



**ATTENTION: Official Inspection Stations, Quality Assurance Officers,
and Pennsylvania State Police**

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Vehicle Inspection Division Bulletin

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REPORTING LOST, DAMAGED, OR STOLEN INSPECTION CERTIFICATES

In accordance with **67 Pa. Code § 175.29(e)(1)**, official inspection stations are required to immediately report any damaged, lost, or stolen certificates of inspection. The regulation states:

“The following events shall be reported at once to the inspection station supervisor and the Bureau; however, it is not necessary to discontinue inspections: (1) Whenever certificates of inspection are damaged, lost or stolen.”

The Vehicle Inspection Division (VID) interprets this to mean that stations must promptly notify the Department by informing the Inspection Sticker Unit whenever an inspection sticker purchased by the station is damaged, lost, or stolen. This notification must occur **immediately** and shall **not** be delayed until the time of audit.

Failure to report damaged, lost, or stolen stickers **immediately** may result in penalties under the following provisions of **67 Pa. Code**:

- **§ 175.51(a)(4)(viii)** – Failure to notify the Dept. of changes affecting an official inspection station.
- **§ 175.51(a)(2)(vii)** – Improper certificate of inspection security.

Please note that **notification to local law enforcement is not required** under the current regulations. If needed, the Vehicle Inspection Division will coordinate with law enforcement following an administrative investigation, which includes an attestation from the station detailing the circumstances surrounding the incident.

To report damaged, lost, or stolen stickers, please contact the Inspection Sticker Unit at 717-705-2182. In addition to contacting the Inspection Sticker Unit, you must also notify your assigned Quality Assurance Officer.

NEW CAMPAIGN INSPECTION STICKERS ARE AVAILABLE OCTOBER 1, 2025

Between now and October 1, 2025, you should be careful not to order more inspection stickers than necessary to perform annual inspections through December 31, 2025, and semi-annual inspections through June 30, 2026. Please manage your sticker inventory to assure you have sufficient 2025-2026 inventory to last through December 2025 or until you receive your 2026-2027 stickers.

2026-2027 stickers may be used simultaneously with the 2025-2026 stickers. 2025-2026 stickers may be used for inspections on vehicles with expiry dates up to December 2025. 2026-2027 stickers are needed by November 1st for vehicles with a January 2026 expiry. Once you begin to use the new 2026-2027 stickers, a separate MV-431 or MV-480 must be started.

Please plan your inventory to allow up to 14 business days for delivery of your inspection sticker orders.

Please be aware that if your payment is made with a check returned for insufficient funds, your inspection privileges are subject to suspension in accordance with the schedule of penalties found in Section 175.51 (specifically 67 Pa. Code § 175.51(a)(4)(vi)) of the Vehicle Equipment and Inspection Regulations.

Online Inspection Sticker Orders

Online ordering of **2026-2027 safety or emissions inspection stickers begins October 1, 2025**. Please do not attempt to place online orders for 2026-2027 safety or emissions inspection stickers prior to October 1, 2025. All orders processed prior to October 1, 2025, will receive 2025-2026 safety and emissions inspection stickers.

Ordering Inspection Stickers By Mail

For stations that wish to continue ordering through the mail, you may place your mail-in orders now for 2026-2027 safety or emissions inspection stickers. **If you wish to order 2026-2027 safety or emissions inspection stickers, please write 2026-2027 in large numbers across the top left of your MV-436A Inspection Sticker and Insert Order Form.** Unless you indicate **2026-2027** at the top left of the form, your order will be processed for 2025-2026 stickers. MV-436A forms marked 2026-2027 will not be processed before October 1, 2025.

Reminders:

- **Please note that when ordering stickers, they are ordered by sheets, not by individual stickers. Each sheet contains 10 stickers. For example, 4 sheets of emission stickers equal 40 stickers. Your order may be rejected for excessive quantities. Please review your order before submitting to ensure the order is correct.**
- **2025-2026 campaign stickers in the AI, IM and AO series cannot be used for any reason after December 31, 2025.**
- **2025-2026 SI stickers may be used until June 30, 2026.**
- **2026-2027 stickers must be used for AI, IM and AO series starting January 1, 2026.**
- **All stickers purchased on or after October 1, 2025, will be new campaign stickers (2026-2027).**
- **2025-2026 campaign stickers will no longer be available for purchase on or after October 1, 2025.**

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