







Main Fitness & Safety Challenge Europe, US & Japan: 3 – 5 % of accidents caused by technical defects 7 – 18 % of accidents were more severe because of technical defects • Fitness & Safety Testing can reduce these accidents by 50% • Require an objective revision of many safety-related points (Current test is highly subjective) • Usefully encompass all on-road vehicles. • Could this be immediately achievable for all vehicles in India? • Could sufficient investment be made immediately available? • Would it be more effective to phase the programs introduction?



Lessons Learnt from Mexico Emissions program must be seen by Public to be effective, totally objective, transparent and control gross polluters Focus on dirtiest (or most dangerous) vehicles Enforced, supervised and audited False Passes damage public acceptance Centralized Test-only inspection Use Good Test Procedure Dynamometer testing used to stop cheating / tampering

What Is a Good Test Procedure? Should not cause clean vehicles to be repaired Must not allow dirty vehicles to pass Must be easy to perform Must be cost-effective The advantages of the program to the public must be seen to be MUCH greater than its social cost. Must be resistant to tampering and cheating Cost of False Pass is a good indicator of Program effectiveness





Emissions Tests should promote permanent Truck Repair Easy to prepare a vehicle to pass a free acceleration test 70+% of repairs focus on the engine's Transient Air-Fuel Ratio Control. No Air Pressure (Cummins) Throttle Delay (DDC) Puff Limiter (Mack) Often will not reduce Real-life Smoke Emissions

Smoke vs Particulates Smoke results depend on drive cycle Smoke test can only control visible smoke Poor correlation between free acceleration smoke and mass particulate emissions on Dynamometer Free acceleration useful as screening tool BUT needs lenient standards to minimize false failures. Single or two speed dynamometer test easier to operate and more cost-effective

UK's National Audit Office review of 13M program (1998) "....had been assumed that the exhaust smoke opacity generated in the Free Accel.Test could identify the maintenance condition of the vehicle" BUT... High number of errors of commission Significant variability in the test results. "If the accelerator is pressed too slowly, the maximum amount of smoke emitted can be reduced by a factor of five."





























