Aerodynamic Improvements for Vocational Vehicles
Outline

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Aerodynamic Device Potential

- Aerodynamic devices shown to reduce GHG emissions in heavy-duty trucks
- ARB Tractor-Trailer Greenhouse Gas and US EPA Phase 2 rules are integrating aerodynamic features into Class 7-8 heavy-duty trucks
- Between 20-25% of new trailers are equipped with skirts today
Aerodynamic Drag Increases at High Speeds

[Graph showing Tractor-Trailer Operating Losses for different components at various speeds. The graph indicates a significant increase in power loss as speed increases.]
Effectiveness of Aerodynamic Devices on Vocational Vehicles

- ARB contracted with National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) to assess emissions benefit of aerodynamic devices on vocational vehicles
- Side skirts, front and rear fairings, and wheel covers were studied
Aerodynamic Devices on Vocational Vehicles Can Cut Fuel Consumption

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US Phase 2 Vocational Aerodynamic Credits

• Based on the ARB/NREL Study
  – US EPA recognized the GHG benefit of aerodynamic devices on vocational box trucks

• US EPA Phase 2 rule offers credits for the use of aerodynamic devices on some vocational box-type trucks

• Only applicable for regional vocational vehicles with a 36 ft total chassis length/frontal area at least 9 m² and 23 ft chassis length/frontal area at least 8 m²
Next Steps

• ARB is working with NREL and UC Irvine establish a contract to study the characteristics of vocational vehicles and fleets
• Determining which vehicles could benefit from the use of aerodynamic devices
Study Methodology and Aims

• Utilize surveying techniques to study vocational heavy-duty trucks
• Determine characteristics of fleets, types of vocations, vehicle types and driving patterns of vehicles
• Identify vehicles/fleet types that travel at high speeds and could benefit from aerodynamic improvements
Timeline

• In process of establishing interagency agreement with NREL/UCI
• Work with Contractor to build study parameters
• Contractor will begin surveying fleets
• Representative vehicles will be data logged
• Final report will be completed by Early 2018
Voluntary Fleet/Truck Participation

• Staff is looking for fleet participation in a survey of vocational vehicles (ie box trucks)
• Survey will be conducted by contractor and will used to determine the speed and use of these trucks
• Information will help to craft policies for the potential use of aerodynamic devices
• Vehicles will also be data logged to determine drive cycle information
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