

State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

EXECUTIVE ORDER D-141
Relating to Exemptions under Section 27156
of the Vehicle Code

CROSSETT AND SON, INC.
PRESCA DIESEL FUEL SAVER

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Air Resources Board by Section 27156 of the Vehicle Code; and

Pursuant to the authority vested in the undersigned by Sections 39515 and 39516 of the Health and Safety Code and Executive Order G-45-5;

IT IS ORDERED AND RESOLVED: That the installation of the Presca Diesel Fuel Saver manufactured by Crossett and Son, Inc. of Washington, Iowa, has been found not to reduce the effectiveness of required motor vehicle pollution control devices and, therefore, is exempt from the prohibitions of Section 27156 of the Vehicle Code for 1983 and older model-year diesel-fueled motor vehicles.

This Executive Order is valid provided that installation instructions for this device on all 1983 and older model-year vehicles will not allow tuning the engine to specifications different from those of the original engine/vehicle manufacturers.

Changes made to the design or operating conditions of the device, as exempted by the Air Resources Board, that adversely affect the performance of a vehicle's pollution control system shall invalidate this Executive Order.

Marketing of this device using an identification other than that shown in this Executive Order or marketing of this device for an application other than those listed in this Executive Order shall be prohibited unless prior approval is obtained from the Air Resources Board. Exemption of a kit shall not be construed as an exemption to sell, offer for sale, or advertise any component of a kit as an individual device.

This Executive Order does not constitute any opinion as to the effect that the use of this device may have on any warranty either expressed or implied by the vehicle manufacturer.

THIS EXECUTIVE ORDER DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CERTIFICATION, ACCREDITATION, APPROVAL, OR ANY OTHER TYPE OF ENDORSEMENT BY THE AIR RESOURCES BOARD OF ANY CLAIMS OF THE APPLICANT CONCERNING ANTI-POLLUTION BENEFITS OR ANY ALLEGED BENEFITS OF THE PRESCA DIESEL FUEL SAVER.

No claim of any kind, such as "Approved by Air Resources Board" may be made with respect to the action taken herein in any advertising or other oral or written communication.

Section 17500 of the Business and Professions Code makes untrue or misleading advertising unlawful, and Section 17534 makes violation punishable as a misdemeanor.

Section 43644 of the Health and Safety Code provides as follows:

"43644. (a) No person shall install, sell, offer for sale, or advertise, or, except in an application to the state board for certification of a device, represent, any device as a motor vehicle pollution control device for use on any used motor vehicle unless that device has been certified by the state board. No person shall sell, offer for sale, advertise, or represent any motor vehicle pollution control device as a certified device which, in fact, is not a certified device. Any violation of this subdivision is a misdemeanor."

Any apparent violation of the conditions of this Executive Order will be submitted to the Attorney General of California for such action as he deems advisable.

Executed at El Monte, California, this 17th day of October, 1983.



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SUMMARY

Crossett and Son, Inc. of 1006 South Avenue B, Washington, Iowa 52353, submitted an application for exemption from the prohibitions in Section 27156 of the California Vehicle Code for the company's "Presca Diesel Fuel Saver" (PDFS) device. The applicant has requested that the exemption be granted for the installation of this device on all 1983 and older model-year diesel-fueled motor vehicles.

The device is a simple heat exchanger utilizing engine coolant and an electrical heater to heat up the fuel supply to the engine for easy start up in cold weather.

The staff, based on engineering principle, evaluated the device and determined that the installation of a fuel heater in series with the diesel engine fuel system will not adversely affect the performance of factory equipped emission control systems .

The staff recommends that the ARB exempt the PDFS device from the prohibitions in Vehicle Code Section 27156 and that Executive Order D-141 be issued, allowing the installation of PDFS device on all 1983 and older model-year diesel-fueled motor vehicles.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Crossett and Son, Inc. of 1006 South Avenue B, Washington, Iowa 52353, submitted an application for exemption from the prohibitions in Section 27156 of the California Vehicle Code for the company's "Presca Diesel Fuel Saver" device. Vehicle Code Section 27156 prohibits the installation of any device or mechanism which reduces the effectiveness of required emission control systems. This code also authorizes the Air Resources Board (ARB) to exempt a device from the prohibitions if it can be demonstrated that the device, upon installation on the engine, will not adversely affect the performance of existing emission control systems. The applicant has requested that the exemption be granted for the installation of this device on all 1983 and older model-year diesel-fueled vehicles.

II. CONCLUSION

The staff evaluated the device and found that the "Presca Diesel Fuel Saver" (PDFS) device will not have a significant adverse effect on emissions from diesel-fueled motor vehicles.

The applicant responded to the request of the Board by removing the claims of less toxic emissions in the company's sales brochures. The ARB also advised the applicant that the company should be prepared to substantiate the increased fuel economy claims by valid laboratory tests.

III. RECOMMENDATION

Based on an engineering evaluation made on a sample device, production blue-prints, and technical data submitted by the applicant, the staff recommends that the ARB exempt the PDFS device from the prohibitions in Vehicle Code Section 27156 and that Executive Order D-141 be issued, allowing the installation of the PDFS device on all 1983 and older model-year diesel-fueled motor vehicles in California.

IV. SYSTEM DESCRIPTION AND OPERATION

The "Presca Diesel Fuel Saver" (PDFS) device is a heat exchanger manufactured from a 1/2" diameter X 9'0" long copper tubing coiled and enclosed in a 4"x4"x9-7/8" case made of mild steel. Attached to each end of the case, is a 1/2" hose fitting to accommodate the circulation of engine coolant through the case. Also, a 3/8" compression fitting is mounted on each end plate to hold the coiled copper tubing in place. Two mounting brackets are welded to the case for installation of the device in the engine compartment. A 150-watt, 120-volt auxiliary heater is inserted into the case for overnight fuel heating as a quick-starting aid.

Figure 1 (in the Appendix) shows a typical flow diagram. The device is mounted between the fuel tank and the fuel filter. Installation of this device in a fuel system of a diesel engine equipped vehicle is done by connecting the inlet and outlet fittings to the hot engine coolant supply line and back to the engine line. Temperature of the incoming engine coolant is determined by the engine thermostat rating (about 180°F). The two ends of the copper coil of the device are connected to the fuel supply coming from the fuel tank and to the fuel filter lines.

Without the PDFS device the temperature of the fuel supplied to the engine is dependent upon the ambient temperature. If the vehicle is exposed to sub-zero weather temperature, the fuel stored in the fuel storage tank will be at the same sub-zero temperature. Diesel fuel at this temperature tends to congeal. Very poor engine starting will result and causing more unburned fuel to be blown out of the exhaust pipe. With the PDFS device, the diesel fuel from the fuel tank is routed into the heat exchanger where it absorbs heat energy from the hot engine coolant around the coil. The pre-heated fuel may enhance the combustion process in the engine cylinders. An electrical heater rated at 150-watts and 120-volts is inserted in the device for overnight fuel heating to facilitate engine starting in cold weather.

V. DISCUSSION

The applicant submitted several customer testimonials including a copy of laboratory particulate test results on their "Presca Diesel Fuel Saver" conducted by Sanitary Engineering Laboratories, Inc., of Cedar Falls, Iowa. The testimonials are very subjective; they were not used in ARB's evaluation of the device.

The staff, based on engineering principles, evaluated the device and determined that the installation of a fuel heater, such as the PDFS device, in series with the diesel engine fuel system will not adversely affect the performance of factory equipped emission control systems.

APPENDIX

DIESEL FUEL FLOW DIAGRAM

