TRU ATCM

How to Report a TRU to CARB

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Beginning December 31, 2023, the Airborne Toxic Control Measure for In-Use Diesel-Fueled Transport Refrigeration Units (TRU) and TRU Generator Sets, and Facilities Where TRUs Operate (TRU ATCM) requires owners to report all TRUs, regardless of where they are based, that operate in California to CARB (reporting requirements for all California-based TRUs were included in the original regulation and went into effect July 31, 2009). TRU reporting is done through the ARB Equipment Registration Program (ARBER).

While this document is intended to assist with compliance efforts, it is the sole responsibility of each regulated entity to ensure compliance with the TRU ATCM. For more information on the TRU ATCM, visit https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/transport-refrigeration-unit. If you have questions, email arber@arb.ca.gov or call the TRU Help Line at 1-888-878-2826.

Create a New ARBER Account

1. Visit our website at: https://arber.arb.ca.gov/Welcome.arb
2. Click the ‘Sign Up’ button to begin creating an account.

3. Complete all the required fields. Password must be a minimum of 8 characters, including letters and numbers only. Special characters are not allowed for the user ID and password fields. If you receive an error message stating your Tax ID number has already been registered, email arber@arb.ca.gov or call the TRU Help Line at 1-888-878-2826.

4. Click the ‘Submit’ button once all information has been entered.
5. To update your company’s information, click the ‘Edit’ button on the upper right side of the page.

6. To edit your password, security questions, or add another user, click on the ‘Account Admin’ tab and click ‘User List’.

7. To edit your password or security questions, click your username within the User ID box.
8. To add a new user, click the ‘Create a New User’ button.
Report a TRU

1. Log into your ARBER account, click the TRU tab, and click ‘Add New Refrigeration Unit.’

2. Enter the required information for your TRU. All three screens must be completed. If you receive an error message saying the TRU serial number has already been registered, email arber@arb.ca.gov or call the TRU Help Line at 1-888-878-2826.
3. The TRU serial number label is typically located inside the housing door and attached to the chassis frame. The TRU refrigerant type can be found on the TRU serial number label. The Carrier TRU Reporting document and Thermo King TRU Reporting document provide helpful pictures on how to find TRU and engine labels.

4. Make sure to click the Certify box on the last page and click the ‘Submit’ button.

5. The ARBER system will issue an ARB IDN for all compliant units. The compliance status will either be Compliant-ULETRU, Compliant, Pending Verification, or Not Compliant. If your TRU is Compliant-ULETRU, it is considered compliant until subject to more stringent standards. Compliant and Pending Verification TRUs have a compliance date, which can be found next to the TRU ATCM Compliance Status. Units that are Pending Verification may take up to 8 weeks to verify based on data supplied by the TRU manufacturer. Not Compliant TRUs are not to operate in California. For more information regarding a non-compliant unit, email arber@arb.ca.gov or call the TRU Help Line at 1-888-878-2826.
Report Multiple TRUs Using the Batch Upload Process

Batch uploading is only recommended if you are reporting several hundred units or more. For more information and instructions on the batch upload process, visit ARBER Batch Upload.