

VEHICLE INDUSTRY NEWS

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Subject : Off-Highway Motorcycle Conversions

Background

The California Air Resources Board (ARB) established emission regulations for on-highway motorcycles beginning with 1978 year models. These regulations require an off-highway motorcycle to have an emission label affixed to the vehicle indicating certification by the manufacturer for on-highway use when converting to on-highway or dual registration. ARB, DMV, and the California State Parks' Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division mutually agreed to begin implementation of these regulations January 1, 2004.

New Information

- Effective January 1, 2004, new verification procedures will be required for off-highway motorcycles being converted to on-highway (street) or dual registration. (See table on reverse.)

EXCEPTION: Off-highway motorcycles purchased before January 1, 2004, may continue to be converted to on-highway or dual registration without the new verification requirement until January 31, 2004. Applications must be received by DMV on or before January 31, 2004. All applications for conversion received on or after February 1, 2004, will be processed under the new verification requirements.

- All off-highway motorcycles previously converted to on-highway or dual registration will not be subject to verification.
- Off-highway motorcycles year model 2003 and newer with a "3" or "C" in the 8th position of the Vehicle Identification Number (red sticker OHVs) will not be allowed to convert.

Applications for conversion to on-highway or dual registration will require verification of the emission label for off-highway motorcycles purchased on or after January 1, 2004. See table below.

<i>If the motorcycle is a ...</i>	<i>then. ...</i>
1977 year model and older	the motorcycle can convert to on-highway or dual registration.
1978 year model and newer with an engine less than 50cc	
1978 year model and newer with an engine 50cc and larger and an emission label indicating that it complies with U.S. EPA and/ or California regulations for on-highway use	
1978 year model and newer with an engine 50cc and larger and no emission label	the motorcycle cannot convert to on-highway or dual registration. The vehicle does not qualify for on-highway use.
1978 year model and newer with an emission label indicating off-road or off-highway	

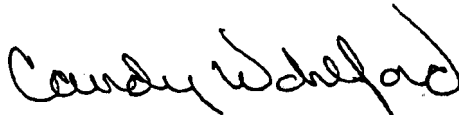
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