



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



NOTICE

ALL CERTIFIED INSPECTION STATIONS AND INSPECTORS

Beginning January 1, 2017 in order to comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 571.108, State Law and Texas Transportation Code Section 547.323, the inspection requirements for stop lamps on motor vehicles has been revised.

When conducting an Annual Safety Inspection, a visual inspection of the Center High Mounted Stop Lamp must be conducted on passenger vehicles, multipurpose passenger vehicles, trucks, and buses less than 80 inches wide with a GVWR of 10,000 pounds or less. These models must have working center high mounted stop lamps. The High Mounted Stop Lamp is a lamp mounted high and possibly forward of the tail, stop, and rear turn signal lamps intended to give a steady stop warning. Affected vehicle changes are listed below, all other vehicles remain unaffected.

PROCEDURE:

✓ Visually check operation and condition.

✓ Vehicles listed below are affected:

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| • Passenger cars manufactured | 1986 – Newer: | 3 stop lamps required |
| • Light trucks/SUVs under 80" wide, manufactured | 1994 – Newer: | 3 stop lamps required |

✓ All other vehicles remain unaffected.

NOTES:

1. Center High Mounted Stop Lamp condition is entered in the Stop Lamp section of the vehicle inspection sequence on VIC and Emissions Analyzer units.
2. References: Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 571.108; TX Inspection Procedure Chapter 4, 04.20.28