

Application for Specialty Vehicle Designation

Specialty Vehicle Designation Overview:

The In-Use Off-Road Diesel Vehicle Regulation requires that fleets comply with performance standards by either meeting a fleet average target or by turning over and/or retrofitting 4.8-10% of their fleet each year to comply with the Best Available Control Technology (BACT) requirements. Fleets must continue meeting fleet average or BACT requirements by January 1st each year from 2014 to 2023 for large fleets, from 2017 to 2023 for medium fleets, and from 2019 to 2028 for small fleets.

A vehicle may be designated as a specialty vehicle when no used vehicle is available with a cleaner engine that can serve the equivalent function and perform equivalent work. Vehicles designated as specialty vehicles may receive an exemption from BACT requirements on a year-by-year basis if all of the following criteria are met:

- (A) the fleet has turned over all other vehicles first;
- (B) no repower (replacement with a cleaner engine) is available for the specialty vehicle, as demonstrated to the Air Resources Board's (ARB's) Executive Officer;
- (C) a used vehicle with a cleaner engine is not available to serve the same function and perform equivalent work as the specialty vehicle, as demonstrated to the Executive Officer; and
- (D) the specialty vehicle has the highest level PM VDECS installed, if available.

Before this exemption may be applied, the fleet must turn over all other vehicles subject to the performance requirements of the regulation. For example, if a fleet has 100 vehicles, and 50 vehicles have already been turned over and 5 vehicles fall under the specialty vehicle designation, the fleet must still turn over 10 percent of their total horsepower from all 100 vehicles to meet the BACT requirements by January 1st each year. Once the fleet has turned over all vehicles that can be turned over (likely over several years) the specialty vehicle exemptions for the year will apply, and the remaining vehicles will not need to be turned over.

For more information, please see our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on Specialty Vehicles, available in the Knowledge Center at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/ordiesel/knowcenter.htm>.

Criteria for Specialty Vehicle Designation:

To receive the specialty vehicle designation, a fleet must demonstrate each year that the criteria below has been met:

- (A) **No used vehicle is available with a cleaner engine:** the fleet must submit a signed statement verifying that they have thoroughly searched online, through auction houses, dealers, etc. for a used vehicle that can serve the same function and perform equivalent work as the specialty vehicle.

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(B) No repower is available: the fleet must be able to provide signed statements from at least two independent vehicle dealers stating that no cleaner engines are available to install in the specialty vehicle.

A vehicle is not considered a specialty vehicle and is not exempt from the BACT requirements unless or until Executive Officer approval has been granted and all other criteria for BACT exemption have been met. In order to receive Executive Officer approval before a compliance deadline, please submit this completed application by November 1st prior to each January 1st compliance deadline. To submit this application, please scan the completed forms and email to doors@arb.ca.gov, fax to (916) 322-3923, or mail to the following address:

Attn: Off-Road Diesel Reporting MSCD, Mail Stop 13A Air Resources Board 1001 I Street, PO Box 2815 Sacramento, CA 95812

Response from the Air Resources Board:

The ARB shall review the documentation submitted and any other reliable information available and make the determination based upon the totality of the evidence. ARB will notify the fleet owner in writing whether the application has been approved or denied.

Additional Off-Road Regulation Information:

For more information on the Off-Road Regulation, including fact sheets, frequently asked questions (FAQs), guidance documents, and DOORS user guides, please visit the Off-Road Regulation homepage at www.arb.ca.gov/ordiesel.

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Fleet Information Form / Cover Page

Responsible Party and Contact Information

DOORS ID Number	
Company / Agency Name	
Responsible Official	
Contact Name	
Contact Phone Number	
Contact Email	
Mailing Address 1	
Mailing Address 2	
City, State, and Zip Code	

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Instructions:

Complete the fields below. Submit one application for each vehicle for which the specialty vehicle designation is requested.

Vehicle Information:

Vehicle EIN	
Date of Application	

Justification:

Justify why the vehicle should be classified as a specialty vehicle for the Off-Road Regulation (i.e., what makes the vehicle special):

Dealer Statements:

For the vehicle listed in this application, you must attach statements from at least two independent vehicle dealers that a cleaner engine cannot be installed in the vehicle, including an explanation of why a cleaner engine cannot be installed. The statement should clearly specify which vehicle it pertains to, by listing either the EIN or the vehicle type, manufacturer, model, and model year.

Dealers Consulted:

Contact Name	Company

By signing below, I certify under the penalty of perjury that I have performed a thorough search online, through auction houses, dealers, etc., for a used, cleaner vehicle that can serve the same function and perform equivalent work as the vehicle listed above and was unable to find an equivalent, cleaner vehicle.

Responsible Official/Designee Signature

Date

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