

REALITY CHECK



If the "check engine" light on your dashboard comes on, no need to panic! Your vehicle's computer system is telling you it has detected a problem, which could be as simple as a loose gas cap. If the light stays on or blinks, a more serious condition may need to be addressed.

As required by the federal Clean Air Act, New York is implementing a new emissions test for most 1996 and newer vehicles as part of the normal inspection process. This new test is part of the "Drive NY Clean" program and identifies potential problems that might result in excessive emissions.

The program is being rolled out in upstate New York in 2004. Upstate New York motor vehicle inspection stations will begin the new inspection test in September 2004. The program is being expanded into the New York Metropolitan Area where there is already existing enhanced emissions testing.

So when you see a "check engine" light, consider it a reality check.

Ask yourself, "Is your car really running efficiently or are you contributing to poor air quality in your community?"

Think, check your engine and "Drive NY Clean"!



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