

State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

EXECUTIVE ORDER D-562-3
Relating to Exemptions under Section 27156
of the Vehicle Code

Valina, Inc. (d.b.a. Car Tex)
"Series 12200 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, Valina, Inc. (Valina) of 2035 East Vernon Avenue, Vernon, California 90058, has applied to the Air Resources Board for exemption from the prohibitions in Vehicle Code Section 27156 to market its new aftermarket Series 12200 three-way catalytic converter (TWC) for installation on selected 1996 through 2001 model year General Motors trucks equipped with on-board diagnostic II (OBD-II) systems as specified in Appendix D-562-3 and incorporated herein. The Series 12200 TWC will be used for dual (two units) exhaust system applications.

The 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-562-3.

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 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 Umicore Automotive Catalyst Corporation using Air Resources Board-modified RAT-A bench-aging cycle for 100 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, emissions tests conducted at Siemens VDO Automotive Test Center (Siemens), Auburn Hills, Michigan, using a 1999 5.7L Chevrolet Suburban truck equipped with dual exhaust system, and certified to the Low Emission Vehicle (LEV, MDV3) emission standards showed that the vehicle met the applicable emission standards for LEV/MDV2 with Series 12200 TWCs (two units) installed.

OBD II compatibility tests performed on the same test vehicle showed that Series 12200 TWC did not affect the vehicle's ability to perform OBD II system monitoring. Emission test results in grams per mile are shown below.

Siemens, Auburn Hills, Michigan				
5.7L Chevrolet Suburban Test				
	NMOG	CO	NOx	Remarks
120K Standard	0.230	6.4	0.6	
Test 1	0.206	4.4	0.5	Pass
Test 2	0.217	5.2	0.6	Pass

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the above catalytic converter is exempt from the prohibitions in Vehicle Code Section 27156 for installation on the approved vehicle applications specified in Appendix D-562-3 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 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 converter and is only a finding that the catalytic converter is exempt from the prohibitions of Vehicle Code Section 27156.
4. Valina, 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. Valina, Inc. and its vendors may not advertise the new aftermarket catalytic converter as a "high or easy flow" catalytic converter or use any phrase that could make it appear to perform better than an OEM catalytic converter.

7. Valina, Inc., its associates, vendors, other businesses, and individuals may not sell or supply the substrates of the new aftermarket catalytic converter to a third party 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 the Air Resources Board prior to shipment.

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 27TH day of April 2006.



Allen Lyons, Chief
Mobile Source Operations Division

APPENDIX D-562-3
VALINA INC. - GMC 12200 ODB II CONVERTER APPLICATION

Model Year	Vehicle Model	No. of Cylinders	Engine Family	Certification Level	Total Converters	Monitored	Unmonitored	Universal	Direct Fit
1996	VAN G2500/G3500	8	TGM5.75PGFEK	Tier 1	2	2	NONE	12204	N/A
1996	PU 1500/2500 2WD/4WD	8			2	2	NONE	12204	N/A
1996	SUBURBAN/TAHOE/ESCALADE	8	TGM5.76PGFEK		2	2	NONE	12204	N/A
1996	PU 3500 2WD	8			2	2	NONE	12204	N/A
1996	PU 3500 4WD	8	TGM5.7JPG1EK		2	2	NONE	12204	N/A
1996	VAN G2500/G3500	8	TGM7.4J8G1EK		2	2	NONE	12204	N/A
1996	SUBURBAN/TAHOE/ESCALADE	8			2	2	NONE	12204	N/A
1996	PU 2500/3500 2WD/4WD	8			2	2	NONE	12204	N/A
1997	SUBURBAN/TAHOE/ESCALADE	8	VGM5.7HPG1EK		2	2	NONE	12204	N/A
1997	PU 1500/2500/3500 2WD/4WD	8			2	2	NONE	12204	N/A
1997	VAN G2500/G3500	8	VGM5.7JPG1EK	2	2	NONE	12204	N/A	
1997	SUBURBAN/TAHOE/ESCALADE	8		2	2	NONE	12204	N/A	
1997	VAN G2500/G3500	8	VGM5.7JPG1GK	2	2	NONE	12204	N/A	
1997	SUBURBAN/TAHOE/ESCALADE	8		2	2	NONE	12204	N/A	
1997	VAN G2500/G3500	8	VGM7.4J8G1EK	2	2	NONE	12204	N/A	
1997	SUBURBAN/TAHOE/ESCALADE	8		2	2	NONE	12204	N/A	
1997	PU 2500/3500 2WD/4WD	8		2	2	NONE	12204	N/A	
1998	PU 1500/2500/3500	8	WGMXAO5.7182	LEV	2	2	NONE	12204	N/A
1998	PU 1500/2500/3500	8	WGMXAO5.7184		2	2	NONE	12204	N/A
1998	SUBURBAN/TAHOE/ESCALADE	8	WGMXAO5.7185		2	2	NONE	12204	N/A
1998	VAN G2500/G3500	8	WGMXAO5.7186		2	2	NONE	12204	N/A
1998	SUBURBAN/TAHOE/ESCALADE	8			2	2	NONE	12204	N/A
1998	PU 1500/2500/3500	8	WGMXAO5.7187	Tier 1	2	2	NONE	12204	N/A
1998	VAN G2500/G3500	8	WGMXAO7.4201		2	2	NONE	12204	N/A
1998	SUBURBAN/TAHOE/ESCALADE	8			2	2	NONE	12204	N/A
1998	PU 2500/3500	8		2	2	NONE	12204	N/A	
1999	PU 1500/2500	8	XGMXAO4.3194	LEV	2	2	NONE	12203	N/A
1999	PU 1500/2500	8	XGMXAO4.3195	Tier 1	2	2	NONE	12203	N/A
1999	PU 1500/2500	8	XGMXAO4.8184		2	2	NONE	12204	N/A
1999	PU 1500/2500/3500	8	XGMXAO5.7182	LEV	2	2	NONE	12204	N/A
1999	VAN G2500/G3500	8	XGMXAO5.7185		2	2	NONE	12204	N/A
1999	SUBURBAN/TAHOE/ESCALADE	8			2	2	NONE	12204	N/A
1999	SUBURBAN/TAHOE/ESCALADE	8	XGMXAO5.7186	Tier 1	2	2	NONE	12204	N/A
1999	SUBURBAN/TAHOE/ESCALADE	8	XGMXAO5.7187		2	2	NONE	12204	N/A
1999	PU 3500	8			2	2	NONE	12204	N/A

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Model Year	Vehicle Model	No. of Cylinders	Engine Family	Certification Level	Total Converters	Monitored	Unmonitored	Universal	Direct Fit
1999	PU 1500/2500/3500	8	XGMXAO6.0182		2	2	NONE	12204	N/A
1999	PU 3500	8	XGMXAO6.0183		2	2	NONE	12204	N/A
1999	VAN G2500/G3500	8	XGMXAO7.4201		2	2	NONE	12204	N/A
1999	SUBURBAN/TAHOE/ESCALADE	8			2	2	NONE	12204	N/A
1999	PU 2500/3500	8			2	2	NONE	12204	N/A
1999	PU 1500/2500	8	YGMXAO5.3183	LEV	2	2	NONE	12204	N/A
1999	PU 3500	8			2	2	NONE	12204	N/A
2000	PU 1500/2500	8	YGMXAO4.3190		2	2	NONE	12203	N/A
2000	PU 1500/2500	8	YGMXAO5.3181	Tier 1	2	2	NONE	12204	N/A
2000	PU 1500/2500	8	YGMXAO5.3183	LEV	2	2	NONE	12204	N/A
2000	SUBURBAN/TAHOE/ESCALADE	8	YGMXAO5.3184		2	2	NONE	12204	N/A
2000	PU 2500/3500	8	YGMXAO5.7191	Tier 1	2	2	NONE	12204	N/A
2000	PU 2500/3500	8			2	2	NONE	12204	N/A
2000	SUBURBAN/TAHOE/ESCALADE	8	YGMXAO5.7194	LEV	2	2	NONE	12204	N/A
2000	VAN G2500/G3500	8	YGMXAO7.4201	Tier 1	2	2	NONE	12204	N/A
2000	PU 2500/3500	8			2	2	NONE	12204	N/A
2000	PU 1500/2500	8	YGMXTO4.3184		2	2	NONE	12203	N/A
2000	SUBURBAN/TAHOE/ESCALADE	8	YGMXTO6.0192		2	2	NONE	12204	N/A
2001	PU 1500/2500	8	1GMXA04.3190	LEV	2	2	NONE	12203	N/A
2001	SUBURBAN/TAHOE/ESCALADE	8	1GMXA05.3184		2	2	NONE	12204	N/A
2001	PU 1500/2500	8			2	2	NONE	12204	N/A
2001	VAN G2500/G3500	8	1GMXA06.0188	LEV	2	2	NONE	12204	N/A
2001	VAN G2500/G3500	8	1GMXA06.0194		2	2	NONE	12205	N/A