

State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

EXECUTIVE ORDER D-184
Relating to Exemptions Under Section 27156
of the Vehicle Code

MAREMONT CORPORATION
"NEW AFTERMARKET 3-WAY AND 3-WAY PLUS CATALYTIC CONVERTERS"

WHEREAS, Vehicle Code Section 27156 and Title 13 California Code of Regulations (hereafter "CCR") Section 2222(h), authorize the California Air Resources Board (ARB) and its Executive Officer to exempt new aftermarket catalytic converters from the prohibitions of Vehicle Code Section 27156.

WHEREAS, Maremont Corporation has applied to the ARB for an exemption from the prohibitions of Vehicle Code Section 27156 for the series 8000 3-way catalytic converter to be used as 2-way and 3-way, and 3-way plus catalytic converter to be used as 2-way only for the following applications:

| <u>Converter Type</u> | <u>Part Number</u> | <u>Engine Displacement</u> | <u>Use</u> | <u>Equivalent Test Weight</u> |
|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|
| 3-Way only | 7-9226-1&2 | 3.8L (231 C.I.D.) | 2-Way | 4,000 lbs. |
| 3-Way only | 7-9226-1&2 | 3.8L (231 C.I.D.) | 3-Way | 4,000 lbs. |
| 3-Way plus | 7-9227-1&2 | 5.0L (305 C.I.D.) | 2-Way | 4,500 lbs. |

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority vested in the Executive Officer by Health and Safety Code Section 39515 and in the Chief, Mobile Source Division by Health and Safety Code Section 39516 and Executive Order G-45-5, the Air Resources Board finds that the above aftermarket catalytic converters comply with the California Vehicle Code Section 27156 and Title 13, California Code of Regulations, Section 2222(h).

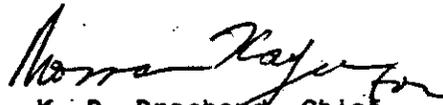
IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the above catalytic converters are exempt from the prohibitions of Vehicle Code Section 27156 for installation on the approved application vehicles subject to the following conditions:

1. No changes are permitted to the converters as described in the application for exemption. Any changes to the converters, applicable model year, or other factors addressed in this order must be evaluated and approved by the Air Resources Board prior to marketing in California.
2. Marketing of the converter using an identification other than those shown in the exemption application or marketing of the converters for an application other than those listed in the application catalog shall be prohibited unless prior approval is obtained from the Air Resources Board. Exemption of these products shall not be construed as an exemption to sell, offer for sale, or advertise any component of the converter as an individual device.

3. Any oral or written references to this Executive Order or its content by Maremont Corporation, its principals, agents, employees, distributors, dealers, or other representatives must include the disclaimer that the Executive Order or the exemption it provides is not an endorsement or approval of any emissions reduction claims for the catalytic converters and is only a finding that the converters are exempt from the prohibitions of Vehicle Code Section 27156.

Violation of any of the above conditions shall be grounds for revocation of this order. The order may be revoked only after ten day written notice of intention to revoke it, during which period the holder of the order may request in writing a hearing to contest the proposed revocation. If a hearing is requested, it shall be held within ten days of receipt of the request, and the order may not be revoked until a determination is made, after the hearing, that grounds for revocation exist.

Executed at El Monte, California, this 4th day of November, 1988.


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SUMMARY

Maremont Corporation of Carol Stream, Illinois, has applied for exemption on their new aftermarket three-way converters under the new California regulations for new aftermarket catalytic converters. In addition, they have applied for exemption allowing the use of their three-way and three-way plus converters in two-way applications.

Emissions data submitted show that the Maremont three-way and three-way plus catalytic converters meet the requirements of Vehicle Code Section 27156 and Title 13, California Code of Regulations, Section 2222(h) as adopted by the Board. Based on the above, the staff recommends that the exemption be granted as requested.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Maremont Corporation of Carol Stream, Illinois, has applied for an exemption for their new aftermarket three-way catalytic converters in accordance with the new California regulations on new aftermarket catalytic converters. In addition, they have applied for an exemption to allow the use of their three-way plus and three-way catalysts in two-way applications.

II. CONCLUSION

The applicant has submitted all the required information and based on the submitted exhaust emissions test data, the staff concludes that the three-way and three-way plus catalytic converters meet the criteria set forth in Vehicle Code Section 27156 and Title 13, California Code of Regulations, Section 2222(h) as adopted by the Board.

III. RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the exemption be granted as requested and that Executive Order No. D-184 permitting the advertisement, sales and installation of the new aftermarket catalytic converters be issued.

IV. DEVICE DESCRIPTION

The Maremont three-way catalytic converter consists of honeycomb type substrates coated with platinum and palladium plus rhodium and enclosed in an outer shell or container of stainless steel. The three-way plus catalytic converter incorporates an air injection tube between two substrates.

The Maremont Corporation catalytic converters use materials and construction similar to the original equipment manufacturers. The catalytic converters are sold with installation instructions and kits as shown in the application catalog. They are also sold with a two year or 25,000 mile warranty on the substrates and five years or 50,000 miles on the container or shell.

V. DEVICE EVALUATION

Maremont Corporation provided test data on the catalytic converters. The tests were conducted by Olson Engineering Inc., Huntington Beach, California. The conversion efficiencies for the three-way plus converter which Maremont intends to market for two-way application on 5.0 liter engines are 78.1 for HC and 89.7 for CO. The conversion efficiencies for the three-way converter are 86.6 for HC, 83.1 for CO and 68.9 for NOx. The conversion efficiencies for the three-way converter which Maremont intends to market for two-way application on 3.8 liter engines are 89.6 for HC and 89.4 for CO. All of the above conversion efficiencies meet the requirements of the new California regulations.

The staff based the evaluation of the new aftermarket three-way and three-way plus converters on the data from Olson Engineering tests.

APPENDICES