

IS RAPIDSCREEN MANDATORY?

No. Participation in the RapidScreen program is entirely voluntary. If your registration renewal card states that your vehicle has passed emissions via RapidScreen, you may choose to participate in the program by simply paying your emissions fee along with your registration fee. If you wish not to participate, you'll need to receive a standard emissions test at your local testing facility—in which case your emissions fee would be due at the time of that test.

WHEN SHOULD I DRIVE BY THE VANS?

To meet RapidScreen's qualifications, your vehicle must record two clean readings within a ten-month window. This window begins one year before your vehicle's registration renewal is due, and ends ten months later. For example, if your renewal month is June, the cutoff date for passing your emissions test via RapidScreen is March 31.

Remember that unless there is a change of ownership, a vehicle is exempt from emissions testing in its first four model years.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DON'T PASS?

Nothing. RapidScreen is NOT a program that penalizes drivers. RapidScreen is a program that allows the cleanest, lowest-polluting vehicles on the road to pass their emissions test on the fly. Therefore it's possible to fail a RapidScreen test, but still be able to pass a standard tailpipe emissions test at any of Air Care Colorado's emissions testing facilities. If your vehicle fails to meet RapidScreen's qualifications, the need for a standard emissions test will be indicated on your registration renewal card.

HOW OFTEN SHOULD I DRIVE BY?

Since it takes two clean readings to meet RapidScreen's qualifications, and because adverse weather and road conditions may cause any given test to result in an invalid reading, it's a good idea to drive by the RapidScreen testing vans several times within your ten-month window. However, only one reading per test site, per day will be accepted.

HOW DO I KNOW IF I'VE PASSED?

If your vehicle has passed RapidScreen's emissions qualifications, you'll receive a notification in the mail on your vehicle registration renewal card. You can accept your vehicle's clean bill of health, and save yourself a trip to an emissions testing facility, by simply paying the emissions fee along with your registration renewal fee.

DOES RAPIDSCREEN WORK FOR EVERYONE?

No. To be eligible for the benefits of RapidScreen, a vehicle must be of the model year 1982 or newer and registered in Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, or Jefferson counties. Vehicles that are not eligible for RapidScreen include models made in 1981 or earlier, diesel-powered or alternative fuel vehicles, government vehicles, vehicles with outstanding emissions failures, or any vehicle weighing more than 10,000 pounds.

WHERE CAN I FIND THE RAPIDSCREEN VANS?

RapidScreen testing vans are stationed at varying roadside locations throughout the Denver Metro area. In an effort to reach as many drivers as possible, the vans change their locations regularly. To stay up-to-date on when and where a RapidScreen testing van will be near you, be sure to view our van schedule at www.aircarecolorado.com or call our hotline at **303.456.7090** or **970.247.8378**.

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TIPS FOR MEETING THE RAPIDSCREEN QUALIFICATIONS:

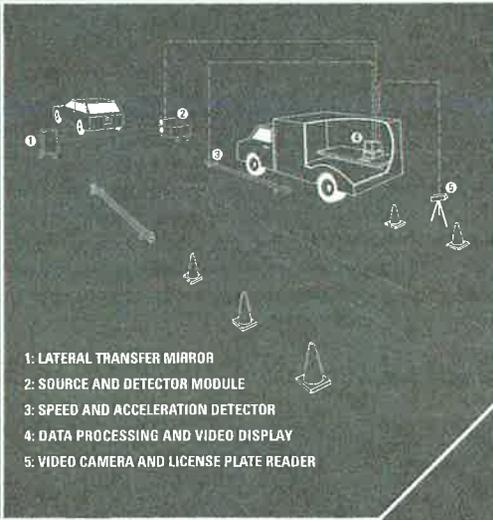
- Keep your vehicle properly and regularly maintained.
- Make sure your license plate is clean and readable.
- Before driving past the testing van, warm your vehicle to operating temperature. In general, 10-15 minutes of drive time will ensure proper warm-up.
- Do not slow down as you pass the testing van. Moderate acceleration is required.
- Don't wait until the month your emissions is due—you'll be too late to qualify.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.AIRCARECOLORADO.COM OR CALL OUR HOTLINE AT **303.456.7090** OR **970.247.8378**.

RapidScreen is Air Care Colorado's convenient, laser-based, mobile emissions testing program. By simply driving past a RapidScreen testing van, you can have your vehicle's emissions screened on the fly. If your vehicle is clean-running, low-polluting and passes RapidScreen's qualifications, it'll be automatically approved, so you'll be able to skip a trip to an emissions testing facility.

HOW IT WORKS
RapidScreen testing vans set up at highway on-ramps and other locations where vehicles are accelerating or driving uphill at a moderate speed, because these conditions generate the most representative sample of a vehicle's exhaust.
As a vehicle passes by, the roadside testing equipment is able to analyze the vehicle's exhaust in less than a second. Here's how RapidScreen works:

- 1: The vehicle first passes through a series of detectors that help determine the reliability of its emissions sample, while an image of the license plate is recorded for identification.
 - 2: The vehicle then passes through the infrared and ultra-violet beams of the emissions analyzer. A laser light source directs the beams across the road, where they are reflected off mirrors and directed back to a detector module. As the light beams are broken by the vehicle's exhaust plume, the detector module measures the levels of carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, hydrocarbons and oxides of nitrogen in the plume.
- To ensure accurate, uncontaminated readings, RapidScreen testing vans do not operate during rain, snow, high winds or other adverse weather conditions. RapidScreen also holds to stricter emissions limits than those of a standard tailpipe emissions test.



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