Environmental Protection Agency

§ 86.1606

(a) Manufacturers shall submit to the Administrator the text of the altitude performance adjustment instructions to be provided to vehicle owners and service establishments. Each set of altitude performance adjustment instructions must set forth the adjustment procedure (including the installation of the label required by §86.1606) to be followed and identify the vehicles for which the instructions are applicable. At a minimum, each set of instructions shall identify the vehicle applicability by manufacturer, car line, model year, engine displacement, engine family, and exhaust emission control systems. Manufacturers may specify vehicle applicability in greater detail if necessary, but such specifications must be identifiable to the public and the service industry through vehicle marking or codes.

(b) The manufacturer shall submit to the Administrator the following information about the adjustments:

(1) Specifications of changes in calibrations of any component, including the original and new calibration values or curves;

(2) Descriptions of component additions, including a full description of the new components along with the configurations (sketch or drawing), calibration values, and part numbers;

(3) Descriptions of component replacements, including all items in paragraph (b)(2) of this section, for the new parts. Also, a description of the differences between the original component and the new component with respect to design, calibration, and function;

(4) Descriptions of any special tools necessary to perform the adjustments.

(c) The manufacturer shall submit to the Administrator the following evaluations of the adjustments:

(1) A statement that the conditions of §86.1604 (a) (1) and (2) are not caused by the adjustment, and supporting information for this statement consisting of technical evaluations (consistent with good engineering practice) or emission test data.

(2) A statement that vehicle performance is generally unchanged or improved as a result of the adjustments, and supporting information for this statement consisting of technical evaluations or driver evaluations.

(3) Information that shows compliance with section 202(a)(4)(A) of the Act (which prohibits vehicles from causing unreasonable risks to public health, welfare, and safety).

(d) The manufacturer shall submit to the Administrator for approval a copy or sample of the label required by §86.1606 and a copy of the instructions for installation of the label.

§ 86.1606 Labeling.

(a) The manufacturer shall make available to the public as part of the altitude performance adjustment instructions the labels described in this
section. Instructions for installing the labels according to the requirements of this section shall be provided with each label.

(b) The label installation instructions shall indicate the following information:

(1) For light-duty vehicles, light-duty trucks, and heavy-duty engines, the label shall be affixed in a readily visible position in the engine compartment and beside (to the extent possible) the existing label which is required under §86.079–35.

(2) For motorcycles, the label should be affixed in a readily accessible position and beside (to the extent possible) the existing label which is required under §86.413–78(a)(1).

(3) The instructions shall also indicate that the label should not be affixed to any equipment that can be easily detached from the vehicle.

(c) The label must be constructed such that if installed properly, it cannot be removed without destroying or defacing the label.

(d) The label shall contain the following information lettered in the English language in block letters and numerals, which must be of a color that contrasts with the background of the label:

(1) The label heading: Vehicle Emission Control Information Update;

(2) Full corporate name and trademark of the vehicle manufacturer;

(3) The statement: “This vehicle has been (adjusted) (modified) to improve emission control performance when operated at (high) (low) altitude”;

(4) Information on where altitude performance adjustment instructions may be obtained or include the actual altitude performance adjustment instructions;

(5) The new tuneup specifications (if changed from the original label specifications) at the applicable altitude.

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