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New J1979-2 Protocol Testing Info

Starting in October 2026, vehicles with J1979-2 engines and have testing compliance **deadlines of January 1, 2027**, or later must pass OBD testing using OBD testing devices certified to J1979-2 to comply with Clean Truck Check vehicle testing requirements.

Actions to take:
• If you are a **tester**, please contact your OBD testing device company to make sure your testing software is updated to use SAE J1979-2 protocol.
• If you are a **vehicle owner**, please see the test due dates shown in your account. This requirement applies to all testing deadlines on or after **January 1, 2027.**

Background:
Heavy-duty vehicle manufacturers that currently use the SAE J1979 communication protocol for OBD certification will transition to the SAE J1979-2 (OBDonUDS) communication protocol starting with the 2027 engine model year. A small subset of Volvo and Mack vehicle models and engine families have begun this transition to the SAE J1979-2 communication protocol early starting with the 2024 model year.

Vehicles may submit tests no more than 90 days prior to the vehicle's compliance deadlines. CARB will update the webpage when certified tools are available for sale (**https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/inspection-and-maintenance-program/obd-test-devices**).

CARB Clean Truck Check Webinar Series

CARB staff are hosting virtual webinars covering vehicle testing requirements for the Clean Truck Check program that began in October 2024. The reporting database for the Clean Truck Check program, CTC-VIS, undergoes updates regularly and these changes will be covered and discussed. **These webinars are part of a continuing series of trainings that are focused on the requirements for owners of trucks operating in California.**

The following are the dates, times, and registration links for the upcoming webinars:

Date: **July 21, 2026**
Time: **1:00 pm - 3:30 pm**
Registration: **Register HERE**

Date: **August 18, 2026**
Time: **1:00 pm - 3:30 pm**
Registration: **Register HERE**

Date: **September 22, 2026**
Time: **1:00 pm - 3:30 pm**
Registration: **Register HERE**