

**State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD**

EXECUTIVE ORDER D-562-27

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

Valina, Inc. (d.b.a. CarTex)
"Series 12700 & 12100 Three-way Catalytic Converters"

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, Valina, Inc. (Valina) of 4560 Worth Street, Los Angeles, California 90069, 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 12700 & 12100 three-way catalytic converters (TWC) on selected 1996 through 2003 Isuzu/Honda light-duty trucks 2 (LDT2) equipped with on-board diagnostic II (OBD-II) systems as specified in Appendix D-562-27 and incorporated herein. Series 12700 & 12100 TWCs will be used for dual exhaust systems with multiple catalytic converters for the selected Isuzu/Honda trucks. Series 12700 is used as the front TWC and Series 12100 is used as the rear TWC. The catalytic converters may be sold as universal or direct-fit systems. The catalytic converters were previously exempted for this application as Series 12302 & 12311.

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 converters 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 converters was based on durability bench-aging by Umicore Automotive Catalysts USA using the Air Resources Board-modified RAT-A bench-aging cycle for 100 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 Valina, Inc. using a 2001 5.0L Ford Explorer equipped with dual exhaust system, and certified to Low Emission Vehicle (LEV) standards and light-duty truck 2 (LDT2) weight classification showed that the vehicle met applicable emission standards for LEV/LDT2 with Series 12700 & 12100 (2 units of each) installed. OBD II compatibility tests performed on the same test vehicle showed that Series 12700 & 12100 TWCs did not affect the vehicle's ability to perform OBD II system monitoring. The tests resulted in the issuance of Executive Order D-562-9.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Valina, Inc.'s 12700 & 12100 TWCs are exempted from the prohibitions in Vehicle Code Sections 27156 and 38391 for installation on the approved vehicle applications specified in Appendix D-562-27 subject to the following conditions:

1. No changes are permitted to the catalytic converters as described in the application for exemption. Any changes to the catalytic converters 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 converters using identifications other than those shown in the exemption application, and in this Executive Order, or marketing of the catalytic converters 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 converters as individual devices.
3. Any oral or written references to this Executive Order or its content by Valina, 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 converters and is only a finding that the catalytic converters are exempt from the prohibitions of Vehicle Code Sections 27156 and 38391.
4. Valina, Inc.'s installation instructions for the new catalytic converters 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 converters 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 converters 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. Valina, Inc. and its vendors may not advertise the new aftermarket catalytic converters as "high flow or easy flow" catalytic converter or use any phrase that could make them appear to perform better than the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) catalytic converters.
8. Any marketing arrangement of the new aftermarket catalytic converters 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. Valina, Inc. its associates, vendors, other businesses, and individuals associated with Valina, Inc. may not sell or supply new aftermarket catalytic converter substrates 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. Valina, 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. Valina, 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. Valina, 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 19 day of March 2009.



Annette Hebert, Chief
Mobile Source Operations Division

VALINA INC'S SERIES 12700 FOR ISUZU/HONDA LDT2 VEHICLES

No.	Model Year	Vehicle Model	Engine Size	Engine Family	Certification Level	Weight Class	Exhaust Type	Total Converters	Converter Type	Monitored	UNIV.	Direct Fit
1	1996	RODEO 2&4WD	3.2L	TSZ3.22JGK GK	TLEV	LDT2	D	2	2TWC	2	12720	N/A
		HONDA PASSPORT 2&4WD										
2	1996	RODEO 2&4WD	3.2L	TSZ3.22JGKEK	TIER1	LDT2	D	2	2TWC	2	12720	N/A
		HONDA PASSPORT 2&4WD										
		TROOPER 4WD LWB										
		ACURA SLX 4WD LWB										
3	1997	TROOPER 4WD LWB	3.2L	VSZ3.22JGKEK	TIER1	LTD2	D	2	2TWC	2	12720	N/A
		ACURA SLX 4WD LWB										
4		RODEO 2&4WD	3.2L	VSZ3.221GK GK	TLEV	LTD2	D	2	2TWC	2	12720	N/A
		HONDA PASSPORT 2&4WD										
5	1998	AMIGO 4WD SWB	3.5L	WSZXT03.52GK	TLEV	LTD2	D	2	2TWC	2	12720	N/A
		RODEO 2&4WD LWB										
		HONDA PASSPORT 2&4WD LWB										
		TROOPER LWB										
		ACURA SLX LWB										
6	1999	TROOPER LWB	3.5L	XSZXT03.52GK	TLEV	LTD2	D	2	2TWC	2	12720	N/A
		ACURA SLX LWB										
		AMIGO 4WD SWB	3.2L									
		RODEO 2&4WD										
		HONDA PASSPORT 2&4WD										
7		AMIGO 2&4WD	3.2L	XSZXT03.221K	LEV	LTD2	D	2	2TWC	2	12730	N/A
		RODEO 2&4WD LWB										
		HONDA PASSPORT 2&4WD LWB										
8	2000	RODEO 2&4WD LWB	3.2L	YSZXT03.52GK	TLEV	LTD2	D	2	2TWC	2	12730	N/A
		HONDA PASSPORT 2&4WD LWB										
		AMIGO 4WD SWB										

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		HONDA PASSPORT 2&4WD LWB										
		AMIGO 4WD SWB										
10	2000	TROOPER 2&4WD LWB	3.5L	YSZXT03.52JK	LEV	LTD2	D	2	2TWC	2	12730	N/A
11		AMIGO 2WD SWB	2.2L	YSZXT02.22HK	TLEV	LTD2	D	2	2TWC	2	12720	N/A
		RODEO 2WD LWB										
12	2001	TROOPER 2WD AUTOMATIC	3.5L	1SZXT03.5S1K	LEV	LTD2	D	2	2TWC	2	12730	N/A
13		RODEO 2&4WD	3.2L	1SZXT03.22KK	LEV	LTD2	D	2	2TWC	2	12730	N/A
		HONDA PASSPORT 2&4WD LWB										
14	2002	TROOPER 2WD AUTOMATIC	3.5L	2SZXT03.521K	LEV	LTD2	D	2	2TWC	2	12730	N/A
		TROOPER 4WD										
15		AXIOM 2&4WD	3.5L	2SZXT03.52KK	LEV	LTD2	D	2	2TWC	2	12720	N/A
16	2002	RODEO 2&4WD	3.5L	2SZXT03.52KK	LEV	LTD2	D	2	2TWC	2	12730	N/A
		HONDA PASSPORT 2&4WD										
		RODEO SPORT 2&4WD										
17	2002	AXIOM 2&4WD	3.5L	2SZXT03.52MK	LEV	LTD2	D	2	2TWC	2	12730	N/A
18		RODEO 2&4WD	3.5L	2SZXT03.52MK	LEV	LTD2	D	2	2TWC	2	12730	N/A
		HONDA PASSPORT 2&4WD										
	RODEO SPORT 2&4WD											
19	2003	AXIOM	3.2L/3.5L	3SZXT03.52MK	LEV	LTD2	D	2	2TWC	2	12730	N/A
20		RODEO	3.2L/3.5L	3SZXT03.52MK	LEV	LTD2	D	2	2TWC	2	12730	N/A
		RODEO SPORT										