

# Truck and Bus Regulation

## Low-Mileage Work Truck Option

Last Updated: January 31, 2017



This summary describes the Low-Mileage Work Truck Option and compliance requirements.

### What is the Low-Mileage Work Truck Option?

This option allows owners that meet minimum PM filter requirements each year, from 2014 to 2018, to defer compliance for trucks in the fleet that meet the work trucks eligibility criteria and travel less than 20,000 miles per year. Owners can designate which trucks will use the option at the beginning of every year or within 30 days of purchasing a work truck with a 1996 model year or newer engine. If a fleet has both heavy and light trucks, compliance with this option is calculated separately for the heavy and light fleets. Light trucks have a GVWR from 14,001 lbs. to 26,000 lbs.

### What trucks are eligible to use the Low-Mileage Work Truck Option?

Trucks that were in the fleet on January 1, 2012 or have a 1996 model year engine can use the option. The trucks must also meet one of the following definitions:

- Is owned by a company that has a valid California Contractors License and is not-for hire
- Is a tractor trailer combination that exclusively pulls a dump or low-boy trailer
- Is a truck with an attached body except if it tows a trailer and hauls goods
- Is a lighter truck regardless of body type or use

### What is the compliance schedule for Low-Mileage Work Trucks?

Each year, before the Low-Mileage Work Truck Option can be used for any truck; however, the entire fleet of heavier trucks and the entire fleet of lighter trucks must meet the minimum PM filter requirements shown in the table below. By 2018 all work trucks will need to have a PM filter. All trucks, except funded vehicles and those using the low-use exemption, must be counted to determine how many filters are needed. For example, a fleet with 10 heavy trucks and 10 light trucks must have at least 8 heavy vehicles with PM filters and 8 light vehicles with PM filters to use the option in 2017 ( $10 \text{ trucks} \times 80\% = 8$ ). Any truck that has a PM filter on it already will count toward the PM filter requirement of the Low-Mileage Work Truck Option even if it is not a work truck.

Compliance Date	PM Filters Required*
January 1, 2014	33%
January 1, 2015	40%
January 1, 2016	60%
January 1, 2017	80%
January 1, 2018	100%
January 1, 2020	Meet Engine Model Year Requirements

\*Excludes low use and funded vehicles

After the owner has demonstrated compliance with the PM filter requirements, the remaining trucks can be designated as Low-Mileage Work Trucks and will be exempt from the general clean-up requirements. Any remaining trucks that cannot use the Low-Mileage Work Truck Option must comply with the general requirements. Starting January 1, 2020, all Low-Mileage Work Trucks must comply with the engine model year schedule like other trucks.

### How do I comply if only 2 out of 20 trucks can use the Work Truck Option?

A fleet with 20 trucks must have at least 16 PM filters ( $20 \times 80\%$ ) before the owner can use the Low-Mileage Work Truck Option in 2017 for the remaining 4 trucks. Any vehicle that has a PM filter on it already will count toward the PM filter requirement of the Low-Mileage Work Truck Option even if it is not a work truck.

### I have one truck and it qualifies as a low-mileage work truck, when do I need a PM filter?

The first PM Filter requirement for single truck owners who qualified for the Low-Mileage Work Truck Option was January 1, 2016.

*While this document is intended to assist fleets with their compliance efforts, it is the sole responsibility of fleets to ensure compliance with the Truck and Bus Regulation.*

### **How do I claim the Low-Mileage Work Truck Option?**

Each January you can report which trucks will use the option for the compliance year. You need to report information about all of the heavier vehicles in your fleet and the January 1 odometer reading from the beginning of the year for your low-mileage work trucks. If you want to claim this option for lighter trucks, you also need to report all lighter vehicles in your fleet and the January 1 odometer reading from the beginning of the year for your lighter low-mileage work trucks. All vehicles that enter California during the year must be reported as part of your fleet. You can report online in the Truck Regulation Upload, Compliance, and Reporting System (TRUCRS) at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/onrdiesel/reportinginfo.htm> or with paper forms. The reporting period closes each January 31. You are not eligible to use the option, if your fleet does not meet the minimum PM filter requirements for both your lighter and heavier trucks.

### **What are the labeling requirements?**

Eligible trucks will need to label with the letters "WT" with white block lettering that is three inches high on a five inch by eight inch black background on each door. The labels must be in clear view at all times. ARB will not issue the label. If you previously used the Low-Mileage Construction Truck Option, the "CT" labels that you already have on the doors do not need to be changed.

### **Can I claim the Low-Mileage Work Truck Option if my odometer is not functioning?**

No, you cannot claim a mileage based option without a properly functioning odometer. If the odometer does not work you must use a hub-odometer that is non-resettable, has a unique serial number, and has a lock-out feature that permanently prevents tampering. The serial number must be reported with the hub-odometer reading if a hub-odometer is used.

### **If I install a PM filter on my Low-Mileage Work Truck, do I still have to stay below the mileage threshold?**

Vehicles that comply with the Engine Model Year schedule do not need to be designated as Low Mileage Work Trucks. However, any eligible vehicle required to be replaced by the Engine Model Year schedule requirements (such as lighter vehicles or 1995 model year engine and older heavier vehicles) may install a PM filter but must continue to stay under the annual 20,000 mile limit to use the Low Mileage Work Truck option. For example, a heavier 1994 model year engine or a lighter 1995 model year engine vehicle may continue to operate as a Low Mileage Work Truck if a PM filter is installed and the truck operates within the mileage limit. You will need to designate your truck as a "Low-Mileage Work Truck with PM Filter" in the TRUCRS database and report annual odometer readings.

### **How do I determine compliance if I have several vehicles that use different extensions?**

The Truck and Bus Fleet Calculator (<http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/onrdiesel/compliancetool.htm>) is an Excel spreadsheet that you can use on your own computer to help you evaluate various compliance strategies from now until 2023. The calculator allows you to determine compliance with one or more compliance options, including credits, extensions, and special provisions.

### **What do I do if there is no PM filter available for my work truck?**

If you cannot install a PM filter on a vehicle that must be replaced according to the Engine Model Year Schedule, you cannot request an extension based on unavailability of Verified Diesel Emission Control Systems and will need to retire or replace the vehicle. Please see the "PM Filter Availability and Extensions" fact sheet for more information.

### **Where can I get more information?**

Fact sheets, compliance tools and regulatory documents about the Truck and Bus Regulation are available at [www.arb.ca.gov/dieseltruck](http://www.arb.ca.gov/dieseltruck). If you have questions or wish to obtain this document in an alternative format or language, please call ARB's diesel hotline at (866) 6DIESEL (634-3735). TTY/TDD/ Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

*While this document is intended to assist fleets with their compliance efforts, it is the sole responsibility of fleets to ensure compliance with the Truck and Bus Regulation.*