

Truck and Bus Regulation For Hay Squeezes and Hay Trucks

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This summary describes compliance options available for owners of diesel powered, on-road hay squeezes and flatbed hay trucks.

What requirements apply to hay squeeze vehicles and hay trucks?

On-road hay squeezes and hay trucks are subject to the Truck and Bus regulation and must comply with the regulation like any other on-road diesel vehicles. Hay squeezes and farmer owned hay trucks may also be able to use the agricultural vehicle extension if operating below annual mileage limits.

Can hay squeezes and hay trucks use the agricultural vehicle extension?

The agricultural vehicle extension is limited to farmer owned vehicles, certain specialized in-field trucks, and trucks used exclusively to haul unprocessed commodities to the first point of processing. All hay squeeze vehicles meet the in-field agricultural vehicle definition and therefore, may be eligible for the agricultural vehicle mileage extension. Flatbed hay delivery trucks do not meet the agricultural vehicle definition unless they are owned by a farming business and are used to support the farm or ranch.

Can I still report to take advantage of the agricultural vehicle extension?

No, the deadline to report and opt-in for both the agricultural vehicle mileage and specialty agricultural vehicle extension has expired. However, those who were already approved can continue to claim the agricultural vehicle extension each year by reporting which vehicles will continue to use the extension and reporting the odometer readings from December or January (as close to January 1 as possible). You can report online in the Truck Regulation Upload, Compliance, and Reporting System (TRUCRS) at https://ssl.arb.ca.gov/ssltrucrsto/trucrs_reporting/login.php or with paper forms. The reporting period closes each January 31.

What mileage thresholds apply to eligible agricultural vehicles?

Only vehicles that operate less than 10,000 miles every year can continue to have the extension until January 1, 2023. Owners must update their odometer reading in January each year and when a vehicle is removed from the fleet. The extension expires immediately when a vehicle exceeds the mileage limits in any year or if it is used for non-agricultural purposes. Once the agricultural vehicle extension expires for any specialty vehicles or one using the mileage extension, they must be upgraded to a vehicle with a 2010 or newer model year engine or claim any remaining flexibility options the vehicle may be eligible to use.

What is the GVWR of a hay squeeze?

All on-road hay squeezes manufactured by Oregon Road Runner and Higginbotham have a GVWR over 26,000 lbs. GVWR is the maximum loaded weight of the vehicle. It is unlikely that a hay squeeze manufactured by other companies could have a GVWR less than 26,000 lbs.

Are there any flexibility options I can use?

Yes, individual trucks within a fleet that can extend the compliance date for vehicles that are operated in certain areas with cleaner air (i.e., NOx Exempt Areas), low use vehicles (less than 1,000 miles in California per year), and for vehicles with PM filters (OEM or retrofit) in the fleet by January 1, 2014. Vehicle owners must meet the eligibility criteria and report by certain deadlines to use these flexibility options. See the engine model year schedule on the overview fact sheet at:

<https://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/onrdiesel/documents/fsregsum.pdf> for replacement requirements.

Can I repower my old hay squeeze to meet the regulation requirement?

Yes, if you can fit a complete 2010 model year or newer engine in your vehicle, you do not need to replace the vehicle. However, newer engines may not fit.

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. 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.