

State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

EXECUTIVE ORDER D-280-19
Relating to Exemptions under Section 27156
of the Vehicle Code

AirTek, Inc. (d.b.a. Catco)
"Series 612000 OBD II Compliant Three-way Catalytic Converter"

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

WHEREAS, AirTek, Inc. (AirTek) of 4410 W. 37th Avenue, Hobart, Indiana 46342, has applied to the Air Resources Board for exemption from the prohibitions in Vehicle Code Section 27156 to market its new aftermarket Series 612000 three-way catalytic converter (TWC) for installation on selected 1996 through 2002 model year Ford passenger cars equipped with on-board diagnostic II (OBD-II) systems as specified in Appendix D-280-19 and incorporated herein. The Series 612000 TWC will be used for single (one unit) exhaust system applications for selected Ford passenger cars.

Series 612000 TWC may also be installed on non-OBD II vehicles (1995 and older) similar in engine and exhaust configuration to those listed in Appendix D-280-19.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority vested in the Executive Officer by Health and Safety Code Section 39515 and in the Chief, Mobile Source Operations Division by Health and Safety Code Section 39516 and Executive Order G-02-003, Air Resources Board finds that the above aftermarket catalytic converter complies with the California Vehicle Code Section 27156 and Title 13, California Code of Regulations, Section 2222(h). The emissions performance of the catalytic converter was based on durability bench-aging by Southwest Research Institute, San Antonio, Texas, using Air Resources Board-modified RAT-A bench-aging cycle for 75 hours, as specified in the "Optional Evaluation Procedures for New Aftermarket Non-original Equipment Catalytic Converters Equipped with On-Board Diagnostic II (OBD II) Systems."

WHEREAS, previous emissions and OBD II compatibility tests conducted by AirTek, Inc. using a vehicle of a weight classification and exhaust configuration similar to those listed in Appendix D-280-19 and certified to Low Emission Vehicle (LEV) standards resulted in the issuance of Executive Order D-280-15, it was determined that the installation of Series 612000 TWC on the vehicles listed in Appendix D-280-19 meets the requirements of California regulations for aftermarket catalytic converters.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the above catalytic converter is exempt from the prohibitions in Vehicle Code Section 27156 for installation on the vehicles listed in Appendix D-280-19 subject to the following conditions:

1. No changes are permitted to the catalytic converter as described in the application for exemption. Any changes to the catalytic converter or any of its components, and 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 catalytic converter using identifications other than those shown in the exemption application, and in this Executive Order, or marketing of the catalytic converter for application other than the ones shown in this Executive Order 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 components of the catalytic converter as individual devices.
3. Any oral or written references to this Executive Order or its content by AirTek, Inc., 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 emission reduction claims for the catalytic converter and is only a finding that the catalytic converter is exempt from the prohibitions of Vehicle Code Section 27156.
4. AirTek, Inc.'s installation instructions for the new catalytic converter must conform to requirements in Paragraphs I and X of the "Optional Evaluation Procedures for New Aftermarket Non-original Equipment Catalytic Converters Equipped with On-Board Diagnostic II (OBD II) Systems."
5. Upon installation, the catalytic converter must carry a manufacturer's warranty for 50,000 miles on the substrates and 50,000 miles or five years on the shell and end pipes.
6. AirTek, Inc. and its vendors may not advertise the new aftermarket catalytic converter as a "performance, high or easy flow" catalytic converter or use any phrase that could make them appear to perform better than an OEM catalytic converter.
7. The new aftermarket catalytic converter substrate may not be sold or supplied to a third party by AirTek, its associates, vendors, other businesses, and individuals associated with AirTek, to be assembled in a different facility and marketed under this Executive Order.
8. Any marketing arrangement of the new aftermarket catalytic converter by a third party, which involves the use of packaging identification different from the ones described in this Executive Order must be approved by Air Resources Board prior to shipment.
9. AirTek must submit the required quality audit and production quantity reports for its aftermarket catalytic converter semi-annually, covering the periods January 1 through June 30, and July 1 through December 31.

Violation of any of the above conditions shall be grounds for revocation of this order. The order may be revoked only after a 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 4 day of June 2008.



Annette Hebert, Chief
Mobile Source Operations Division

APPENDIX D-280-19

AIRTEK INC'S SERIES 612000 OBD II TWC FOR FORD FRONT WHEEL DRIVE PASSENGER CARS												
No.	Model Year	Vehicle Model	Engine Size	Engine Family	Certification Level	Weight Class	Exhaust Type	Total Converters	Converter Type	Monitored	Universal	Direct Fit
1	1996	Ford Escort	1.9	TFM1.9V8GKEK	Tier-1							612604
		Mercury Tracer										
2		Ford Contour		TFM2.0VJG1EK								612878
		Mercury Mystique										
3	1997	Ford Escort		VFM2.0V8G2EK	TLEV							612865
		Mercury Tracer										
4		Ford Escort		VFM2.0V8G3FK	LEV							
		Mercury Tracer										
5		Ford Contour		VFM2.0VJG1EK	Tier-1							612878
		Mercury Mystique										
6	1998	Ford Escort	2.0	WFMXV02.0BTA	TLEV	PC	S	1	TWC	1	NA	612202
7		Mercury Tracer/Escort		WFMXV02.0ATA								612865
		Ford Contour										
8		Mercury Mystique		WFMXV02.0AFA	Tier-1							612140
		Ford Contour										
9	Mercury Mystique	WFMXV02.0AGA	TLEV									
10	1999	Ford Escort	XFMXV02.0VDN		612202							
11			XFMXV02.0VG5									
12			XFMXV02.0VGC	LEV	612865							
		Mercury Tracer/Escort										

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13	1999	Ford Contour	2.0	XFMXV02.0VDC	TLEV	PC	S	1	TWC	1	NA	612140	
		Mercury Mystique											
Ford Contour		XFMXV02.0VDC		TLEV	612140								
Mercury Mystique													
14		Mercury Cougar		XFMXV02.0VDC	TLEV							612140	
15	2000	Ford Focus	2.0	YFMXV02.0VF2	LEV	PC	S	1	TWC	1	NA	612972	
Ford Escort		612865											
16		Ford Focus		YFMXV02.0VF3	LEV							612400	
17		Ford Escort ZX2		YFMXV02.0VF5	LEV							612300	
		Ford Contour		YFMXV02.0VDC	TLEV							612202	
18	Mercury Cougar												
	Mercury Mystique												
19	2002	Ford Escort ZX2	2.0	2FMXV02.0VF3	LEV	PC	S	1	TWC	1	NA	612202	
20		Ford Focus										2FMXV02.0VF4	LEV
		Ford Escort		612400									
21		Ford Focus		2FMXV02.0VF6	LEV							612300	
	Ford Focus	612202											
												612400	
													612300