



California
Air Resources Board
Compliance Division

Advisory

Gasoline Specifications

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Reid Vapor Pressure of Gasoline

The purpose of the advisory is to remind all producers, importers, blenders, distributors, haulers, and retailers of gasoline in California of their responsibility concerning the Reid vapor pressure of such fuel. The Reid vapor pressure regulation is seasonal and geographical, and therefore requires periodic review.

Section 2251 of Title 13 of the California Administrative Code states that no person shall sell or supply as a fuel for motor vehicles as defined by the Vehicle Code of the State of California a gasoline having a Reid vapor pressure greater than nine pounds per square inch as sampled pursuant to Section 2261 and tested by ASTM Method D 323-58, deleting paragraph 4(b) concerning sampling, beginning in 1971 in the following air basins established by the State Air Resources Board. (See map on back)

April 1 through October 31	South Coast Air Basin (as defined on January 1, 1976) Southeast Desert Air Basin
May 1 through September 30	Great Basin Valley Air Basin
May 1 through October 31	San Francisco Bay Area Air Basin San Diego Air Basin Sacramento Valley Air Basin San Joaquin Valley Air Basin Mountain Counties Air Basin Lake Tahoe Air Basin
June through September 30	North Coast Air Basin Lake County Air Basin
June 1 through October 31	North Central Coast Air Basin South Central Coast Air Basin (as defined on January 1, 1976)

Section 2251 goes on to say that "this section shall not be applicable to gasoline delivered to retail outlets more than 14 days immediately preceding the periods set forth for each air basin herein." Be advised that the Air Resources Board Compliance Division routinely samples gasoline and tests for Reid vapor pressure and other required specifications. Additionally, it is imperative that all producers, importers, blenders, distributors and haulers ascertain the intended location for use of the fuel they market and/or transport, and take steps to ensure that all such gasoline is sold or supplied according to the requirements of the regulation.

If you have any questions about the regulation or need additional information, please call Mr. Roye Jackson at (916) 322-6033.

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CALIFORNIA AIR BASINS

(AS THEY PERTAIN TO THE RVP REGULATION)

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Note: The boundary between the South Central Coast Air Basin and the South Coast Air Basin is as defined on January 1, 1976. All other boundaries are as currently defined.