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Dear Diesel Vehicle Owner:

The California Air Resources Board (ARB) would like to inform you of an issue that may affect whether your diesel vehicle will be able to pass smog check.

During the early implementation of Smog Check for diesel vehicles in 2010, it became apparent that some diesel vehicle owners had purchased and installed certain aftermarket parts that had not been certified by ARB, and are thus illegal to use. If an illegal part is detected during inspection, the vehicle would fail its Smog Check, because these parts can significantly increase emissions.

We understand that diesel vehicle owners may have been unaware that the parts they installed had not been properly certified by ARB prior to sale. Since this situation would have caused inconvenience to diesel vehicle owners that had installed the illegal parts, ARB and the aftermarket parts manufacturers came to an agreement to provide manufacturers until January 1, 2012 to properly certify their parts. During this time, diesel vehicle owners were allowed to pass Smog Check despite having an illegal part installed on their vehicles. As of the January 1, 2012 deadline some manufacturers had completed certification of the parts by demonstrating they do not increase smog forming emissions. However, other manufacturers of aftermarket parts did not complete certification.

If your vehicle has failed Smog Check due to having an illegal part installed or you received a notice from a Smog Check technician that you may fail for this reason, you have two options:

1. Remove the part and restore the vehicle to its original set-up.
2. Follow up with the aftermarket part manufacturer and inquire if the part received the necessary certification. If it has, the manufacturer will be prepared to do one of the following things to remedy the situation: provide you with a sticker indicating the part is certified, ask you to send the part back for recalibration, or replace the part outright.

Unfortunately, if the manufacturer of the part that is causing your vehicle to fail Smog Check has chosen **not** to use the certification process made available to them, the only option you may have is to remove the part.

*The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our Website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.*

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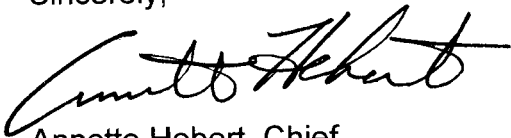
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If non-certified parts, which include diesel tuners/programmers, intake manifolds, exhaust manifolds, turbo kits or any other performance parts, were installed in your vehicle, they will cause your vehicle to fail the visual portion of Smog Check. You may use the attached list to obtain a list of manufacturers of parts that went through the certification process and their individual website links.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the Air Resources Board at 1-800-242-4450.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Annette Hebert". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and "H".

Annette Hebert, Chief  
Mobile Source Operations Division

Attachment

Company	Website	Customer Service
<b>Advanced Flow Engineering</b>	<a href="http://afepower.com/contact.php">http://afepower.com/contact.php</a>	888 901 7693
<b>BD Engine Brake</b>	<a href="http://BD-Power.com">http://BD-Power.com</a>	800 887 5030
<b>Bully Dog</b>	<a href="http://www.bullydog.com/contact.php">http://www.bullydog.com/contact.php</a>	940 783 9915
<b>Edge Products</b>	<a href="http://www.edgeproducts.com/contact.php">http://www.edgeproducts.com/contact.php</a>	888 360 3343
<b>Gale Banks Engineering</b>	<a href="http://www.bankspower.com/contact">http://www.bankspower.com/contact</a>	800 601 8072
<b>Hypertech, Inc.</b>	<a href="http://www.hypertech.com/support-contact-us.aspx">http://www.hypertech.com/support-contact-us.aspx</a>	901 382 8888
<b>Industrial Injection &amp; Turbo Service</b>	<a href="http://www.industrialinjection.com/contact/">http://www.industrialinjection.com/contact/</a>	800 828 5731 or 801 972 0476
<b>Superchips, Inc.</b>	<a href="http://www.superchips.com/ContactUs.aspx">http://www.superchips.com/ContactUs.aspx</a>	407 585 7000 or 888 287 2447