New York State Aftermarket Catalytic Converter Regulation Changes

Read this if you install or supply aftermarket catalytic converters (AMCCs) for sale in New York State.

1. In New York State, you must install or supply AMCCs that comply with new state regulations, or you risk being fined.

2. Fines range from $500 for the first violation, up to $26,000 for each subsequent violation.

3. **Beginning January 1, 2014**, replacement catalytic converters must either be original equipment manufacturer (OEM) parts, or new AMCCs certified as meeting California Air Resources Board (CARB) emission standards.
   a. This applies to all model year 1993, 1994, 1996 and newer vehicles that are either “50-State” certified by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), or CARB certified.
   b. This does not apply to 1995 and pre-1993 model-year vehicles, and EPA-certified vehicles without 50-State certification.

4. It is now illegal to sell, offer for sale, advertise or install used, recycled or salvaged catalytic converters on vehicles in New York State. (Change effective **June 1, 2013**)
   a. This applies to all vehicle types and model years.
   b. This does not apply to the sale of catalytic converters salvaged for recycling purposes.

5. New AMCCs certified as meeting EPA’s basic emission standard may still be installed on:
   a. Any model-year vehicle that is EPA certified, but not CARB or EPA 50-State certified;
   b. Any pre-1993 model-year vehicle; and
   c. Any 1995 model-year vehicle.

6. Installers of new CARB certified AMCCs must:
   a. Complete a warranty card in triplicate with the original going to the customer, one copy to the installer, and one copy to the manufacturer of the converter.
   b. Retain a copy of the warranty card for a minimum of four years from the date of installation.

7. Distribution centers located in New York State may continue to supply new AMCCs certified as meeting EPA’s basic emission standard for installation on applicable vehicles in New York State (see #5 for applicable vehicles) and for sale outside of New York State.
Vehicle and AMCC Emissions Certification Markings
Vehicle emissions certification information is located on the Vehicle Emissions Certification Information (VECI) label located in the vehicle’s engine compartment. The engine family and emissions certification are used to determine which AMCCs may legally be installed on a particular vehicle.

1) Radiator Support
2) Strut Tower Plate
3) Hood

Beginning January 1, 2014, new aftermarket catalytic converters for CARB and EPA 50-State certified vehicles must display two certification stamps or laser etchings on opposite sides of the catalytic converter shell or heat shield, showing the CARB Executive Order approval number, part number, date of manufacture, and proper installation direction.

More information:
Regulation: 6NYCRR Section 218-7.2(c) www.dec.ny.gov/regs/4244.html
Fact Sheet: www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/87411.html
Frequently Asked Questions: www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/90781.html
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