

Express Terms

Title 13, Division 1, Chapter 1

Article 3. Vehicle Registration and Titling

§ 156.00. Clean Air Vehicle Decals.

(a) Only vehicles that meet both the Federal Inherently Low Emission Vehicle (ILEV) standards [as defined in Part 88 (commencing with Section ~~88.311-93~~88.101-94) of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations] ~~and the California Ultra Low Emission Vehicle (ULEV)-or Super Ultra-Low Emission Vehicle (SULEV) standards, [as defined in Title 13, Section 1960.1, of the California Code of Regulations], as listed on the California Air Resources Board's (CARB)'s Internet-website at www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/carpool/carpool.htm, are eligible for Clean Air Vehicle Decals in accordance with subsection (g)(1)~~, and must be powered by one of the following:

- (1) Electric;
- (2) Liquefied Petroleum Gas [LPG];
- (3) Compressed Natural Gas [CNG];
- (4) Hydrogen Fuel Cell.

(b) Vehicles that meet California's Enhanced Advanced Technology Partial Zero Emission Vehicle (Enhanced AT PZEV) or Transitional Zero-Emission Vehicle (TZEV), or plug-in hybrid (PHEV) standards or hybrid vehicles including hydrogen internal combustion engine (hydrogen ICE) vehicles, as listed on the CARB's ~~Internet-website at www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/carpool/carpool.htm~~, are eligible for Clean Air Vehicle Decals ~~in accordance with subsection (g)(2)~~, and must be powered by:

- (1) Plug-in Hybrid.

(c) If the applicant's vehicle(s) does not appear on the CARB's list of eligible vehicles, the department may refer the applicant to the CARB for assistance. A certification from the CARB verifying the vehicle meets the emission standards as set forth in subdivisions (a) and (b) will be required by the department before decals may be issued.

- (1) Vehicles converted by means of “aftermarket” kits to 100% electric power to meet the decal qualification shall be referred to CARB's toll free telephone number to obtain an CARB certification before decals may be issued.

(d) Applicants for Clean Air Vehicle Decals shall complete the appropriate form as follows:

- (1) Registered vehicle owners shall complete an Application for Clean Air Vehicle Decals, Form REG 1000 (~~Rev. 6/2015~~)(Rev. 9/2023), which is hereby incorporated by reference.

(2) Vehicle dealers ~~who are requesting several stickers~~ decals for vehicles prior to vehicle sales shall complete a New Vehicle Dealer Application for Clean Air Vehicle Decals, Form REG 1000 D (~~Rev. 3/2017~~)(Rev. 9/2023), which is hereby incorporated by reference.

(A) Registered vehicle owners who purchased a new vehicle ~~through~~ from a dealer for which a Clean Air Vehicle Decal has already been issued are ~~not~~ required to complete a Form REG 1000. The vehicle dealer must provide the purchaser a Form REG 1000 at the time of sale.

(B) Vehicle dealers shall keep the decals issued to the vehicle and provide those decals to the customer at the time of sale. Decals may be either affixed on the vehicle or retained in the vehicle file while the vehicle is with the dealer or when the vehicle is transferred to another dealer. The department will not issue replacement decals when the originally issued decals were lost by the vehicle dealer.

(3) Registered owners who have a fleet of like vehicles may submit one application for the entire fleet using a Form REG 1000.

(A) A list shall be attached to the application, which identifies each vehicle by:

1. Purchase date;
- ~~1.~~ 2. Vehicle Identification Number;
- ~~2.~~ 3. License Plate Number;
- ~~3.~~ 4. Make;
- ~~4.~~ 5. Model and year.

(B) “Like” vehicles are those vehicles that are powered by the same energy source.

(e) If the application is incomplete or deficient, the department shall notify an applicant, in writing, within 30 days of receipt of the application.

(1) An application is considered deficient when the applicable requirements of these regulations are not fulfilled.

(A) When an application is determined to be deficient, the department shall identify the specific requirement(s) needed to complete the application.

(2) An application is considered complete when the applicable requirements of these regulations have been fulfilled.

(A) When an application is determined to be complete, a set of decals and a Clean Air Vehicle Certificate shall be issued.

(1) The Clean Air Vehicle Certificate shall be kept with the vehicle's current registration card and presented to a peace officer upon demand.

(f) A ~~\$22.00~~ \$27.00 application fee for each set of Clean Air Vehicle Decals requested and the completed application(s) as set forth in subdivision (d), along with a list as set forth in subdivision (d)(3)(A), if applicable, shall be submitted to the department electronically or mailed to:

SPECIAL PROCESSING UNIT
DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES
P.O. BOX ~~932345~~ 997601
MAIL STATION D238
SACRAMENTO, CA ~~94232-3450~~ 95899-7601

or delivered to any department field office. ~~Documents and fees will be sent to the Special Processing Unit at the department's Headquarters for processing.~~

(g) ~~Number, color, and placement of the Clean Air Vehicle Decals shall be as follows:~~

~~(1) For vehicles meeting ULEV, SULEV, or ZEV standards, as described in paragraph (a), the decals shall be of white material, issued to each vehicle in sets of three. The two larger decals shall be affixed on each vehicle's rear quarter panels, one on each side of the vehicle, behind the wheel wells, with the State Seal in the up position. The smaller decal in the set shall be affixed to the right side of the vehicle's rear bumper, with the State Seal in the up position.~~

~~(2) For vehicles meeting Enhanced AT PZEV or TZEV standards, as described in paragraph (b), the decals shall be of green material, issued to each vehicle in sets of four. The two larger decals shall be affixed on each vehicle's rear quarter panels, one on each side of the vehicle, behind the wheel wells, with the State Seal in the up position. The two smaller decals in the set shall be affixed to the right and left sides of the vehicle's front ~~and rear~~ bumpers, with the State Seal in the up position.~~

Note: Authority cited: Section 1651, Vehicle Code. Reference: Sections 5205.5 and 21655.9, Vehicle Code.

§ 156.01. Clean Air Vehicle Decals: Transfers and Replacements.

(a) Clean Air Vehicle Decals shall remain with the qualifying vehicle for which they were originally issued, regardless of changes in ownership.

(b) A new Clean Air Vehicle certification document (i.e., "Clean Air Certificate," issued with each set of Clean Air Vehicle Decals) shall be made available for subsequent (i.e., transfer) purchasers of qualifying vehicles to which Clean Air Vehicle Decals have been issued. The

department shall issue a new Certificate which shall retain the vehicle description while providing the new ownership information.

(1) A new owner of a vehicle that was issued a decal through the dealer prior to sale is ~~not~~ required to obtain a new certification.

(c) Clean Air Vehicle Decals shall be made available for issuance in complete sets as replacements for Clean Air Vehicle Decals that are damaged, destroyed, stolen, or not received, provided that such replacement decals ~~are issued to~~ are the same year decal originally issued to the vehicle to which Clean Air Vehicle Decals were originally issued.

(d) Applicants for replacement Clean Air Vehicle Decals or a replacement Clean Air Certificate shall complete an Application for Clean Air Vehicle Decals, Form REG 1000 ~~(Rev. 6/2015)~~, which is ~~hereby incorporated by reference and~~ made available to the public at all field offices and on the department's internet website at www.dmv.ca.gov. The applicant shall sign the application with a wet signature or electronic signature under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California and certify that they have read the important information in Section 3 of the form.

(e) An acceptable Application for Clean Air Vehicle Decals, Form REG 1000, hereinafter referred to as "application," requesting replacement decals shall contain a check mark in the box labeled "Replacement decal" and a check mark in one of the boxes indicating the reason a replacement is needed.

~~(1) An acceptable application requesting replacement Clean Air Vehicle Decals that are declared "stolen" shall include a copy of the police report that was created by the responding law enforcement agency to which the stolen decals were reported.~~

~~(2) An acceptable application requesting replacement Clean Air Vehicle Decals which have been declared "lost", "not received", "damaged", or "destroyed" shall complete the vehicle information portion and Section E - Statement of Facts portion of the Form REG 1000, which is hereby incorporated by reference and available to the public at all field offices and on the department's internet website at www.dmv.ca.gov. The applicant shall provide an explanation as to how the decals were lost, not received, damaged or destroyed.~~

~~(3)~~(1) An acceptable application requesting a new Clean Air Certificate only, due to the applicant acquiring a qualified vehicle through a dealer or transfer, shall contain the words "transfer to the new owner or other words to indicate a transfer has taken place, in the space provided under the box marked "Other."

(f) Any and all remaining Clean Air Vehicle Decals previously assigned to a vehicle shall be removed ~~and surrendered to the department, either at a department field office or by mail to the address identified in subsection (g) of this section,~~ from the vehicle and destroyed before replacement decals are affixed to the vehicle.

(g) A ~~\$22.00~~ \$27.00 fee for each replacement set of Clean Air Vehicle Decals and the completed application shall be submitted electronically or mailed to:

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or delivered to any department field office. There is no fee for an applicant requesting a Clean Air Certificate only.

(1) The ~~\$22.00~~ fee will not be required of an applicant who indicates on the application that the original decals were never received.

Note: Authority cited: Section 1651, Vehicle Code. Reference: Sections 5205.5 and 21655.9, Vehicle Code.

§ 156.02. Participation in the Clean Air Vehicle Decal Program and/or CARB's Clean Vehicle Rebate Project.

(a) A vehicle purchaser opting to participate in the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project shall not apply for a Clean Air Vehicle Decal, unless the purchaser's income and the vehicle type allows for participation in both programs, pursuant to Vehicle Code section 5205.5.

(b) If the vehicle purchaser opts to participate in the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project, the purchaser must return any previously issued Clean Air Vehicle Decals to the department, either at a department field office or by sending the decals to the address provided in Section 156.00(f), with a Statement of Facts, form REG 256 (Rev. 8/2008), completing Section G with an indication that the decals are being returned because the purchaser is participating in the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project, and Section H completed and signed by the purchaser.

(c) The department will verify, on a randomized basis, the status of vehicles in the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project and will not issue a Clean Air Vehicle Decal to a vehicle purchaser who has applied for or received a rebate, unless the purchaser qualifies for participation in both programs.

(d) If the rebate was denied, the vehicle owner may reapply for a Clean Air Vehicle Decal, as specified in Section 156.00, with proof of rebate denial.

Note: Authority cited: Section 1651, Vehicle Code. Reference: Sections 5205.5 and 21655.9, Vehicle Code.