

WAC 173-423-070 Low emission vehicles. (1) Requirement to meet California vehicle emission standards. All vehicles subject to this chapter must be certified to the standards adopted by reference in WAC 173-423-030 to be registered, leased, rented, licensed, or sold for use in Washington:

(a) Starting with model year 2009: Passenger car, light-duty truck, or medium-duty passenger vehicle; and

(b) Starting with model year 2025: Medium-duty vehicle.

(2) Fleet average emissions - Nonmethane organic gas (NMOG) plus oxides of nitrogen exhaust.

(a) Effective model year 2009 through 2014, except as provided in this subsection, each motor vehicle manufacturer's NMOG fleet average emissions from passenger cars and light-duty trucks delivered for sale in Washington must not exceed the fleet average NMOG exhaust emission requirement in California Code of Regulations, Title 13, section 1961(b). For the 2014 model year only, a manufacturer may comply with the fleet average NMOG + NOx values in (b) of this subsection in lieu of complying with the NMOG fleet average emissions in this subsection. A manufacturer must either comply with the NMOG + NOx fleet average requirements for both its PC/LDT1 fleet and its LDT2/MDPV fleet or comply with the NMOG fleet average requirements for both its PC/LDT1 fleet and its LDT2/MDPV fleet. A manufacturer must calculate its fleet average NMOG + NOx values using the applicable full useful life standards.

(b) For model year 2015 through 2025, a motor vehicle manufacturer must comply with the fleet average nonmethane organic gas plus oxides of nitrogen emission values as provided in California Code of Regulations, Title 13, section 1961.2(b).

(c) Emission credits and debits may be accrued and used as provided in California Code of Regulations, Title 13, sections 1961.2(c), 1961.4(d), and 1961.4(e).

(d) Starting with model year 2026, a motor vehicle manufacturer must comply with the fleet average nonmethane organic gas plus oxides of nitrogen emission values as provided in California Code of Regulations, Title 13, sections 1961.4(d) and 1961.4(e).

(e) Each manufacturer must submit a report to ecology by March 1st of the calendar year containing the fleet average emissions for the model year that ended most recently. The report must follow California Code of Regulations, Title 13, sections 1961.2 and 1961.4, and must be in the same format used to report the information to the California air resources board.

(f) If a report submitted by the manufacturer under (e) of this subsection demonstrates that the manufacturer does not comply with the fleet average emission standard, the manufacturer must submit to ecology within 60 days a fleet average enforcement report. The fleet average enforcement report must:

(i) Describe how the manufacturer intends to equalize any accrued debits, as required in California Code of Regulations, Title 13, sections 1961.2 (c) (3) and 1961.4 (e) (3);

(ii) Identify all vehicle models delivered for sale in Washington, their corresponding certification standards, and the percentage of each model delivered for sale in Washington and California in relation to total fleet sales in the respective state;

(iii) Describe how the manufacturer plans to achieve compliance with the fleet average in future model years.

(3) Fleet average emissions - Greenhouse gas exhaust.

(a) Starting with model year 2009, a motor vehicle manufacturer must comply with the emission standards, fleet average greenhouse gas exhaust emission requirements, and other requirements provided in California Code of Regulations, Title 13, sections 1961.1 and 1961.3.

(b) Emissions credits and debits may be accrued and used in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 13, sections 1961.1(b) and 1961.3(b).

(c) Each manufacturer must submit a report to ecology by March 1st that includes end-of-model year data calculating the fleet average greenhouse gas emissions for the model year that has just ended. The report must include the number of greenhouse gas vehicle test groups, delineated by model type, certified pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 13, sections 1961.1 and 1961.3. The report must follow the procedures in California Code of Regulations, Title 13, sections 1961.1 and 1961.3 and must be in the same format used to report this information to the California air resources board.

(d) If the report submitted by the manufacturer under this subsection demonstrates that the manufacturer does not comply with the fleet average emission standards, the manufacturer must submit to ecology within 60 days a fleet average enforcement report. The fleet average enforcement report must:

(i) Describe how the manufacturer intends to equalize any accrued debits, as required in California Code of Regulations, Title 13, sections 1961.1(b) and 1961.3(b), as appropriate.

(ii) Identify all vehicle models delivered for sale in Washington, their corresponding certification standards, and the percentage of each model delivered for sale in Washington and California in relation to total fleet sales in the respective state.

(iii) Describe how the manufacturer plans to achieve compliance with the fleet average in future model years.

(4) Manufacturer delivery reporting requirements.

(a) The manufacturer must submit to ecology one copy of the California executive order and certificate of conformity for certification of new motor vehicles for each engine family to be sold in Washington within 30 days of ecology's request. If these reports are available electronically, the manufacturer must send the record in an electronic format acceptable to ecology.

(b) Commencing with the 2009 model year and prior to the beginning of each model year, upon request, each manufacturer must submit to ecology a list of all models of medium-duty vehicles and medium-duty passenger vehicles that will be delivered to Washington dealers.

(c) Upon request, each manufacturer must report to ecology the vehicle identification numbers (VIN) of each passenger car, light-duty truck, medium-duty passenger vehicle, and medium-duty vehicle delivered to each Washington dealer that is not certified to California emission standards.

(d) For the purposes of determining compliance with this chapter, ecology may require a vehicle manufacturer to submit documentation ecology deems necessary to the effective administration and enforcement of this chapter, including all certification materials submitted to the California air resources board.

(5) Warranty requirements.

(a) For all 2009 and subsequent model year vehicles subject to the provisions of this chapter, each manufacturer must provide, to the ultimate purchaser and each subsequent purchaser, a warranty that complies with the requirements in California Code of Regulations, Title 13, sections 2035 through 2038, 2040, and 2046.

(b) For all 2009 and subsequent model year vehicles subject to the provisions of this chapter, each manufacturer must include the emission control system warranty statement that complies with the requirements in California Code of Regulations, Title 13, section 2039. Manufacturers may modify this statement as necessary to inform Washington vehicle owners of the applicability of the warranty. The manufacturer must provide a telephone number appropriate for Washington residents.

(c) All manufacturers must submit to ecology failure of emission-related components reports as defined in California Code of Regulations, Title 13, section 2144 for vehicles subject to this chapter. For purposes of compliance with this requirement, manufacturers may submit copies of the failure of emission-related components reports that are submitted to the California air resources board, in lieu of submitting reports for vehicles subject to this chapter. Manufacturers may discontinue submitting these reports if notified by ecology.

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