

State of California  
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

EXECUTIVE ORDER D-627

Relating to Exemptions Under Section 27156  
Of the Vehicle Code

Tadger Group International  
"Mini Diesel" Tadger and "Diesel" Tadger

WHEREAS, Vehicle Code Sections 27156 and 38391, and Title 13, California Code of Regulations (hereafter "CCR") Section 2222(e), authorize the California Air Resources Board and its Executive Officer to exempt add-on and modified aftermarket devices from the prohibitions of Vehicle Code Section 27156.

WHEREAS, Tadger Group International of 45 Kingspoint Circle, Stoney Creek, ON, Canada L8E 6E6, has applied to the Air Resources Board for exemption from the prohibitions in Vehicle Code Sections 27156 and 38391 for the "Mini Diesel" and "Diesel" Tadgers manufactured for use on all 2007 model year and older diesel vehicles.

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:

1. The "Mini Diesel" and "Diesel" Tadgers are add-on devices installed around the fuel line in a motor vehicle. The devices' housings are made of brass and contain two aluminum baffles perpendicular to one another.
2. The fuel line is part of the required motor vehicle pollution control system.
3. The "Mini Diesel" and "Diesel" Tadgers are intended for use with a required motor vehicle pollution control system.
4. The "Mini Diesel" and "Diesel" Tadgers by being installed around the fuel line alter the original design of a motor vehicle pollution control system.
5. The "Mini Diesel" and "Diesel" Tadgers are devices subject to the prohibitions of Vehicle Code Section 27156 and add-on parts as defined by Title 13, CCR, section 1900(b)(1).

6. The "Mini Diesel" and "Diesel" Tadgers do not reduce the effectiveness of any required motor vehicle pollution control system.
7. The Air Resources Board, in exercising technical judgment, is aware of no basis on which the "Mini Diesel" and "Diesel" Tadgers will provide either a decrease in emissions or an increase in fuel economy.
8. The Air Resources Board has not determined what effect the use of the "Mini Diesel" and "Diesel" Tadgers may have on any warranty; either expressed or implied, by the manufacturer of a motor vehicle on which the device is installed.
9. The "Mini Diesel" and "Diesel" Tadgers are not certified motor vehicle pollution control devices pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 43644.
10. The Air Resources Board by granting an exemption to Tadger Group International for the "Mini Diesel" and "Diesel" Tadgers does not recommend or endorse in any way the "Mini Diesel" and "Diesel" Tadgers for emissions reduction, fuel economy, or any other purpose.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the "Mini Diesel" and "Diesel" Tadgers are exempt from the prohibitions of Vehicle Code Section 27156 for installation on 2007 model year and older diesel vehicles subject to the following conditions:

1. No changes are permitted to the "Mini Diesel" and "Diesel" Tadgers as described in the application for exemption. Any changes to the "Mini Diesel" and "Diesel" Tadgers or any of its component, or 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 "Mini Diesel" and "Diesel" Tadgers without a permanent label showing the Executive Order number or marketing of the "Mini Diesel" and "Diesel" Tadgers for an application other than the one stated in this Executive Order shall be prohibited unless prior approval is obtained from the Air Resources Board. Exemption of this product shall not be construed as an exemption to sell, offer for sale, or advertise any components of the "Mini Diesel" and "Diesel" Tadgers as an individual device.
3. Any oral or written references to this Executive Order or its content by Tadger Group International, 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 emissions reduction claims for the "Mini Diesel" and "Diesel" Tadgers and is only a finding that the "Mini Diesel" and "Diesel" Tadgers is exempt from the prohibitions of Vehicle Code Section 27156.

4. This exemption shall not apply to any device, apparatus, or mechanism advertised, offered for sale, sold with, or installed on a motor vehicle prior to or concurrent with transfer to an ultimate purchaser.
5. No claim of any kind, such as "Approved by the Air Resources Board" may be made with respect to this Executive Order in any advertising or other oral or written communication.

THIS EXECUTIVE ORDER DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CERTIFICATION, ACCREDITATION, APPROVAL, OR ANY OTHER TYPE OF ENDORSEMENT BY THE AIR RESOURCES BOARD OF ANY CLAIMS OF THE APPLICANT CONCERNING ANTI-POLLUTION BENEFITS OF THE "MINI DIESEL" AND "DIESEL" TADGERS.

Violation of any of the above conditions shall be grounds for revocation of this order. The order may be revoked only after 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 recommendation is made, after the hearing, that grounds for revocation exist.

Executed at El Monte, California, this 21 day of December 2007.



Annette Hebert, Chief  
Mobile Source Operations Division