

The Analyzer



THE WISCONSIN VEHICLE INSPECTION PROGRAM

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New PIFs welcomed into emissions network

Please welcome the new PIFs that have joined the emissions network since March 2023.

- ◆ La Carcacha Auto Repair, Milwaukee
- ◆ American Imports, Menomonee Falls
- ◆ Assure Automotive and Tire, Kenosha
- ◆ A & W Auto Service, West Allis
- ◆ Bob's Main Street Auto & Towing, Hubertus
- ◆ Performance Tire & Auto Service, Burlington
- ◆ Righteous Auto Care, Racine
- ◆ John Amato Mitsubishi, Milwaukee

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New seminar announced for June 22

Remember to add June 22 to your calendar for the next seminar. This time we will cover the components of the emissions process and their role in the system and problem diagnosis.

The seminar will take place at our current facility.

Opus Inspection, Inc.
5470 South Westridge Drive
New Berlin, WI 53151
Enter around the back of the building



Start time is 6:00 p.m. (Arrive on time and enjoy free drinks and pizza!) **Mr. Frank Corrente**, technical instructor from **Moraine Park Technical College**, will be our guest speaker. He will be providing more insights into vehicle emissions inspection, components, operation, and diagnostics. If you have not been to one of Frank's free seminars, you are missing out on an enjoyable and informative evening.



The Technician's Bench

What is an analyzer message?

What are the messages that appear on screen prior to an emissions test?

Messages that appear instantly after logging in just before an inspection provide important information about changes, issues within the network (such as registration or testing data), support communications, and other important news about the Wisconsin Vehicle Inspection Program (WIVIP).

Why does the Opus system send messages through the analyzer?

The Opus system utilizes the analyzer as communication tool for important inspection information. We want to keep all network inspectors informed. These messages come directly to you and the rest of the network immediately. Messages save you from having to check emails, contact Opus team members, or use other methods to troubleshoot issues or get help with problems that could be affecting your testing or renewal capabilities.

When will I see these messages?

Messages could be posted at any time and are shown to you after the biometric login for an emissions test.

What happens if I miss the message while I am off or on vacation?

If you are not around during the time a message is posted, the message will still be displayed for 30 days after posting and when you log in. If you return to some messages, please still read them to see if issues have been resolved. The Opus system will always send an update message once an issue is resolved. If unsure, contact us.

Bottom line, if a message pops up when you log into the inspection system please take the time to read it and take any necessary actions. If unsure about how the message applies to you or you otherwise need clarification, please call the Opus support line at (262) 641-5217.

Emissions waiver repair cost limit increased to \$1,053— Change effective July 1, 2023

The repair cost limit for all model year vehicles subject to emissions testing will increase to \$1,053, effective July 1, 2023. This figure is adjusted annually by the DNR per NR 485.045.

Vehicles subject to emissions testing that continue to fail may be eligible for a cost waiver if actual costs of emissions related repairs exceed the repair cost limit. ***Only repairs that are related to the vehicle's cause of failure can be used to apply for a cost waiver.*** Costs covered by any warranty or costs to repair or replace emissions control equipment that has been removed, modified, or disconnected are excluded.

The owner must have emissions related repairs performed on the vehicle at a recognized repair facility to qualify for waiver consideration. A list of recognized repair facilities may be found at: <http://www.wisconsinvip.org/WivipPublic/Pages/RecognizedRepairFacilities.aspx>.

TRANS 131.02(39) includes franchised NEW car dealerships as recognized repair facilities.

Community News

New Opus Wisconsin headquarters coming soon

As some of you may have heard, Opus purchased Applus Technologies, a leader in testing inspection and certification in the emissions business. The acquisition has presented us with the opportunity to move the current Opus Wisconsin office in New Berlin to the larger former Applus office in Brookfield. The move will take place in June 2023.

Our new address will be:

Opus Inspection Technologies, Inc.

3225 Gateway Rd #450, Brookfield, WI 53045

All our emails and telephone numbers will remain the same. Please note that training classes and quarterly seminars will be moving to the Brookfield location, so check the address on your training confirmation to ensure you go to the correct facility. We will communicate the move date in a separate email once it is confirmed.

Interested in joining the WIVIP team as a PIF? It's easy!

Contact Bob Patzer

Phone: (262) 282-5598

Email: Bob.Patzer@Opusinspection.com

Do your customers need to renew?

Don't forget to ask emissions inspection and core business customers if they would like their registration renewed!

Registration Renewal is a great way to add \$\$ to your bottom line, so make sure your customers know you provide that service.

Asking for the business is the most effective and simple way that you can boost your profitability. When a passing inspection is completed, simply ask your customer if they wish to save valuable time and effort by renewing their registration right away.

Recognition Status for Emissions Repairs

Benefits to becoming a recognized repair facility with the Wisconsin Vehicle Inspection Program

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 (WIVIP).

Repair facilities meeting 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.
- ◆ **Standing out:** Only DTC-related emissions repair work performed at a recognized repair facility is eligible for waiver consideration.



How to become recognized

If your facility employs at least one technician with ASE L1 certification or 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.

Recognized repair facilities with the WIVIP benefit from:

- ◆ **Increased business**
- ◆ **Free advertising**
- ◆ **Increased credibility**
- ◆ **Standing out from other businesses**

You may Register your facility free of charge if:

- ◆ **You employ at least one technician with ASE L1 certification or WISETECH certification;**
- OR
- ◆ **Your facility is a franchised new car dealership.**