be inspected before registration and title paperwork is submitted to the county tax assessor-collector's office.

To check the date of last inspection visit www.TwoStepsOneSticker.com and enter the VIN into the look-up tool. The tool will give you valuable information about the type of inspection performed, the date of last inspection, and associated fees.

Test on Resale

"Two Steps, One Sticker" does not change requirements related to emissions test on resale. If a vehicle is being registered in an emissions county and previously received a safety-only inspection, an emissions test must be performed prior to registration. The vehicle inspection report (VIR) will continue to serve as proof to the county that a vehicle has passed an emissions test in the county in which it is to be registered.

Fee Collection

On March 1, 2015, vehicle inspectors will no longer be responsible for collecting the state's portion of the inspection fee. Instead, for vehicles inspected on or after March 1, 2015, the state's portion of the fee will be collected at the time of registration.

INSPECTION TYPE	COUNTIES	STATE PORTION
One-Year Safety	Counties except the emissions counties listed below	$7.50
Safety Only (vehicles 25 years or older)	Statewide	$7.50
Two-Year Safety (new vehicles)	Statewide	$15.75
Commercial	Statewide	$22.00
Trailer/ Motorcycle	Statewide	$7.50
Safety Emissions	El Paso	$8.25
Safety Emissions	Travis, Williamson	$10.25
Emission test for vehicles model-year 1995 and older	Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Montgomery, Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall and Tarrant	$8.25
Emission test for vehicles model-year 1996 and newer	Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Montgomery, Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall and Tarrant	$14.25
Emission-test-only vehicles	Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Montgomery, Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant, El Paso, Travis, Williamson	$2.75

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webDEALER will be equipped to help your dealership easily calculate all fees due at the time of registration and title, including the state's portion of the inspection fee. webDEALER will calculate the fees and allow for a manual verification of inspection.

Dealer Plates

Dealer plates will continue to be issued as they currently are under "Two Steps, One Sticker". TxDMV will not verify inspection of a vehicle displaying dealer plates, nor will an inspection fee be collected.

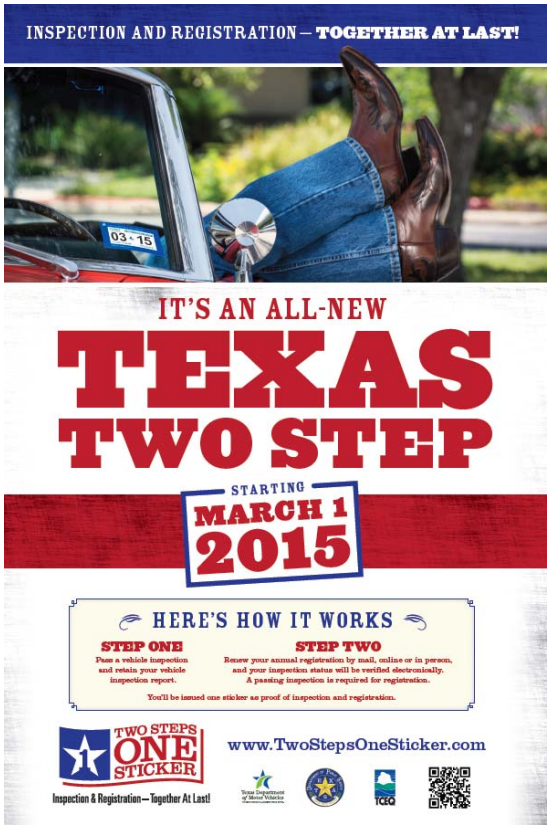
Dealer plates are not assigned to a vehicle; therefore, inspection cannot be verified as a condition of use. Vehicles with dealer plates must still have a valid inspection when operated on public roadways or be subject to citation by law enforcement. As a best practice, dealers should maintain a copy of the VIR in a vehicle displaying dealer plates as proof of inspection.

e-Tags

The dealer e-Tag System will continue to function as it currently does under "Two Steps, One Sticker". However, dealers should ensure they have completed or verified inspection on a vehicle before it leaves the dealership. The dealer e-Tag System will not verify inspection when any buyer's tag is issued. Verification of inspection will occur when the registration is submitted to the county.

The e-Tag System will not verify inspection prior to issuance of any e-Tag. If a vehicle is subject to inspection it must be inspected under the provisions of "Two Steps, One Sticker". Vehicles displaying a temporary dealer tag or a temporary converter tag will remain exempt from inspection. As a best practice, a copy of the VIR should be kept as proof of inspection on a vehicle displaying an e-Tag until a registration has been issued.

Posters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If your vehicle passed inspection but the system is unable to electronically verify it, simply present your valid, passing vehicle inspection report (VIR) at the time of registration.
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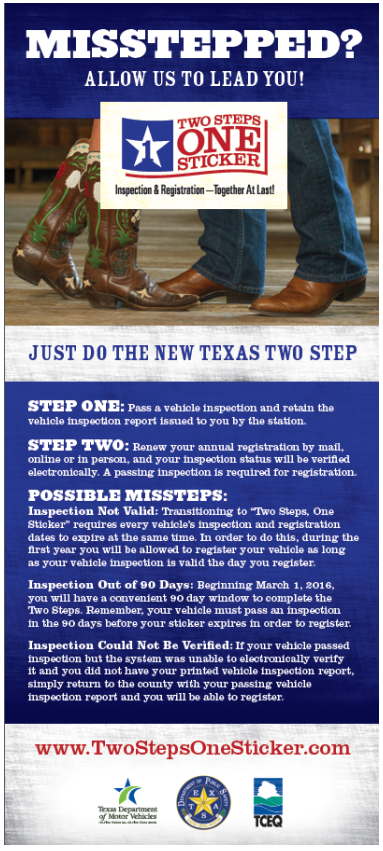

Website Preview

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