

ISSUE: California Truck and Bus Regulation (www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/onrdiesel/onrdiesel.htm)

STATUS: The initial compliance date for fleets of four or more trucks is January 1, 2011. Three annual compliance options are available to determine compliance over a 13-year period (2011 – 2023) for companies with one or more affected diesel vehicles operating in California (*i.e.*, a fleet).

BACKGROUND: In 1998, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) identified particulate matter (PM) emissions from diesel-fueled engines as a toxic air contaminate. In 2000, CARB adopted a *Risk Reduction Plan to Reduce Particulate Matter Emissions from Diesel-Fueled Engines and Vehicles* which committed the state to establish retrofit requirements for in-use diesel vehicles. In 2007, CARB adopted a *State Implementation Plan (SIP)* which further commits to the development of an “in-use” fleet rule with a goal of having the entire heavy-duty truck fleet meet the equivalent of model-year 2007 emission levels by 2014. The SIP also commits to achieving additional emission reductions beyond 2014 to meet air quality standards for ozone. On December 12, 2008, CARB unanimously adopted the Truck and Bus Regulation.

REQUIREMENTS: This regulation will affect on-road diesel vehicles greater than 14,000 pounds GVWR that operate in California regardless of where they are registered. The regulation proposes three annual compliance options over a 13-year period (2011 – 2023) for companies with one or more affected diesel vehicles operating in California (*i.e.*, a fleet).

- Option #1: Best Available Control Technology (BACT) – Companies will have to either install add-on emission control devices (retrofits) or replace existing diesel vehicles with newer vehicles according to a specific model-year compliance schedule to meet PM and NOx emission control requirements. Compliance reporting will not be required.
- Option #2: BACT Percentage – Companies will have to either retrofit or replace existing diesel vehicles with newer vehicles to ensure specific percentages of their fleet meet PM and NOx emission control requirements. Compliance reporting will be required.
- Option #3: Fleet Averaging – Companies will have to either retrofit or replace existing diesel vehicles with newer vehicles to meet specific fleet-wide average emission targets for PM and NOx. Compliance reporting will be required.

Companies with three or fewer vehicles operating in California (“small fleets”) may choose to delay compliance until 2014 by meeting the following requirements.

- One vehicle will need to meet 2004 model-year engine emissions standards (or equivalent) and have a diesel particulate filter (DPF) installed by 2014. This vehicle will be exempt from additional requirements until 2019; and
- A second and/or third vehicle, if applicable, will need to meet the specific model-year PM and/or NOx emission control requirements contained in Option #1 by 2014. If the second vehicle has a 2010 model-year engine (or equivalent), compliance for the third vehicle can be delayed until 2016.

Credit Provisions:

- i. Companies installing DPF retrofits on pre-2007 trucks before 2010 (“early action”) may delay NOx compliance requirements for those trucks until 2014.

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- ii. Companies that retire a vehicle without replacing it are eligible for a credit equivalent to one 2010 vehicle until 2014. The number of retirement credits will be limited to the difference between a company's current number of vehicles and those operated on July 1, 2008.
- iii. Each hybrid vehicle which achieves at least a 20 percent improvement in fuel economy is eligible for a double vehicle credit under Options #2 or #3 until 2018.
- iv. Vehicles with alternative fueled or pilot ignition engines are eligible to receive a credit equal to "zero" PM emissions under Option #3.

Specialty Provisions:

- a. Vehicles operating fewer than 1,000 miles and 100 hours in California each calendar year ("low-use") can be exempted subject to reporting and recordkeeping requirements.
- b. Heavy-duty vehicles operating fewer than 7,500 miles and 250 hours (if equipped with power take off) each calendar year ("NOx mileage exempt") can be exempted from the NOx requirements until 2021 subject to reporting and recordkeeping requirements. [5,000 miles and 175 hours (if equipped with power take off) for medium-duty vehicles.]
- c. Vehicles operating exclusively in the California counties which meet federal air quality standards ("NOx-exempt") can be exempted from the NOx requirements until 2021 subject to reporting and recordkeeping requirements.
- d. A fleet can annually exempt one vehicle operating in California for a single, three-day period ("three-day pass") upon receiving permission from CARB.
- e. Certain agricultural vehicles can be exempted from the requirements (a) until 2017, if operating fewer than 15,000 - 25,000 miles per calendar year, depending upon the engine's model-year ("limited-mileage") or (b) until 2023, if operating fewer than 10,000 miles per calendar year ("low-mileage") or are defined as "specialty agricultural vehicles" subject to reporting, recordkeeping and vehicle labeling requirements.
- f. Vehicles on which verified diesel emission control systems (VDECS) for PM cannot be installed can be annually granted a one-year extension until 2018 at which time they must be replaced.
- g. Vehicles on which verified diesel emission control systems (VDECS) cannot be installed due to safety considerations can be exempted from the requirements upon receiving CARB approval.
- h. Cab-over tractors which exclusively pull 57-foot trailers can be exempted from the NOx requirements until 2018 subject to reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Companies using the BACT Percentage (Options #2) or the Fleet Averaging (Option #3) provisions will need to notify CARB of which compliance option has been selected by January 31, 2010. Compliance under these options will need to be demonstrated by January 1st with compliance reports being submitted to CARB beginning January 31, 2011 and annually thereafter. Compliance reports will need to include owner contact and vehicle/engine/retrofit information. Vehicles covered under the credit or specialty provisions will also be required to provide annual reports and, in some cases, odometer and hour meter readings or vehicle tracking information. Records will need to be retained for 3-years after a vehicle is retired or until 2025. Enforcement will be through roadside inspections and fleet/facility audits.

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- PM BACT: The highest level of particulate matter emission control available (minimum 50% control)
- NOx BACT: An engine manufactured to 2010 emission standards or emitting equivalent emissions

Option #1: Best Available Control Technology (BACT)

Compliance Deadline as of January 1st	Engine Model Years	BACT Requirement
2011	Pre-1994	PM BACT
2012	2003 - 2004	PM BACT
2013	2005 - 2006	PM BACT
	1994 - 1999	NOx and PM BACT
2014	2000 - 2002	NOx and PM BACT
	All other model years	PM BACT
2015	Pre-1994	NOx and PM BACT
2016	2003 - 2004	NOx and PM BACT
2017	2005 - 2006	NOx and PM BACT
2018	All pre-2007	NOx and PM BACT
2019	All pre-2007	NOx and PM BACT
2020	All pre-2007	NOx and PM BACT
2021	2007 or equivalent	NOx and PM BACT
2022	2008	NOx and PM BACT
2023	2009	NOx and PM BACT

Option #2: BACT Percentage

Compliance Deadline as of January 1st	Percent of Total Fleet Complying with BACT	
	PM BACT	NOx BACT
2011	25%	NA
2012	50%	NA
2013	75%	25%
2014	100%	50%
2015	100%	50%
2016	100%	60%
2017	100%	80%
2018	100%	80%
2019	100%	80%
2020	100%	90%
2021	100%	90%
2022	100%	90%
2023	100%	100%

Option #3: Fleet Averaging

Compliance Deadline as of January 1st	Heavy-Duty Diesel Fleet Targets	
	PM BACT	NOx BACT
2011	0.71	NA
2012	0.53	NA
2013	0.32	14.4
2014	0.11	9.8
2015	0.11	9.8
2016	0.11	7.8
2017	0.11	6.0
2018	0.11	6.0
2019	0.11	6.0
2020	0.11	4.4
2021	0.11	4.4
2022	0.11	3.0
2023	0.11	1.6

Where each truck is assumed to emit:

Engine Certification Standard Model Year	Heavy-Duty Diesel Emission Factors (grams/mile)	
	PM	NOx
Pre - 1991	3.36	22.0
1991 - 1993	1.25	22.0
1994 - 2003	0.81	22.0
2004 - 2006	0.81	12.0
2007 - 2009	0.11	7.0
2010 and newer	0.11	1.6