

§ 88.312-93 Inherently Low-Emission Vehicle labeling.

(a) *Label design.* (1) Label design shall consist of either of the following specifications:

(i) The label shall consist of a white rectangular background, approximately 12 inches (30 centimeters) high by 18 inches (45 centimeters) wide, with "CLEAN AIR VEHICLE" printed in contrasting block capital letters at least 4.3 inches (10.6 centimeters) tall and 1.8 inches (4.4 centimeters) wide with a stroke width not less than 0.5 inches (1.3 centimeters). In addition, the words "INHERENTLY LOW-EMISSION VEHICLE" must be present in lettering no smaller than 1 inch (2.5 centimeters) high. Nothing shall be added to the label which impairs readability. Labels shall include a serialized identification number; or

(ii) The label shall consist of a white truncated-circular background, approximately 10 inches (25 centimeters) in diameter by 7 inches (17.5 centimeters) in height. The bottom edge of the truncated-circular background shall be approximately 2 inches (5 centimeters) from the center. The acronym "ILEV" shall be printed on the label in contrasting block capital letters at least 2 inches (5 centimeters) tall and 1.5 inches (3.8 centimeters) wide with a stroke width not less than 0.4 inches (1.0 centimeter). In addition, the words "CLEAN AIR VEHICLE" must be present in lettering no smaller than 0.8 inches (2.0 centimeters) high. Nothing shall be added to the label which impairs readability. Labels shall include a serialized identification number.

(2) The ILEV label shall be fabricated or affixed to a vehicle in such a manner that its removal from the vehicle cannot be accomplished without defacing or destroying the label in whole or in part.

(3) Along with the manufacturer's application to certify a particular ILEV engine class, the manufacturer or the manufacturer's agent shall submit to EPA ILEV labels or reasonable facsimiles of the types which may be mounted on a certified ILEV vehicle of that class.

(b) *Eligibility.* Vehicle manufacturers or their agents must install ILEV la-

bel on a certified ILEV vehicle at the time of its sale to an eligible fleet owner if the vehicle is to be eligible for expanded TCM exemptions. An eligible fleet owner is one who is in a covered area and owns a total of at least ten motor vehicles (including the ILEV(s) being purchased) which operate in the owner's fleet. All of the following shall be provided to demonstrate eligibility: Photocopies of no less than nine motor vehicle registrations indicating registration in the ILEV purchaser's name, a signed statement by the ILEV purchaser that these vehicles are operational in the purchaser's fleet and that the ILEV being purchased will also be operated in this fleet, and a signed statement by the ILEV purchaser that the ILEV labels will be removed and disposed of when the vehicle is sold, given, leased (except as part of a daily rental fleet), or offered for long-term loan to someone who has not demonstrated eligibility for expanded TCMs available to ILEVs according to these criteria.

(c) *ILEV Label installation.* (1) Except as provided for in this paragraph (c), no person shall attach an ILEV label or any facsimile of an ILEV label to any vehicle.

(2)(i) The manufacturer or the manufacturer's agent shall attach three labels on the vehicle in plain sight: One on the rear of the vehicle and one on each of two sides of the vehicle. Each label shall conform to the specifications of paragraph (a) of this section.

(ii) In the case that an ILEV label of the proportions specified in paragraph (a)(1) of this section cannot be attached to the rear of the ILEV, the manufacturer or the manufacturer's agent shall attach to the rear of the vehicle an ILEV label of either of the following proportions:

(A) The label shall consist of a white rectangular background, approximately 4 inches (10 centimeters) high by 24 inches (60 centimeters) wide, with "CLEAN AIR VEHICLE" printed in contrasting block capital letters at least 2.8 inches (7 centimeters) tall and 1.3 inches (3.3 centimeters) wide with a stroke width not less than 0.3 inches (0.8 centimeter). In addition, the words "INHERENTLY LOW-EMISSION VEHICLE" must be present in lettering

no smaller than 0.6 inches (1.5 centimeters) high. Nothing shall be added to the label which impairs readability. Labels shall include a serialized identification number; or

(B) The label shall consist of a white truncated-circular background, approximately 5 inches (12.5 centimeters) in diameter by 3.5 inches (8.8 centimeters) in height. The bottom edge of the truncated-circular background shall be approximately 1 inch (2.5 centimeters) from the center. The acronym "ILEV" shall be printed on the label in contrasting block capital letters at least 1 inch (2.5 centimeters) tall and 0.8 inches (2.0 centimeters) wide with a stroke width not less than 0.3 inches (0.8 centimeters). In addition, the words "CLEAN AIR VEHICLE" must be present in lettering no smaller than 0.4 inches (1.0 centimeter) high. Nothing shall be added to the label which impairs readability. Labels shall include a serialized identification number.

(d) *Label removal.* Fleet ILEV owners shall remove and dispose of the ILEV labels on a vehicle before selling or transferring ownership of an ILEV or offering it for lease (unless the ILEV is part of a daily rental fleet) or long-term loan. This provision shall not apply if the person who is receiving the vehicle demonstrates eligibility for expanded TCM exemptions under the federal ILEV program as described in paragraph (b) of this section, or is otherwise qualified under state regulations which expressly expand ILEV label eligibility.

(e) *Label replacement.* (1) The manufacturer shall make replacement ILEV labels available to the fleet owner of a qualifying ILEV to replace any ILEV label which has been lost or removed due to vehicle damage, repair, sale, or lease. The fleet owner's request shall include proof of ownership of the ILEV in question and proof of the fleet owner's eligibility for ILEV TCM exemptions, as outlined in paragraph (c) of this section. Each label shall be imprinted with the same serial number as initially assigned to the damaged/missing ILEV label(s) for that vehicle. Any portion of a damaged label remaining on the ILEV shall be removed from the

vehicle and submitted with the request as proof of loss.

(2) Upon receipt of the replacement ILEV label(s), the fleet owner shall attach the new ILEV label(s) only to the vehicle for which replacement ILEV label(s) were requested.

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§ 88.313–93 Incentives for the purchase of Inherently Low-Emission Vehicles.

(a) *Administration.* (1) The incentives granted to ILEVs provided in this section are not effective outside of non-attainment areas for which states are required to establish CFFV programs under section 246 of the CAA, unless specifically added by states for qualifying vehicles.

(2) Incentives for purchasing ILEVs shall not be transferred between vehicles within the same fleet nor shall they be sold or traded.

(3) No vehicle over 26,000 pounds (11,800 kilograms) GVWR shall be eligible for the following ILEV incentives.

(b) *Exemption from temporal TCMs.* A fleet vehicle which has been certified and labeled as an ILEV according to the provisions of this section and which continues to be in compliance with applicable emissions standards and other ILEV program requirements shall be exempted from TCMs existing for air quality reasons included in approved state implementation plans which restrict vehicle usage based primarily on temporal considerations, such as time-of-day and day-of-week exemptions.

(c) *Exemption from high-occupancy vehicle lane restrictions.* (1) A fleet vehicle which has been certified and labeled as an ILEV according to the provisions of §§ 88.311 and 88.312 and which continues to be in compliance with applicable emissions standards and other ILEV program requirements shall be exempt from TCMs which restrict a vehicle's access to certain roadway lanes based on the number of occupants in that vehicle, usually known as high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes. These exemptions shall not apply if they would create a clear and direct safety hazard.