§ 309.17 Labels.

All labels must meet the following specifications:

(a) Layout:

(1) Non-liquid alternative vehicle fuel (other than electricity) labels with disclosure of principal component only. The label is 3" (7.62 cm) wide × 2½" (6.35 cm) long. “Helvetica black” type is used throughout. All type is centered. The band at the top of the label contains the name of the fuel. This band should measure 1" (2.54 cm) deep. Spacing of the fuel name is ½" (.64 cm) from the top of the label and 3½" (.48 cm) from the bottom of the black band, centered horizontally within the black band. The first line of type beneath the black band is 3½" (.48 cm) from the bottom of the black band. All type below the black band is centered horizontally, with ¼" (.32 cm) between lines. The bottom line of type is ¼" (.64 cm) from the bottom of the label. All type should fall no closer than 3½" (.48 cm) from the side edges of the label. If you wish to change the format of this single component label, you must petition the Federal Trade Commission. You can do this by writing to the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20580. You must state the size and contents of the label that you wish to use, and the reasons that you want to use it.

(2) Non-liquid alternative vehicle fuel (other than electricity) labels with disclosure of two components. The label is 3" (7.62 cm) wide × 2½" (6.35 cm) long. “Helvetica black” type is used throughout. All type is centered. The band at the top of the label contains the name of the fuel. This band should measure 1" (2.54 cm) deep. Spacing of the fuel name is ½" (.64 cm) from the top of the label and 3½" (.48 cm) from the bottom of the black band, centered horizontally within the black band. The first line of type beneath the black band is 3½" (.48 cm) from the bottom of the black band. All type below the black band is centered horizontally, with ¼" (.32 cm) between lines. The bottom line of type is ¼" (.64 cm) from the bottom of the label. All type should fall no closer than 3½" (.48 cm) from the side edges of the label. If you wish to change the format of this two component label, you must petition the Federal Trade Commission. You can do this by writing to the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20580. You must state the size and contents of the label that you wish to use, and the reasons that you want to use it.

(b) Type size and setting:

(1) Labels for non-liquid alternative vehicle fuels (other than electricity) with disclosure of principal component only. All type should be set in uppercase (all caps) “Helvetica Black” throughout. Helvetica Black is available in a variety of computer desk-top and phototypesetting systems. Its name may vary, but the type must conform in style and thickness to the sample provided here. The spacing between letters and words should be set as “normal.”

(2) Non-liquid alternative vehicle fuel (other than electricity) labels with disclosure of two components. The label is 3" (7.62 cm) wide × 2½" (6.35 cm) long. “Helvetica black” type is used throughout. All type is centered. The band at the top of the label contains the name of the fuel. This band should measure 1" (2.54 cm) deep. Spacing of the fuel name is ½" (.64 cm) from the top of the label and 3½" (.48 cm) from the bottom of the black band, centered horizontally within the black band. The first line of type beneath the black band is 3½" (.48 cm) from the bottom of the black band. All type below the black band is centered horizontally, with ¼" (.32 cm) between lines. The bottom line of type is ¼" (.64 cm) from the bottom of the label. All type should fall no closer than 3½" (.48 cm) from the side edges of the label. If you wish to change the format of this single component label, you must petition the Federal Trade Commission. You can do this by writing to the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20580. You must state the size and contents of the label that you wish to use, and the reasons that you want to use it.

(3) Electric vehicle fuel dispensing system labels. The label is 3" (7.62 cm) wide × 2½" (6.35 cm) long. “Helvetica black” type is used throughout. All type is centered. The band at the top of the label contains the common identifier of the fuel. This band should measure 1" (2.54 cm) deep. Spacing of the common identifier is ¼" (.64 cm) from the top of the label and 3½" (.48 cm) from the bottom of the black band, centered horizontally within the black band. The first line of type beneath the black band is 3½" (.48 cm) from the bottom of the black band. All type below the black band is centered horizontally, with ¼" (.32 cm) between lines. The bottom line of type is ¼" (.64 cm) from the bottom of the label. All type should fall no closer than 3½" (.48 cm) from the side edges of the label. If you wish to change the format of this two component label, you must petition the Federal Trade Commission. You can do this by writing to the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20580. You must state the size and contents of the label that you wish to use, and the reasons that you want to use it.
Subpart C—Requirements for Alternative Fueled Vehicles

§ 309.20 Labeling requirements for new covered vehicles.

(a) Before offering a new covered vehicle for acquisition to consumers, manufacturers shall affix or cause to be affixed, and new vehicle dealers shall maintain or cause to be maintained, fuel economy labels as required by 40 CFR part 600. For dual fueled vehicles, such labels must include driving range information for alternative fuel and gasoline operation and be otherwise consistent with provisions in 40 CFR part 600.

(b) If an aftermarket conversion system is installed on a vehicle by a person other than the manufacturer prior to such vehicle’s being acquired by a consumer, the manufacturer shall provide that person with the vehicle’s fuel economy label prepared pursuant to 40 CFR part 600 and ensure that new fuel economy vehicle labels are affixed to such vehicles as required by paragraph (a) of this section.

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§ 309.21 Recordkeeping.

Manufacturers required to comply with this subpart shall establish, maintain, and retain copies of all data, reports, records, and procedures used to meet the requirements of this subpart for three years after the end of the model year to which they relate. They must be available for inspection by Federal Trade Commission staff members, or by people authorized by the Federal Trade Commission.

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