

Low NOx Software Upgrade Program 2007 Frequently Asked Questions

What is the status of the program?

The regulation requiring owners and operators of trucks, school buses, and motor homes with 1993-1998 model year electronically-controlled heavy-duty diesel engines to install low NOx software was recently invalidated by the Sacramento County Superior Court. However, the Air Resources Board (ARB) encourages all voluntary efforts to continue to have the software installed.

What are the requirements regarding low NOx software installation when my engine is rebuilt?

The Court's ruling does not invalidate the required installation of Low NOx Software at the time of engine rebuild. Anytime an eligible "Low NOx Rebuild Engine" is rebuilt, the low NOx software must be installed.

What is the cost if I choose to get the low NOx software installed voluntarily?

Engine manufacturers will continue to provide eligible truck owners in California with reflashes upon request. Specifically, engine manufacturers, working through their authorized dealers, distributors and repair facilities, will continue to make available and install at no charge "Low NOx Rebuild Kits" in all covered "Low NOx Rebuild Engines" whenever requested or agreed to by any owner/operator of any reflashable vehicle in California, not just at the time of engine rebuild.

How do I get the low NOx software installed on my vehicle?

First, determine if your engine needs low NOx software installed.

A list of engines eligible for low NOx software is available on the ARB website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/hdsoftware/elenglist.pdf> .

For Caterpillar, Detroit Diesel, and Mack engines, determine if your engine serial number is within the eligible range listed on the engine list. For Cummins engines, find the engine serial number (on the engine or a past repair order) and call a Cummins dealer or the ARB contact person to ask if that engine serial number is eligible for low NOx software. For International and Volvo engines, compare the model and engine family name to the engine list. You may still need to call the appropriate dealer for help to determine if your engine has a low NOx software kit available.

Second, if your engine is eligible for low NOx software, call an authorized dealer for your engine to ask if the low NOx software has already been installed. This may save you from making an unnecessary trip to the dealer. Lists of authorized dealers are available on the ARB website at

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/hdsoftware/authdealers/authdealers.htm> .

Third, if you need low NOx software installed, request an appointment to get the software installed.

What if I am charged by an authorized dealer for a low NOx software installation?

Contact the ARB for help. See contact information at the end of these questions.

What about the fine I paid to the ARB for not having the low NOx software installed?

ARB is reimbursing owners/operators for ARB fines collected for not having the low NOx software installed. ARB is in the process of determining an appropriate procedure for refunding payments, and will notify owners/operators due for reimbursement by letter as soon as the procedure is established.

Contact Information:

For more information, you can contact ARB by phone or by mail, or search our website:

www.arb.ca.gov

The Low NOx Software webpage is located at:

www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/hdsoftware/hdsoftware.htm

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