

# Vehicle Inspection Program

Buyers may elect to purchase a \$175 post-sale inspection on all eligible vehicles. Coverage provided under the VIP is limited to the terms as described herein for the “Green Light” or “Seller’s Guarantee.” All eligible vehicles must be 9 years or newer and have less than 120,000 miles. The Auto Auction of Montana’s Vehicle Inspection Program (V.I.P.) puts an A.S.E. certified professional in your vehicle for road testing and post sale inspection.

- Vehicles 20 years and older, under \$3000 are not eligible for any form of arbitration.

Each vehicle inspection includes:

- Frame/Unibody Check
  - Engine – As of 6-1-2016, AAM will no longer arbitrate for exhaust manifolds/bolts unless deemed “excessive” by AAM Arbitration.
  - **Cam Phasers are “AS IS” and non-arbitratable.** Due to the inherent and typical noises of the Ford engine cam phasers. AAM will no longer arbitrate them.
  - Transmission
  - Electrical – Current model year and up to 4 years old subject to following exceptions:  
As of 1/15-2016, Park Assist, Tire Pressure Sensors, and Wiring will no longer be covered under Green Light Guarantee  
Rear Parking camera will still be covered.  
As of 6-1-2016, AAM will no longer arbitrate for rear defroster under Green Light Guarantee.
  - A/C Condenser and Compressor
  - Power steering, power steering sector, rack and pinion and power steering pump
  - 4-wheel drive, transfer case, front drive axles, front differential, hubs & auto hubs, 4 x4 control module, shift motor etc. are functioning properly.
  - ABS- module, speed sensors etc.
  - Speedo/Odometer- in working order. The AAM does not guarantee mileage or warranties, we merely act as agent between buyer and seller.
  - Front drive axle
  - Any vehicle with an oil leak/fluid leak will only be addressed if the leak is excessive and the vehicle has under 60,000 miles on it. (must be excessive and be causing a failure.)
  - Any vehicle that shows excessive body or paint repair will have a laser frame check done at the Auto Auction of Montana’s discretion.
  - 4 yrs to current model year - Suspension, including Air Ride and Magneto Ride, Power Boards and Power Roof, are covered items.
- Buyer Protection- If in the vehicle inspection process it is found that a vehicle has repairs in excess of \$800 the seller is responsible to fix the vehicle, adjust the price or repurchase the vehicle. Repairs under \$800 are the buyers responsibility. Vehicles will be repaired by the AAM or an AAM approved facility.
  - In the event that within 7 days an inspected vehicle is found to have a defect of any covered item, The Auto Auction of Montana will, at our option, fix the vehicle or reimburse the buyer for the cost of the repairs up to a maximum of \$1,000.

Note: The Auto Auction of Montana does not own or take possession of the vehicles inspected; therefore, the VIP Program is NOT a warranty or a vehicle buy back program. All vehicles must be paid for, before a VIP inspection will be completed on the vehicle.

## Terms & Conditions

- Coverage provided under the VIP is limited to the terms as described herein for “Green Light” or Seller’s Guarantee.” All eligible vehicles must have 120,000 or less miles and be 9 years or newer.
- All vehicles in VIP are subject to additional diagnostic or check out fees. If the unit checks out good, or if the repairs are under the amount of \$800, the buyer is responsible for the additional diagnostic fees/repairs. If the repairs are over \$800 the consignor is responsible for the diagnostic fees/repairs. If the Auto Auction of Montana’s Arbitration Department determines that the vehicle does not meet the minimum condition requirements, the seller agrees to repair the vehicle, adjust the price or repurchase the vehicle. In the event that the consignor chooses to repurchase the vehicle, the consignor is responsible for the sale fee, the \$175 VIP charge and any outside diagnostic fees.
- Buyer agrees to pay for all purchases in full before a VIP inspection will be completed
- In the event that a vehicle is returned to AAM for repairs, buyer is responsible for all transportation costs to and from the auction.
- After an arbitration price adjustment on a vehicle, the vehicle becomes AS/Is and there will be no further arbitration.
- During the VIP process, at times an outside diagnosis is needed to complete the inspection. The cost of the outside diagnosis will be the responsibility of the buyer if the vehicle remains sold and that of the seller if the vehicle fails.
- Buyers having vehicles post sale inspected have 7 days from the day of sale to arbitrate for discrepancies covered by the Auction sale day guarantee. Sale day is considered to be day 1. Vehicles cannot be arbitrated if the defect found with the vehicle would not have been guaranteed by the sale day guarantee. All arbitrations on Post Sale Inspection vehicles are valid. Some of these inspections may not be performed until the day after the sale. This will not invalidate the arbitration due to the time constraints mentioned in this policy.
- The maximum mileage that a covered auto can have is 50 miles.
- Vehicles which have been damaged or misused after leaving the auction premises are disqualified for VIP.
- All decisions made by the Auto Auction of Montana’s arbitration department are final.

Note: Diesel trucks must be newer than 5 years, have less than 120,000 miles and be under factory warranty to be eligible for VIP post sale inspection. Vehicles with over 120,000 miles are not eligible. (unless authorized by AAM Management.)

Note: Any engine or dash light on will not be eligible for Green Light or Sale Guarantee until repaired. (except for non-covered items as listed under electrical items above. Examples include Park Assist or Tire Pressure sensors.)