

**SAFETY INSPECTION REQUIREMENT FOR
SALVAGE VEHICLES**

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STATE OF UTAH

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This act modifies the Public Safety Code by requiring salvage vehicles to pass a safety inspection at the time of application for initial registration as a salvage vehicle. The act provides that the frequency of subsequent safety inspections is based on the model year of the vehicle.

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

AMENDS:

53-8-205, as last amended by Chapter 143, Laws of Utah 2002

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **53-8-205** is amended to read:

53-8-205. Safety inspection required -- Frequency of safety inspection -- Safety inspection certificate required -- Out-of-state permits.

(1) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(b), a person may not operate on a highway a motor vehicle required to be registered in this state unless the motor vehicle has passed a safety inspection.

(b) Subsection (1)(a) does not apply to:

- (i) vehicles exempt from registration under Section 41-1a-205; and
- (ii) off-highway vehicles.

(2) ~~[The]~~ Except as provided in Subsection (3), the frequency of the safety inspection shall be determined based on the age of the vehicle determined by model year and shall:

- (a) be required each year for a vehicle that is eight or more years old on January 1; or
- (b) every two years for each vehicle that is less than eight years old on January 1 as

follows:

- (i) in odd-numbered years for a vehicle with an odd-numbered model year; and
- (ii) in even-numbered years for a vehicle with an even-numbered model year;

(c) be made by a safety inspector certified by the division at a safety inspection station authorized by the division;

(d) cover an inspection of the motor vehicle mechanism, brakes, and equipment to ensure proper adjustment and condition as required by department rules; and

(e) include an inspection for the display of license plates in accordance with Section 41-1a-404.

(3) (a) A salvage vehicle as defined in Section 41-1a-1001 is required to pass a safety inspection when an application is made for initial registration as a salvage vehicle.

(b) After initial registration as a salvage vehicle, the frequency of the safety inspection shall correspond with the model year, as provided in Subsection (2).

~~[(3)]~~ (4) A safety inspection station shall issue a safety inspection certificate to the owner of each motor vehicle that passes a safety inspection under this section.

~~[(4)]~~ (5) The division may:

(a) authorize the acceptance in this state of a safety inspection certificate issued in another state having a safety inspection law similar to this state; and

(b) extend the time within which a safety inspection certificate must be obtained by the resident owner of a vehicle that was not in this state during the time a safety inspection was required.