



## How “Two Steps, One Sticker” Will Work

The State of Texas will stop issuing inspection stickers and transition to “Two Steps, One Sticker” next year. Beginning March 1, 2015, vehicles will no longer be issued an inspection sticker, and the registration sticker will serve as proof of inspection and registration. In order to keep the dates aligned, the following year motorists will have a convenient 90 day window to complete both their inspection and registration.

There are two general steps for dealers under “Two Steps, One Sticker”, which are not a significant departure from their current practices. The first step is inspection. Dealers are still required to ensure vehicles have a valid inspection. Once a vehicle has been inspected, the results will be entered into the state’s inspection database. The second step is registration. When a dealer submits the buyer’s title and registration documentation to the county, the vehicle’s inspection status will be electronically verified and the buyer will be issued a registration sticker to serve as proof of inspection and registration. The date on the registration sticker is now the expiration date for both inspection and registration.



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# INTRODUCING THE NEW TEXAS TWO STEP

## A GUIDE FOR DEALERS

**STARTING MARCH 1, 2015**

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## “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. However, if a motorist’s inspection and registration stickers both expire in the same month the vehicle will need to pass inspection prior to registration renewal. 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”. However, if a vehicle’s inspection expires the same month in which it is sold, the vehicle will need to pass inspection prior to registration. 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 purposes 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](http://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	\$16.75
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

## webDEALER



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 in a vehicle displaying an e-Tag until registration has been issued.