



# NJ-CERT Module 8: Emissions Warranties

A course made for New Jersey's Certified Emission Repair Technician  
(ERT)

Presented by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP)  
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- For detailed rules and regulations, please visit [Section 2](#) on the NJ-CERT homepage.

Thank you

# Emissions Warranty Applicability

- New Jersey adopted the California Low Emission Vehicle (LEV) program effective January 1, 2009 with model year 2009 light duty (GVWR  $\leq$  8500 lbs.) gasoline and diesel vehicles.
- With very few exceptions, that means most passenger cars and light trucks originally registered in NJ are either California certified or 50 state certified. You can determine certification class by looking at the under hood emissions control label (aka Vehicle Emission Control Information label).
- An important point is that BOTH federal and California emission warranties apply to these LEV vehicles.

# Types of Emission Warranties for California and Federal Vehicles

When you see “PZEV” mentioned in the table, note that for warranty purposes PZEV includes ATPZEV and TZEV vehicles.

Most hybrid gasoline-electric vehicles are ATPZEVs and most plug-in hybrid vehicles are TZEVs.

*ZEVs, like pure battery electric vehicles, are not covered by these emissions warranties because they do not have any emissions.*

2009 and Newer Passenger Cars and Light Duty Trucks		
<b>Defects and Performance Warranty</b>	Covers all emissions related parts Reference: CCR §2037	3 years/50k miles
<b>High-Cost Emissions-Related Parts Warranty</b>	Covers specific, high cost emissions- related parts as listed in owners manual Reference: CCR §2037	7 years/ 70k miles
<b>Defects and Performance Warranty for PZEV</b>	Only covers vehicles certified to the PZEV (Partial Zero Emission Vehicle) standard Reference: CCR §1962	15 years/ 150k miles (except battery)  10 years/ 150k miles battery or other energy storage device
<b>Federal Emissions Warranty</b>	<b>Basic Emissions Warranty</b>  Applies to 1995 and newer vehicles and covers any part that causes an emissions failure	2 years/ 24k miles
	<b>Extended Federal Warranty Coverage</b>  Covers three specific major emissions control components: catalytic convertors, electronic emissions control unit (ECU), and the onboard emissions diagnostic device or computer (OBD)	8 years/80K miles

Source: <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/resources/fact-sheets/california-vehicle-and-emissions-warranty-periods>

# Warranty Coverage

- Vehicle warranties are administered by the vehicle manufacturers and CARB or the US EPA.
- Generally, the New Jersey government itself cannot force a manufacturer to honor a warranty. However, we can assist motorists who are uncertain as to whether their vehicle issues are eligible for warranty coverage.
- Beyond that, most vehicle manufacturers have an escalation process for owners who feel they are being denied proper warranty coverage. We encourage motorists to follow this process.