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# TNC Inspection FAQs

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## What is a TNC Inspection?

- As required by the laws regulating Transportation Network Companies (“TNCs”) in Massachusetts, all vehicles being used by a TNC driver must receive an additional inspection along with their annual state inspection.

## Where can I get a TNC Inspection?

- You can obtain a TNC inspection at any state licensed inspection station.
- All state licensed inspection stations must provide a TNC inspection when requested.

## What is the cost of a TNC Inspection?

- The cost is \$15.00.

## How do I show proof that my car passed its TNC Inspection?

- A Vehicle Inspection Report (VIR) will be presented after the inspection is passed. There is no sticker. The VIR must be presented upon request from law enforcement or passenger.

## Is there an additional sticker for the vehicle?

- There is no additional sticker to be affixed to the vehicle.
- The inspector will provide a Vehicle Inspection Report (VIR) that States that the vehicle passed the Transportation Network Vehicle Inspection.
- The VIR must be in the vehicle to be presented upon request.



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## When is a TNC Inspection due?

- **Massachusetts Registered Vehicles:** TNC inspection is due at the vehicle's next state inspection and every year thereafter.
- **Out of State Registered Vehicles With a Home-State Inspection:** TNC inspection must be done by the last day of the month of the home-state inspection expiration and every year thereafter.
  - For example, if you have an April 2019 inspection sticker, you must have your TNC inspection completed by April 30, 2019.
- **Out of State Registered Vehicle Without a Home- State inspection program (e.g., Connecticut) or one that is less frequent than every year (e.g., Rhode Island):**
  - **Existing Network Vehicles** - TNC inspection must be done by September 30, 2019 and every year thereafter.
  - **Vehicles Entering *after* September 30, 2019** – TNC inspection must be done within 60-days of joining the network.
- **Rental Vehicles:**
  - **Existing Network Vehicles** - TNC inspection must be done by September 30, 2019 and every year thereafter.
  - **Vehicles Entering *after* September 30, 2019** – TNC inspection must be done within 60-days of joining the network.

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## What if the vehicle fails the inspection?

- If the vehicle does not pass inspection any defective items must be fixed.
- There is a free re-test within 20 days.
- After 20 days payment for the new test is required.

## What if I don't get my TNC Inspection?

- If you fail to get a TNC Inspection within the time required you could be subject to a fine and a surcharge.
- Failure to comply may result in a revocation of a Driver's Background Check Clearance Certificate.



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## What is included in a TNC Inspection?

The vehicle must have a Current Valid Annual State Inspection

TNC inspection includes the brakes and suspension systems as well as the interior items listed below:

- The vehicle's heating, defrosting and air conditioning systems are in "good working order"
- All interior lights are operational and illuminate the interior of the vehicle.
- There are no holes, tears, sharp edges or springs or wires protruding in seats and interior panels.
- The open door warning devices are in proper operating condition for all doors.
- The vehicle's interior rear-view mirror is securely affixed.
- Both of the operator and passenger sun visors are in place.
- The door and window handles, locks and interior panels are in good working order.
- There are no loose items on the front dash or rear shelf.
- The seats, including the areas beneath them, and the rear floor area are free from debris.
- The vehicle's trunk is clean and free of debris.
- The vehicle's doors and windows operate as designed.

