





CALIFORNIA REQUIREMENTS FOR AFTERMARKET CATALYTIC CONVERTERS





October 22, 2013







Agenda

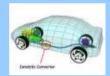
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Background



 Aftermarket catalytic converters must be exempted by ARB to be sold in California



Current regulations adopted in



Current regulations took effect



January 1, 2009

October 2007



Performance Criteria OBD II Vehicles

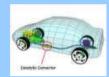


- Meet certification emission standards
- Demonstrate durability to 50,000 miles using rapid aging test (RAT A)
 - 75 hours for PC & LDT 1



- 100 hours for LDT 2 thru MDV
- Demonstrate OBD II compatible

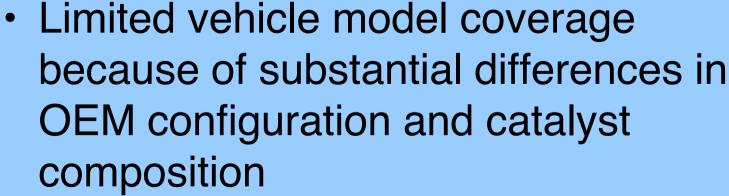








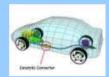






- OBD II vehicle coverage identified by converter manufacturer, based on adequate performance and fit
- Test vehicles selected by ARB
 Limited vehicle model coverage







 Pre-OBD II vehicle coverage based on OBD II converters

Performance Criteria

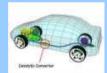
Pre-OBD II Vehicles







- Test vehicles selected by ARB using four vehicle categories
 - (PC-1): passenger car single configuration
 - (T-1): truck single configuration
 - (PC-2): passenger car dual configuration
 - (T-2): truck dual configuration



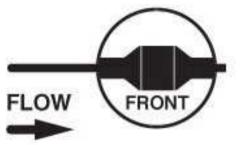
PC-1 and T-1 Configurations

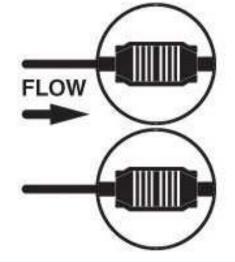


(PC-1): (Passenger Car Single Configuration) Passenger cars with single or dual exhaust systems with one catalytic converter per exhaust bank. (T-1): (Truck Single Configuration) Light-duty or medium-duty trucks with single or dual exhaust systems with one catalytic converter per exhaust system.

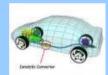












PC-2 and T-2 Configurations

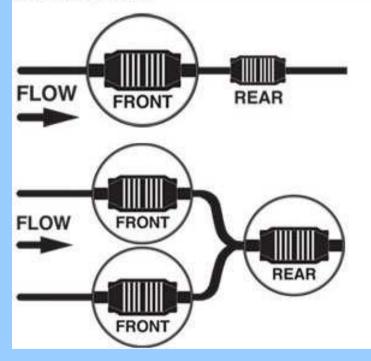




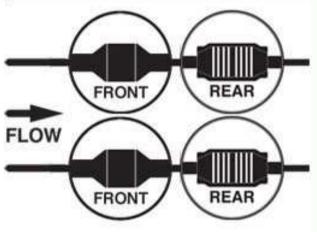


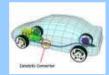


(PC-2): (Passenger Car Dual Configuration) Passenger cars with single or dual exhaust systems with two or more catalytic converters per exhaust bank.



(T-2): (Truck Dual Configuration) Light-duty or medium-duty trucks with single or dual exhaust systems with two or more catalytic converters per exhaust bank.





Warranty Requirements

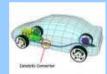






- Warranty valid for 5 years or 50,000 miles from date of installation Covers:
 - Defects in catalyst, external shell, end pipes, etc.
 - Catalyst malfunctions detected by OBD II or Smog Check
 - Parts and labor costs





Labeling Requirements



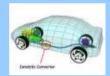


- Converter Label key to improving compliance
 - Makes Smog Check inspection simple and effective
- Label must be visible/readable after being installed
- Label must include •





- Executive Order number (D-XXX-XX)
- Manufacturer part number
- Date of manufacture (MMYY)
- An arrow indicating required exhaust flow directional











Manufacturer's Vehicle Application Catalog

- Specific to California applications
- Separate pre-OBD II and OBD II sections
- Organized to allow catalytic converter lookup by specific vehicle application
 - Vehicle make, model year, model, displacement, engine family and emission standards
- Identify what Aftermarket converter to use for which OEM converter when multiple OEM converters in series are required











Installation Guidelines

- Conditions required to replace a Catalytic converter
 - Converter is exempted for the vehicle and is specifically included in the vehicle application list
 - Vehicle is beyond its warranty period
 - A legitimate need to replace existing converter has been established
 - New catalytic converter is installed in the same location as the OEM converter being replaced (front face +/- 3 inches of OEM front face)
 - O2 sensors cannot be relocated or have their orientation changed
 - Installed on one-for-one basis and with all other required converters





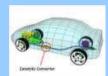






Warranty Cards Required

- Warranty card must be filled out by the installer with the correct information
 - Converter part number
 - Vehicle year, make, model, VIN and odometer reading
 - Date of installation
 - Name of the installation shop
- Warranty card is filled out in triplicate
 - Must be signed by the customer
 - Original copy to the customer with attached invoice
 - The installer keeps a copy along with the records for four years from the date of sale/installation
 - One copy is returned to the converter manufacturer



Using ARB Converter Database



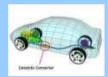
 Search by vehicle make, model-year, model, and engine size or by Executive Order (EO) number



https://ssl.arb.ca.gov/PartsSearchTool/CatalystSearchTool.aspx







Compliance with Converter Regulations

Smog Check inspection on the vehicle helps





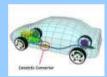
- promote correct converter installations
 ARB may inspect manufacturer and installer facilities and records
- ARB has tested 31 production converter series over the last two years



- Most converters passed
- Some converters have been removed from the California market



- Other of these converters are still under evaluation

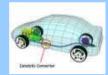


Summary of Test Data Used to Support Current Regulations

		HC (g/mi)	NOx (g/mi)
Green Catalyst	Previous	0.311	0.493
	Current	0.162 (48%)	0.342 (31%)
8000 mile Aged Catalyst	Previous	0.605	1.431
	Current	0.253 (58%)	0.358 (75%)

() percent emission reduction from

previous program



More Information



Aftermarket catalytic converter webpages

www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aftermktcat/aftermktcat.htm
https://ssl.arb.ca.gov/PartsSearchTool/CatalystSearchTool.aspx



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