

**SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION**

4400 BROAD RIVER ROAD  
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29210

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TITLE: IMPLIED CONSENT - BAC DATAMASTER TIME STAMP		PAGE 1 OF 1

RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY: SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE OF  
FORENSIC SERVICES LABORATORY

RELATED STANDARDS/STATUTES/REFERENCES: S.C. Code of Laws, Section 56-5-2950  
S.C. Code of Laws, Section 50-21-114  
S.C. Code of Laws, Section 55-1-100  
S.C. Code of Laws, Section 56-1-2130

**GENERAL PURPOSE:** To set forth policies for the administration of implied consent breath alcohol tests.

**POLICY:** The Division will establish procedures for properly conducting implied consent BAC DataMaster breath alcohol tests.

**SPECIFIC PROCEDURES:** A BAC DataMaster shall be used to time stamp the SLED evidence ticket to denote the beginning of the observation period unless a refusal has already occurred. In this case, a time stamp is not necessary. This time stamp information is not stored by the BAC DataMaster for later retrieval. The ticket may be time stamped by any BAC DataMaster, not necessarily the one on which the test is to be performed. After the three items on the checklist are completed, the test operator will time stamp the ticket (unless a refusal has occurred). The time stamp function can only be used while the instrument is in the ready state. Therefore, if a prior test is in progress, the operator will have to wait to time stamp his/her ticket until after that test is completed. The instrument will display "INSERT TICKET" after the time stamp button is pressed, unless a ticket has already been inserted. After the ticket is inserted, the instrument will print on the ticket, "OBSERVATION TIME BEGINS", the time (in twenty-four hour format), and the date (in mm/dd/yy format) and eject the ticket. The operator will then wait until it is time to administer the breath test.