

Off-Highway Recreation Vehicle Rider Guidance for Regulatory Changes Effective Starting in 2020

On April 25, 2019, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) approved amendments to regulations controlling emissions from off-highway recreational vehicles (OHRV), which shall become effective on January 1, 2020. The amendments will help reduce smog-forming emissions in California, and bring California regulations into closer alignment with existing federal requirements. Although most of the changes apply directly to OHRV manufacturers, the amendments also include some changes that affect OHRV riders, particularly riders of Red Sticker off-highway motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles (red sticker vehicles). This guidance document will provide answers to frequently asked questions explain how the regulatory amendments will affect OHRV riders. Additional information on California's emissions control program for OHRV is available on CARB's website: <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/highway-recreational-vehicles>

For Current Owners of Red Sticker Vehicles

- **Can I still ride my Red Sticker vehicle recreationally?**
 - Yes, owners of Red Sticker vehicles can continue using them on public lands through 2024, subject to the same seasonal restrictions that have been in place for many years. On January 1, 2025, the seasonal riding restrictions will end and Red Sticker vehicles (that are model year 2021 and prior) can be operated year-round on public lands statewide, just like Green Sticker vehicles.
- **When the Red Sticker seasonal riding restrictions end in 2025, will I receive a Green registration sticker for my OHRV?**
 - You will not automatically receive a new registration sticker on January 1, 2025. Instead, you must renew your registration on your normal renewal timeline – typically every two years. Upon renewal, the Department of Motor Vehicles will send you a valid OHV registration sticker in a color of their choosing. Your vehicle will have the same year-round access to OHV riding areas after January 1, 2025, regardless of the color of your sticker.
- **Can I sell my used Red Sticker vehicle to a dealer or private party?**
 - Yes, the regulation amendments do not prohibit or limit in any way the sale of existing used Red Sticker vehicles.
- **Will the new regulations lower the resale value of my Red Sticker vehicle?**
 - The regulation amendments do not place any usage or resale restrictions on current Red Sticker vehicles, so there is no reason to expect that resale values for these vehicles will decrease.

For Riders Considering Buying a New OHRV in 2020 and Beyond

- **Can I still buy new Red Sticker vehicles?**
 - New Red Sticker vehicles can be sold in California through model year 2021. Beginning with model year 2022, no new Red Sticker vehicles will be sold in California. All model year 2022 and later OHRV must either meet applicable emissions standards or must be race vehicles used exclusively for competition off of a public highway.

- **When sales of new Red Sticker vehicles end with the 2022 model year, will I still be able to buy the model I want?**
 - The regulation was designed to provide manufacturers with flexibility to certify a wide range of OHRV to meet applicable emissions standards, including high-performance models that have historically been sold as Red Sticker vehicles. Starting in 2020, we expect to see an increase in the number of Green Sticker models available in California dealerships. This trend should continue in subsequent years as manufacturers develop and certify even more emissions-compliant models. California's emissions standards for off-highway motorcycles in model year 2022 and beyond are closely aligned with federal standards, so the range of models available in California should be identical to what is available in the other 49 states today.

- **When sales of new Red Sticker vehicles end with the 2022 model year, will I still be able to buy and use high performance models for competition?**
 - Yes. CARB emissions standards do not apply to vehicles that are used solely on closed courses and in competition events. Manufacturers may continue to offer competition-only models for sale in California once the sale of new Red Sticker vehicles ends in model year 2022. These competition-only vehicles will not be eligible for OHRV registration (green sticker or red sticker) and cannot be used recreationally on public lands outside of competition events. CARB is working with OHRV land management agencies and race sanctioning bodies to help ensure that adequate opportunities exist for competitive riders to practice and prepare for competition events once the Red Sticker program ends.

- **Are 2-stroke vehicles being eliminated?**
 - The new regulations do not prohibit future sales of 2-stroke OHRV. Most current 2-stroke models do not meet emissions standards, but cleaner 2-stroke technologies exist that could allow for emissions-compliant 2-stroke models in the future. Manufacturers must decide whether to bring cleaner 2-stroke models to the California market once the Red Sticker program ends in 2022. Higher-emitting vehicles that do not meet emissions standards, including conventional 2-stroke models, may continue to be sold for competition use only.