

**NYVIP MESSAGE No. 274**  
**DATE: 3/2/2022**  
**TO: ALL EMISSIONS INSPECTION STATIONS**  
**FROM: NYS DEPT. OF MOTOR VEHICLES**  
**SUBJECT: 2nd REMINDER: IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW NYVIP3 CONTRACT**

**\*\*PLEASE BRING THIS MESSAGE TO THE ATTENTION OF THE STATION OWNER AND/OR MANAGER\*\***

This message is to remind you of upcoming changes to the New York Vehicle Inspection Program (NYVIP) and requirements to participate as an emissions station.

As previously advised in NYVIP Message #269 sent October 15, 2021 and NYVIP Message #271 sent 12/21/2021, the new program (NYVIP3) will launch on December 1, 2022. Beginning December 1, 2022, Opus Inspection, Inc. (Opus) will be the program manager for NYVIP3.

The new program will require that all inspection stations purchase a new computerized vehicle inspection system (CVIS). Most components of NYVIP3 station equipment and operations will remain familiar to all existing stations that utilize the current NYVIP2 equipment.

Further, NYVIP3 equipment and software will include upgrades that will allow both inspection stations and DMV to better serve customers. New features include, but are not limited to:

- Print-on-demand inspection sticker printing
- Elimination of paper recording for all inspection types
- Integrated opacity inspection equipment for NYMA-registered Medium to Heavy Duty Diesel vehicles
- Enhanced online Certified Inspector training and certification including online renewals
- Improved OBD scan tool capability and station network communication
- Improved station assistance with problem vehicles during emission inspection
- CVIS web camera for added security

The purchase price of a new initial NYVIP3 CVIS unit is as follows:

Level 2	OBD & Safety CVIS	\$1,695
Level 3	Integrated Opacity & Safety CVIS	\$4,695
Level 4	OBD, Integrated Opacity & Safety CVIS	\$4,995

In addition, Opus will offer a lease option. Under this option, payment is required in equal monthly installments for the life of the contract at the following rates:

Level 2	OBD & Safety CVIS	\$45.00
Level 3	Integrated Opacity & Safety CVIS	\$90.00
Level 4	OBD, Integrated Opacity & Safety CVIS	\$98.00

Below are frequently asked questions (FAQ's) that will help you better understand any changes. This information is being provided to ensure that you are fully informed when making business decisions and/or renewing your New York State Official Inspection Station license.

**1. What is NYVIP3?**

NYVIP3 is the vehicle inspection program that will replace the current vehicle emissions inspection program known as NYVIP2 (New York Vehicle Inspection Program 2). Emissions testing is required as part of New York State's agreement with the EPA to comply with the Federal Clean Air Act.

Similar to NYVIP2, the NYVIP3 work station will electronically communicate with the on-board diagnostic (OBD) system of vehicles, record the status of the vehicles emission system, and transmit the data to DMV via the program contractor.

**2. Do I have to purchase NYVIP3 equipment?**

**Yes.** in order to continue participating in the voluntary inspection program, inspection stations will be required to purchase the new computerized vehicle inspection system (CVIS). The new equipment will accommodate the changes incorporated into the NYVIP3 program and allow for improvements in the operating platform for future changes to the program.

**3. What costs are associated with the NYVIP3 program?**

- a) Initial CVIS unit: the new program will require that inspection stations purchase a new computerized vehicle inspection system (CVIS). The purchase price of a new initial NYVIP3 CVIS unit is as follows:

Level 2	OBD & Safety CVIS	\$1,695
Level 3	Integrated Opacity & Safety CVIS	\$4,695
Level 4	OBD, Integrated Opacity & Safety CVIS	\$4,995

In addition, Opus will offer an equipment operating lease option. Under this option, payment is required in equal monthly installments for the life of the contract at the following rates:

Level 2	OBD & Safety CVIS	\$45.00
Level 3	Integrated Opacity & Safety CVIS	\$90.00
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- b) Transaction fees: Stations will continue to pay the Contractor for each inspection conducted. Opus will continue to charge one transaction fee, per inspection, of \$0.436 cents. This transaction fee remains unchanged from NYVIP2.
- c) CVIS communication connection: Inspection stations must provide a NYVIP3 CVIS broadband communications connection and are responsible for any related charges.

#### **4. When will I need to use the new inspection equipment?**

You will continue to use the inspection equipment you currently have until notified otherwise. Stations must have the NYVIP3 equipment operational in order to continue to perform inspections after the official start date.

#### **5. What equipment does the base NYVIP3 CVIS include?**

- PC – Workstation
- Windows 10 Operating System
- CVIS NYVIP3 Software and Virus Protection
- 19" monitor
- Barcode Scanner
- OBDII interface (data acquisition device)
- Laser Printer (VIR, station reports, etc.)
- Thermal Sticker Printer
- Web Camera

#### **6. What do I do with my old equipment?**

The equipment belongs to you and can be disposed of (recycled) or reused elsewhere as you like. However, other than the storage cabinet, NYVIP2 equipment CANNOT be used in connection with the NYVIP3 program.

The current (CVIS) NYVIP2 electronic components contain hazardous elements and compounds, including lead, mercury, and cadmium, which can be toxic if released into the environment. Electronic waste CANNOT be thrown out in your garbage. Electronic waste is often hazardous waste. When it is properly recycled, most electronic waste is exempt from hazardous waste regulation. Regulations for handling of electronic waste are available from your local government and can be found at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8788.html>.

#### **7. Does the new equipment include a warranty?**

**Yes.** The NYVIP3 equipment is covered under warranty against defects and failures due to normal wear and tear for the duration of the contract. There is no additional cost for the warranty; the warranty cost for an initial unit is included in the "transaction" fee. The warranty does not cover defects caused by customer abuse.

#### **8. How does the new equipment operate?**

The NYVIP3 workstation will basically follow the same operational procedures that the current system uses. A certified inspector will enter vehicle information and safety inspection results. The workstation will then guide the inspector to perform the proper emission test and record the results. The NYVIP3 unit will offer Computer Based Training (CBT) to instruct inspectors how to use it.

### **9. How do I set up the equipment?**

The NYVIP3 CVIS will be drop shipped with setup instructions. Operating software will be preinstalled and peripherals will be plug-and-play. A dedicated help desk will be available to assist users by phone. Opus field service representatives will be available for an onsite visit, if necessary.

### **10. Do I have to sign any contracts with Opus?**

Yes, like the NYVIP2 agreement, if you want to participate in this program, you will be required to enter into a station participation agreement with Opus. This agreement will be posted on Opus' NYVIP.org website when it becomes available.

### **11. What type of vehicles can I inspect in the NYVIP3 Program?**

You will be limited to inspect those groups of vehicles that you are currently licensed to inspect.

### **12. Do I have to obtain a new inspector's card or certification?**

No. You will continue to use the inspector's card you have now.

### **13. What are my communications options for NYVIP3?**

The NYVIP3 CVIS will only support broadband (wired and/or wireless) communication connections, including cellular and satellite broadband connections. Dial-up phone line connections will no longer be supported. Inspection stations will be responsible for any related broadband connection charges.

### **14. What optional equipment or upgrades may be available?**

Opus has proposed the following options which, pending DMV testing and approval, will be available to stations.

- Professional Cabinet
- Wi-Fi Communication Card for in-station wireless LAN
- Wireless OBD scan tool
- Wireless Barcode Scanner
- Bluetooth Wireless Headset for hands-free safety inspection
- OBD Verification Tester embedded in OBD scan tool (no charge)

The wireless optional equipment provides greater freedom of equipment location, and faster data entry methods with fewer mistakes.

### **15. What improvements will be included in NYVIP3?**

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**16. How long is the NYVIP3 contract with Opus?**

The Contract with Opus Inspection will become effective on 12/1/2022 and will continue for a period of seven (7) years, and includes a renewal option for up to two (2) additional years.

**17. Can I purchase or lease more than one NYVIP3 workstation?**

Yes. However, additional CVIS units are priced differently than initial units. The total cost of one additional CVIS unit is as follows:

Level 1	Safety Only CVIS	\$4,695
Level 2	OBD & Safety CVIS	\$5,495
Level 3	Integrated Opacity & Safety CVIS	\$8,995
Level 4	OBD, Integrated Opacity & Safety CVIS	\$9,495

Monthly lease payments are as follows:

Level 1	Safety Only CVIS	\$125.00
Level 2	OBD & Safety CVIS	\$145.00
Level 3	Integrated Opacity & Safety CVIS	\$240.00
Level 4	OBD, Integrated Opacity & Safety CVIS	\$250.00

**18. Will there be a change in inspection fees?**

Inspection fees, which are set in regulation, and sticker fees, which are set in law, are not affected by this contract.

**19. What happens next? What if I have questions?**

DMV will follow up this communication with further information as it becomes available. Please be on the lookout for future NYVIP3 updates.

For further information, email Opus Inspection at [NYVIP3Info@Opusinspection.com](mailto:NYVIP3Info@Opusinspection.com) Please include your name, phone number, email address, and facility number with your question(s). Or call the office of Clean Air at (518) 473-0597 select Option #4.