

**State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD**

EXECUTIVE ORDER D-280-68

Relating to Exemptions under Section 27156 and 38391
of the Vehicle Code

Airtek, Inc. (d.b.a. Catco)
"Series 410000 Three-way Catalytic Converter"

WHEREAS, Vehicle Code Sections 27156 and 38395, and Title 13, California Code of Regulations (hereafter "CCR") Section 2222(h), authorize the California Air Resources Board and its Executive Officer to exempt new aftermarket catalytic converters from the prohibitions of Vehicle Code Section 27156 and 38391.

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 Sections 27156 and 38391 to market its new aftermarket Series 410000 three-way catalytic converter (TWC) on selected 1995 through 2002 model year Mercedes-Benz passenger cars equipped with on-board diagnostic II (OBD-II) systems as specified in Appendix D-280-68 and incorporated herein. Series 410000 will be used for single or dual exhaust applications, with one catalytic converter per bank.

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, the Air Resources Board finds that the above aftermarket catalytic converter comply with the California Vehicle Code Sections 27156 and 38395 and Title 13, California Code of Regulations, Section 2222(h). Emission performance of the catalytic converter was based on durability bench-aging by Southwest Research Institute using the Air Resources Board-modified RAT-A bench-aging cycle for 75 hours as specified in Appendix A to the "California Evaluation Procedures for New Aftermarket Catalytic Converters" as adopted on October 25, 2007.

WHEREAS, previous emissions and OBD II compatibility tests conducted by Airtek, Inc. using vehicle(s) of weight classification and exhaust configuration similar to those listed in Appendix D-280-68 and certified to Low Emission Vehicle (LEV) standards resulted in the issuance of Executive Orders D-280-16, it was determined that the installation of Series on the vehicles listed in Appendix D-280-68 meets the requirements of California regulation for aftermarket catalytic converters.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Airtek, Inc.'s TWCs are exempted from the prohibitions in Vehicle Code Sections 27156 and 38391 for installation on the approved vehicle applications specified in Appendix D-280-68 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 their 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 Sections 27156 and 38391.
4. Airtek, Inc.'s installation instructions for the new catalytic converter must conform to requirements in Section (h) of the "California Evaluation Procedures for New Aftermarket Catalytic Converters," as adopted October 25, 2007.
5. Installation of the catalytic converter shall not cause the relocation of an oxygen sensor. Oxygen sensors must be installed in the same location, position and orientation as prescribed in the original equipment manufacturer's configurations.
6. Upon installation, the catalytic converter must carry a manufacturer's warranty for five (5) years or 50,000 miles as prescribed in Section (f)(2) of the "California Evaluation Procedures for New Aftermarket Catalytic Converters," as adopted October 25, 2007.
7. Airtek, Inc. and its vendors may not advertise the new aftermarket catalytic converter as "high flow or easy flow" catalytic converter or use any phrase that could make it appear to perform better than the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) catalytic converter.
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 the Air Resources Board prior to shipment.
9. Airtek, Inc., its associates, vendors, other businesses and individuals associated with Airtek, Inc. may not sell or supply new aftermarket catalytic converter substrate to a third party to be assembled in a different facility and marketed under this Executive Order without approval from the Air Resources Board.
10. Airtek, Inc. shall comply with the quality control procedures and reporting requirements in Section (f)(5) of the "California Evaluation Procedures for New Aftermarket Catalytic Converters," as adopted October 25, 2007.

11. Quality control reports must be submitted on a quarterly basis and warranty information reports on a semi-annual basis, starting with periods covering January 1 through March 31, 2009 and January 1 through June 30, 2009, respectively.
12. Airtek, Inc. must provide a permanent label or stamp as specified under Section (f)(1) of the "California Evaluation Procedures for New Aftermarket Catalytic Converters," as adopted on October 25, 2007.
13. Airtek, Inc.'s vehicle application catalog must conform with the requirements specified under Section (f)(4) of the "California Evaluation Procedures for New Aftermarket Catalytic Converters," as adopted on October 25, 2007.

Violation of any of the above conditions shall be grounds for revocation of this order. The order may be revoked only after a 30-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 30 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 5 day of December 2008.



Annette Hebert, Chief
Mobile Source Operations Division

Airtek's Series 410000 OBDII Daimler-Benz Passenger Cars													
Group #	Model Year	Vehicle Model	Engine Size	Engine Family	Weight Class	Certification Level	Exhaust Type	Total Converters	Converter Type	Monitored	UNIV #	Direct #	
1	1995	C220	2.2L	SMB2.2VJGFEK	PC	TLEV	D	2	2TWC	BOTH	412084 LEFT OR RIGHT	410617 COMPLETE ASSEMBLY	
2	1996			TMB2.2VJGKEK									
3	1996	S320, C280, C36AMG	2.8L/3.2L/3.6L	TMB3.6VJGKEK		TIER1	S	1	TWC	YES	FRONTS	412084 LEFT OR RIGHT	410004
4				1996									
5	1997	SL500	5.0L	TMBS.0VJGFEK		TLEV	D	4	2WUTWC/2TWC	FRONTS	BOTH	412084 LEFT OR RIGHT	410004
6				1997									
7	1997	SL320, C36 C280	2.8L/3.2L/3.6L	VMB3.6VJGKEK		TIER1	S	1	TWC	YES	FRONTS	410004	TBD
8				1997									
9	1998	SL500	5.0L	VMB5.0VJGKEK		TLEV	D	4	2WUTWC/2TWC	FRONTS	BOTH	412084 LEFT OR RIGHT	410004
10				1998									
11	1998	S320	3.2L	WMBXV02.3GNU		TLEV	S	1	TWC	YES	FRONTS	410004	TBD
12				1998									
13	1998	SL500	5.0L	WMBXV03.2GNT		TLEV	D	4	2WUTWC/2TWC	FRONTS	BOTH	412084 LEFT OR RIGHT	410004
14				1998									

Airtek's Series 110000 OBDII Daimler-Benz Passenger Cars

Group #	Model Year	Vehicle Model	Engine Size	Engine Family	Weight Class	Certification Level	Exhaust Type	Total Converters	Converter Type	Monitored	UNIV #	Direct #
1	1998	E320 Sedan and Station Wagon RearWD,4WD	3.2L	WMBXV03.2GNB	PC	LEV	D	4	2WUTWC/ 2TWC	Front	NA	Right 112296 Left 112297
				XMBXV03.2GNB								
2	1999			YMBXV03.2GNB								
3	2000	S430 Rear WD or 4WD	4.3L	YMBXV05.0GNB								Right 112280 Left 112281
4	2000	S500	5.0L									
5	2001	S430	4.3L	1MBXV04.3LBI								
6	2002	SL500	5.0L	2MBXV05.0LTR								