



Advisory

GASOLINE-POWERED WATERCRAFT

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NEW GASOLINE-POWERED WATERCRAFT

The purpose of this advisory is to inform you that the California Air Resources Board (ARB) has promulgated regulations for most equipment powered by internal combustion engines, including, but not limited to, gasoline-powered watercraft. The following information will enable you to verify compliance of your existing equipment and to purchase compliant equipment.

New model year 2002 and later gasoline-powered personal watercraft, new model year 2001 and later gasoline-powered outboard marine engines, and new model year 2003 and later gasoline-powered inboard and sterndrive marine engines offered for sale, sold, or introduced into commerce in California must be certified by ARB to meet California exhaust emissions standards and related requirements. The regulation mandates that the engine manufacturer permanently affix emissions control labels to the engine that state "THIS ENGINE CONFORMS TO (MODEL YEAR) CALIFORNIA EMISSION REGULATIONS FOR SPARK-IGNITED MARINE ENGINES."

In addition, the engine manufacturer is required to ensure proper labeling of each watercraft, which includes permanently affixed consumer environmental labels, also known as star labels. For outboard engines, a single label must be located on the back of the engine cover or cowling. For personal watercraft, a single label must be within 3 inches and to the right of the required location of the California Assigned Vessel Number displayed on the port side of the hull. For inboard and sterndrive engines, the label must be permanently affixed to the engine, AND to the port side of the hull right or left of and close to the California Assigned Vessel Number.

Lastly, the seller (dealer or retailer) must attach a nonpermanent label or hang tag to each watercraft when introduced for sale to the ultimate purchaser. This hang tag includes mandatory consumer information relating the number of stars to the relative cleanliness of the engine.

Persons offering for sale, selling, or introducing into commerce in California any new gasoline-powered watercraft engine that does not comply with ARB's regulation are subject to substantial penalties under the Health and Safety Code.

For questions about this matter, or for a copy of the regulation, please contact ARB's Public Information Office at 1-800-END-SMOG. You may also view this advisory and all other Enforcement Advisories at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/enf/advs/advs.htm>.