§ 2001. Requirements
No emission control device shall be accredited unless such device meets the standards set forth in this article and all other applicable criteria established in Chapter 3 of Part 5 of Division 26 of the Health and Safety Code, commencing with Section 43600, and in Subchapter 1 of this Code.

No exhaust emission control or fuel system evaporative control device intended for installation on used motor vehicles shall receive accreditation from the State Board unless it meets the following criteria:
(a) Such device shall be designed so as to have no adverse effect on engine operation or vehicle performance, unless a test procedure otherwise specifies.
(b) The adequacy of methods of distribution, the financial responsibility of the applicant, and other factors affecting the economic interests of the motoring public shall be evaluated and a determination shall be made as to whether they are satisfactory to protect the motorist.


The State Board finds compliance with the oxides of nitrogen control device standards set forth below to be necessary and technologically feasible for 1966 through 1970 model-year gasoline-powered motor vehicles under 6,001 pounds gross vehicle weight. In accordance with this finding, the device standards for oxides of nitrogen are:
Class (a) Vehicles (50 to 140 C.I.D.) - 20 percent oxides of nitrogen reduction.
Classes (b) through (f) Vehicles (greater than 140 C.I.D.) - 30 percent oxides of nitrogen reduction.
However, pursuant to Section 43614 of the Health and Safety Code, “after one or more devices are initially certified pursuant to Section 43610, no device shall be accredited under that section which is less effective than the one or ones initially certified.” As a result of this provision and certification of devices, as of July 18, 1973, the standard for all classes is 42%.


Commencing January 1, 1981, the requirement for new installations of 1955 through 1965 model year light-duty exhaust retrofit devices is terminated. All 1955 through 1965 model year light-duty motor vehicles with exhaust retrofit devices which were installed prior to the January 1, 1981 termination date shall continue to be so equipped.

(a) Emission control devices, accredited pursuant to Sections 43610 and 43614 of the Health and Safety Code for 1966 through 1970 model-year vehicles under 6,001 pounds gross vehicle weight, shall be installed commencing October 1, 1973 upon initial registration and upon transfer of ownership and registration, pursuant to Section 4000.1 of the Vehicle Code, and upon registration of a vehicle previously registered outside this state, pursuant to Section 4000.2 of the Vehicle Code, in the following counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, Sonoma, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Diego. Commencing April 1, 1974, installation under this subdivision shall be statewide.
(b) Certificates of compliance shall be issued and affixed by motor vehicle pollution control device installation and inspection stations licensed by the Bureau of Automotive Repair at the time of any installation made pursuant to
subdivision (a) above to indicate that an accredited device has been installed, or that the vehicle is exempt from mandatory installation.

(c) A window sticker, designed and sold by the Bureau of Automotive Repair and approved by the California Highway Patrol and the State Board, shall be issued and affixed by the motor vehicle pollution control device installation and inspection stations with the certificate of compliance.

(d) Whenever a vehicle is declared by a motor vehicle pollution control device installation and inspection station to be exempt from installation pursuant to the exemption list adopted by the State Board, a window sticker, designed by the Bureau of Automotive Repair and approved by the California Highway Patrol and the State Board, indicating such exemption shall be issued and affixed by such station.

(e) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 4000.1(b) of the Vehicle Code, and other provisions of law, it is unlawful for the operator or owner of any vehicle which has had a window sticker affixed pursuant to subdivisions (c) and (d) above, to remove or deface said window sticker or to request, cause or permit such removal or defacement.

If any such window sticker has been removed, defaced or lost, the owner or operator of the vehicle shall immediately obtain a replacement window sticker from a motor vehicle pollution control device installation and inspection station.

(f) Vehicles with accredited or exempt devices installed pursuant to the installation schedule established in former subdivision (b) of this section on July 19, 1974 (statewide license plate installation schedule) or pursuant to the installation schedule established in former subdivision (b) of this section on September 13, 1974 (license plate installation schedule applicable to six counties in whole or in part in the South Coast Air Basin) may be removed or rendered inoperative without penalty so long as the emission control devices and other emission-related parameters of the subject vehicle are restored to manufacturer's specifications. This subdivision shall not be applicable to any vehicle for which an accredited or exempt device has been or will be installed pursuant to any change of ownership or initial registration requirement.


In order for an auxiliary gasoline fuel tank to be certified by the State Board, the fuel evaporative emission control system for the auxiliary tank fuel system shall provide substantially the same degree of control as the originally approved or certified evaporative emission control system provides for the original fuel system, and the fill pipe and opening shall be compatible with vapor control systems.


To accredit an exhaust emission control device whose installation costs exceed the statutory limits for mandatory devices it must be shown that such a device can reduce the emissions of each of at least two of the three pollutants, hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide, and oxides of nitrogen, without increasing the third pollutant, by a minimum of twenty percent below the emission levels obtained with the mandatory accredited or approved device. The State Board may permit the installation of a device in lieu of an approved, certified, or accredited device.


§ 2011. Software Upgrade for 1993 through 1998 Model Year Heavy-Duty Trucks. [Repealed]