

**Q: When does my vehicle need to get it's first emissions (I/M) inspection?**

A: Newer model year vehicles (2004 and newer) are exempt until the calendar year equals the model year plus four. Example: A 2006 vehicle will not need an I/M test until 2010.

**Q: Why did the exemption change from two to four model years?**

A: Modern vehicles are designed to burn cleaner and more efficiently. There are more new vehicles being driven in the MOA, which has reduced the overall CO pollution.

Replacement stickers can be obtained at the

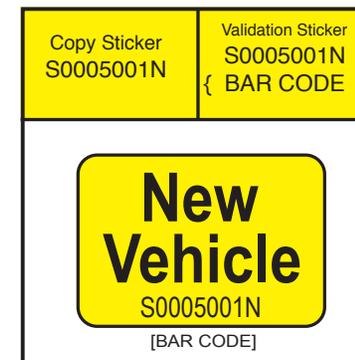


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## Where should I place the New Vehicle sticker?

**As required by 18 AAC 52.020(d)(2), the stickers will be placed on the driver's side inside lower left corner of the front windshield; the same place the green I/M, red seasonal, and grey diesel stickers are located.**

- 1.** Disregard the top two yellow control documents.
- 2.** Make sure the windshield surface is clean and dry. Peel yellow 'New Vehicle' sticker and affix to the driver's inside lower left corner of the front windshield.
- 3.** Press firmly to remove the air bubbles. Once the sticker is affixed, it cannot be removed or repositioned.

*Unauthorized removal of a windshield sticker is a violation of 18 AAC 52.005(c)(1)(B).*

## FAQs

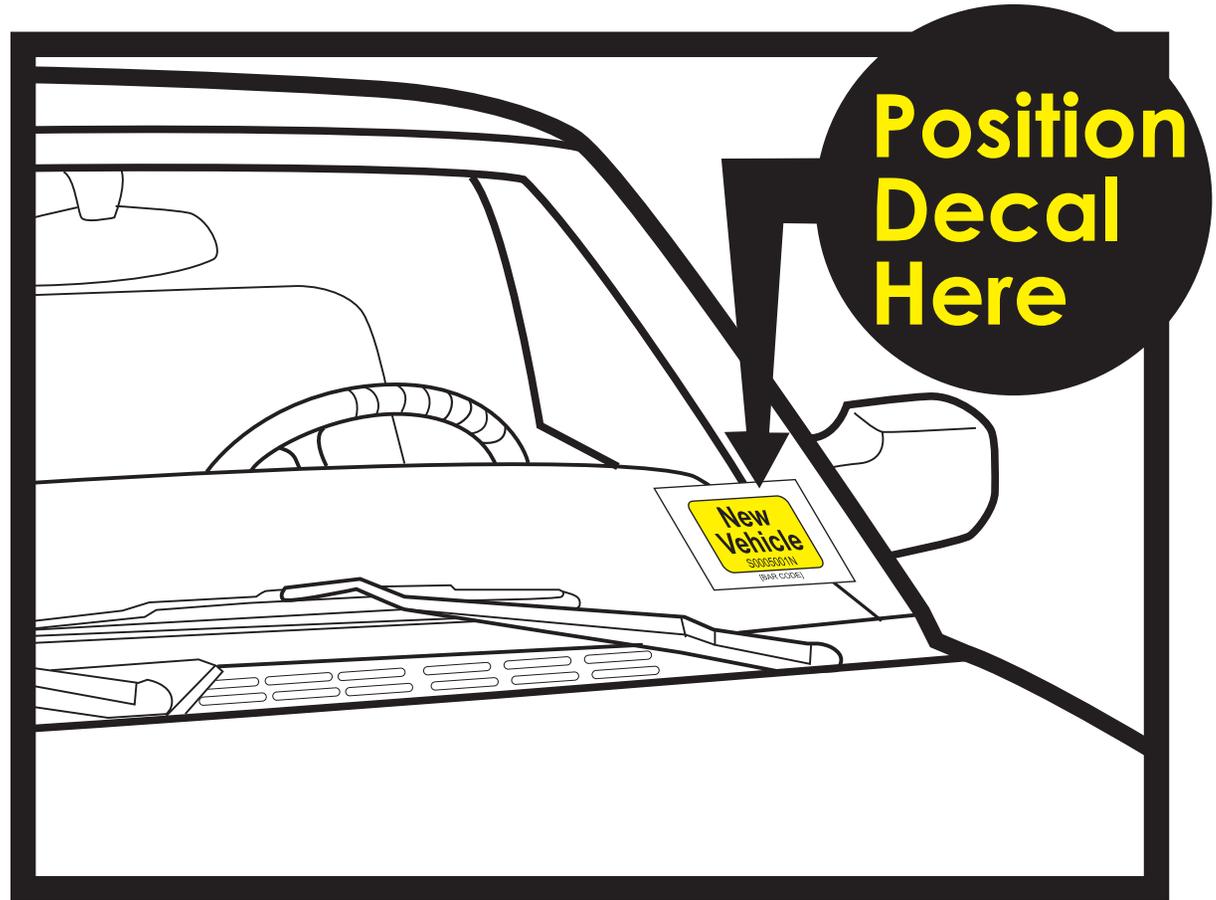
**Q: Why does my new vehicle need to be stickered?**

A: Yellow windshield stickers are being implemented to visually differentiate the new model-year vehicles not yet required to have an emissions (I/M) test from those that are required to have an I/M test.

Beginning in 2006, new vehicles are exempt from I/M requirements for the first four years. Previously, vehicles were exempt for the first two years. This will be phased in. Therefore, in 2006, model years 2004 - 2006 are exempt. In 2007, model years 2004 - 2007 will be exempt.

**Q: Why is there an I/M program?**

A: The Municipality of Anchorage still has a winter-time problem with carbon monoxide (CO) even though the EPA has approved the MOA as a "Maintenance Area" for CO. The maintenance plan describes how the MOA will comply with the air quality standards until 2023. Motor vehicles contribute about 75% of the CO emissions in the MOA. The I/M program has been in place since 1985 and has significantly reduced CO levels. I/Ms also ensure vehicles are functioning as efficiently as possible, which helps make vehicles last longer and maintain good gas mileage.



**AS 46.14.510. Motor Vehicle Pollution.**

*(f) A person who fails to display an emissions inspection decal as required by law is guilty of a violation and, upon conviction, shall be fined an amount not to exceed \$500. It is the intent of the legislature that money collected under this subsection be appropriated to control pollution from motor vehicle emissions.*