

State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

EXECUTIVE ORDER D-562-6
Relating to Exemptions under Section 27156
of the Vehicle Code

Valina, Inc. (d.b.a. Car Tex)
"Series 12600 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, Inc.) 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 12600 three-way catalytic converter (TWC) for installation on selected 1996 through 2001 model year General Motors (GM) trucks equipped with on-board diagnostic II (OBD-II) systems as specified in Appendix D-562-6 and incorporated herein. The Series 12600 TWC will be used for single (1 unit) or dual (2 units) exhaust system applications for selected GM trucks.

Series 12600 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-562-6.

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 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, previous emissions and OBD II compatibility tests conducted by Valina, Inc. using a vehicle of a weight classification and exhaust configuration similar to those listed in Appendix D-562-6 and certified to Low Emission Vehicle (LEV) standards resulted in the issuance of Executive Order D-562-2, it was determined that the installation of Series 12600 TWC on the vehicles listed in Appendix D-562-6 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-562-6 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 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 Valina, Inc., its associates, vendors, other businesses, and individuals associated with Valina, Inc., 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. Valina, Inc. 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 5 day of February 2007.



Annette Hebert, Chief
Mobile Source Operations Division

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Valina Inc. GMC 12600 Series OBDII Converter Application (GM TRUCKS)															
NO	Model Year	Vehicle Model	Engine Size	Engine Family	CERT LEV	Waight Class	Exhaust Type	CONV. Type	Total CONV.	Monitored	Universal	Direct Fit			
1	1996	VAN G1500/G2500/G3500	4.3L	TGM4.38PGBEK	Tier 1	MDV3	S	TWC	1	1	12605	N/A			
		PU 1500/2500													
2		VAN G1500/G2500	5.0L	TGM5.0HPG1EK									MDV2		
		PU 1500/2500 2W/D													
3		VAN G3500		TGM5.0JPG1EK									MDV3		
		PU 1500/2500 4W/D													
4		ASTRO/SAVANA	4.3L	TGM4.35PGFEK									MDV2		12603
		S-10,S15 PICKUP												12605	
5		S-10 BLAZER,S-15 JIMMY		TGM4.32PGKEK									LDT2		
		S-10,S15 PICKUP													
6		1997	VAN G1500/G2500	4.3L									VGM4.3HPG1EK	MDV2	
	PU 1500/2500														
7	VAN G3500		VGM4.3JPG1EK	MDV3											
8	VAN G1500/G2500		5.0L	VGM5.0HPG1EK	MDV2	D	2	2							
	PU 1500/2500 2W/D														
9	VAN G3500			VGM5.0JPG1EK	MDV3	S	1	1							
	PU 1500/2500 4W/D														
10	ASTRO/SAVANA		4.3L	VGM4.32PG2EK	TLEV	LDT2		12603							
11				VGM4.3HPG3EK	LEV	MDV2									
12	1998		VAN G1500/G2500/G3500		WGMXT04.3192		MDV3								
14		ASTRO/SAVANA		WGMXA04.3188	LEV										
15				WGMXT04.3187	TLEV	LDT2									
16		PU 1500/2500		WGMXA04.3190	Tier 1	MDV2		12605							
17			5.0L	WGMXA05.0184		MDV3									
18				WGMXA05.0182	MDV2										
19		S-10 BLAZER,S-15 JIMMY	4.3L	WGMXT04.3184	LDT2										
		S-10,S15 PICKUP													
20	1999	VAN G1500/G2500		XGMXA04.3190	MDV2										
21		VAN G3500		XGMXA04.3192	MDV3										
22		VAN G1500/G2500	5.0L	XGMXA05.0182	MDV2										
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23		VAN G3500	5.0L	XGMXA05.0184	Tier 1	MDV3	S	TWC	1	1	12605	N/A		
24		PU 1500/2500		XGMXA05.0184										
25		ASTRO/SAVANA	4.3L	XGMXA04.3188	LEV								MDV2	12603
26				XGMXT04.3187	TLEV								LDT2	
27	2000	VAN G2500/G3500	5.7L	YGMXT05.7188	Tier 1	MDV2								
28		SUBERBEN/TAHO/ESCAL		YGMXT05.7189		MDV3						12604		
29	2001	VAN G1500/G2500	4.3L	1GMXA04.3192	LEV	MDV2						12605		
30		VAN G1500/G2500	5.0L	1GMXA05.0181	Tier 1									
31		VAN G3500	5.0L	1GMXA05.0182			MDV3							