



The Analyzer

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Top Stories

PARTNER Project Update

The new PARTNER Project registration software has been fully implemented across all WIVIP Private Inspection Facilities. If you or any licensed inspector at your facility cannot access the registration renewal software on your analyzer or desktop, please call Opus Inspection at (262) 641-5217 for assistance.

2020 Inspector License Recertification Process

Many licensed inspectors will be required to complete recertification testing in 2020. Opus and WisDOT have developed an optimized process for recertifying your license this year. Inspectors will now be able to study independently from the recertification training documents and simply schedule a time to take the recertification test at Opus Inspection's New Berlin, WI facility. Opus will be providing expanded testing session availability, and will be emailing information for sessions beginning in February. Remember: Inspectors can schedule a recertification test up to six months in advance of their license expiring, so beat the rush and schedule early! To schedule your recertification test please call Opus at (262) 641-5217.

New Computers and OBD Interfaces

Opus will be providing new computers and new OBD interfaces for the emissions analyzers at all Private Inspection Facilities in early 2020. This will provide improved performance and dependability for your station. There is no cost to the Private Inspection Facility for these upgrades.

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Recognition Status for Emissions Repairs

Benefits to becoming a recognized repair facility with the Wisconsin Vehicle Inspection Program (WIVIP).

Motorists in southeastern Wisconsin seek emissions related repairs for vehicles that cannot pass the emissions inspection, a biennial requirement for most vehicles to complete registration renewal or at the time a vehicle changes ownership.

A repair business achieves recognition if it has at least one technician with advanced emissions related training (see details below) and has completed the registration process with the Wisconsin Vehicle Inspection Program.

Repair facilities that meet the recognition criteria can realize the following advantages:

- **Increased business:** Accurate repairs yield satisfied customers and word-of-mouth referrals from family and friends.
- **Free advertising:** Only a list of recognized repair facilities is provided to motorists at the time of the vehicle's failure or reject. There is also a special section on the program website (www.wisconsinvip.org) that lists [recognized repair facilities](#).
- **Increased credibility:** A recognized repair facility is one of a select group of repair facilities distinguished for having technicians with advanced emissions repair training.
- **Stand out:** Only DTC-related emissions repair work performed at a recognized repair facility is eligible for waiver consideration.
- **Free training opportunities:** Receive email notifications for technical seminars.

How to Become Recognized

If your facility employs at least one technician with ASE L1 certification, WISETECH certification, or is a franchised new car dealership, it is one step away from becoming a recognized repair facility.

You may register your facility, free of charge, with the Wisconsin Vehicle Inspection Program (WIVIP) by completing the application at: <http://www.wisconsinvip.org/WivipPublic/PDF/Forms/RecognizedRepairFacilityApplication.pdf>.

Once recognized, your facility will appear on the www.wisconsinvip.org website, as well as on handouts to customers.

If you would like to become recognized, but need to be certified or recertify, you can find information regarding the ASE process at www.ase.com.



TECH TIPS

Identifying and resolving VID communication issues

VID COMMUNICATION ISSUES

*After restarting the Analyzer, if the **VID** and **Online** status lights are red, stop testing and call Opus immediately at (262) 641-5217.*

It is vital that your emissions analyzer is online and communicating with the Vehicle Inspection Database (VID) at all times. This status can be observed on the Main Menu of the emissions analyzer display.

On the left hand side of the screen you will see status monitors for VID and Internet. Make sure the status light is green! If either of these lights are red, safely restart your analyzer by clicking on **Nightly Shutdown** and then clicking on **Yes** in response to the pop-up window with the text **Do you wish to perform a shutdown/restart of the analyzer?** After the analyzer has restarted, verify that the **VID**, **Online**, and **Untrans** status lights are green.

If the **VID** and **Online** status lights are red, stop testing and call Opus immediately at (262) 641-5217.

If the **Untrans** status light is red, you must resend un-transmitted test records! To do this, click on **Utilities** on the Main Menu, click on **Communications**, then click on **Resend Record(s) to VID**.

On the **Resend Records** page, select a start date pre-dating any suspected VID connectivity issues and simply click **Send** on the bottom left of the screen. The analyzer will identify all of the test records for the selected date range and resend them to the VID, ensuring that all records have been transmitted and that your customer can proceed with their annual registration renewal or temporary registration process.

REMINDER:

If a vehicle is brought into your business for an emission inspection and the MIL is on, you must test the vehicle.

Inspection Procedure Reminders

Recording Accurate Odometer Readings is Essential

It is important to accurately enter the odometer reading for all inspected vehicles. Vehicle insurance companies and third parties such as CarFax rely on odometer readings of proof of the vehicle's "low mileage" insurance discount or recommended purchase value. Inspectors who incorrectly enter the odometer readings can cause their customers to lose "low mileage" insurance rates or vehicle resale value.

Vehicles With MIL On Must Be Tested

If a vehicle is brought into your business for an emission inspection and the MIL is on, you must test the vehicle. It is important for the motorist to have a failed test on record and receive the information that explains the repair/retest process that is printed along with the failed vehicle inspection report. Additionally, the motorist would not be eligible for temporary plates without a failed or rejected test on record.

Inventory Running Low?

Periodically check your paper, toner, and sticker inventory. If it is running low, call the Opus New Berlin office at (262) 641-5217 to place an order for resupplies. Don't wait until you are out to place a call!

Waiver Limit Increase Effective July 1, 2019

Just a reminder that the repair cost limit increased on July 1st to \$918 for cost waiver eligibility.