



# State Regulations Affecting Auto Repair Facilities

## Alabama

### Additional Notices/Disclosures

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No Statutes/Regulations available at this time

### Additional Resources

Used Oil Generator Fact Sheet: <http://www.adem.state.al.us/LandDivision/guidance.htm> (click on "The Used Oil Generator")

### Advertising

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Alabama does not impose specific advertising regulations on automotive repair facilities. The state's general consumer protection advertising requirements apply.

Code of Ala. §§ 8-19-1 through 8-19-15

### Estimates

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No Statutes/Regulations available at this time

### Filter Recycling and Disposal

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Alabama follows the federal guidelines for used oil filters. Non-terne plated used oil filters are exempt from hazardous waste regulation if the used oil filter is:

- a) punctured through its dome end or its anti-drain back valve and hot-drained; or
- b) hot-drained and crushed; or
- c) dismantled and hot-drained; or
- d) hot-drained using an equivalent method to remove used oil.

Terne is an alloy of lead and tin that was used in some heavy duty filters in the past. Hot-draining is defined as draining the oil filter at near engine operating temperature and above 60 degrees Fahrenheit. It is recommended that used oil filters be hot-drained for 12 hours and drained until there is no free-flowing used oil.

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management Strongly recommends that filters be recycled rather than landfilled.

40 CFR 261.4(b)(13); also see Used Oil Generator Fact Sheet (link below)

### Invoices

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No Statutes/Regulations available at this time

### Other Mandatory State Fees

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Alabama imposes an excise tax of \$.04 per gallon on the sale, use, distribution, storing or withdraw from storage of motor oil. The tax applies to manufacturers, distributors, refiners and retail dealers of motor oil. However, the tax must only be paid one time. Therefore, as long as the manufacturer or a distributor has paid the excise tax, MAP would not be required to pay it.

Code of Ala. § 40-17-220

### Parts Return

No Statutes/Regulations available at this time



## Record Retention

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No Statutes/Regulations available at this time

## Shop Fees

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There is no specific prohibition against collecting shop fees in any amount. However, all businesses must comply with Alabama's Deceptive Trade Practices Act. Therefore, any advertisements containing a price for a service should also disclose any applicable shop fees.

## State Battery Recycling and Fees

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No Statutes/Regulations available at this time

## Tire Recycling and Disposal (Including Fees)

The Alabama Scrap Tire Environmental Quality Act became effective October 1, 2004. This Act sets forth requirements pertaining to the storage, transportation and processing of waste tires. No person may accumulate more than 100 scrap tires, except as a permitted processor, registered receiver, or permitted landfill. No person may expose accumulated scrap tires to the elements for more than 30 days. (See Title 22, Chapter 40A of Alabama Code for full details).

A "scrap tire environmental fee" in the amount of \$1 per tire must be collected from the customer upon the purchase of replacement tires. The fees collected are to be paid monthly to the Department of Revenue by the 20th day of the following month and should be accompanied with a form prescribed by the Department of Revenue. Tire dealers may retain 5% of the fees collected to cover the administrative costs of fee collection and payment to the State. Alabama law does not expressly prohibit charging an additional tire disposal fee or including it in calculating shop fees.

Code of Ala. § 22-40A-14

## Warranties

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No Statutes/Regulations available at this time

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