

State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

EXECUTIVE ORDER D-14-4
Relating to Exemptions under Section 27156
of the Vehicle Code

ENERGY PRODUCTS, INC.
"V. C. METER"

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Air Resources Board by Section 27156 of the Vehicle Code; and

Pursuant to the authority vested in the undersigned by Section 39023 of the Health and Safety Code;

IT IS ORDERED AND RESOLVED: That the installation of the "V. C. Meter" manufactured by Albano Enterprises, Inc., of Santa Ana, California and marketed by Energy Products, Inc. of 4340 Redwood Highway, San Rafael, California 94903 has been found to not reduce the effectiveness of required motor vehicle pollution control devices and, therefore, is exempt from the prohibitions of Section 27156 of the Vehicle Code for 1972 to 1974 model-year vehicles with engines greater than 140 CID.

The device consists of a relief valve with a filter and can be identified by "V. C. Meter" stamped at the bottom of the housing. The valve is inserted between the PCV valve and the intake manifold and permits a small amount of additional air to enter the PCV line.

This Executive Order is valid provided that installation instructions for this device will not recommend tuning the vehicle to specifications different than those listed by the vehicle manufacturer.

Changes made to the design or operating conditions of the device as originally submitted to the Air Resources Board for evaluation that adversely affect the performance of the vehicle's pollution control devices shall invalidate this Executive Order.

Marketing of this device using an identification other than that shown in this Executive Order or marketing of this device for an application other than those listed in this Executive Order shall be prohibited unless prior approval is obtained from the Air Resources Board.

This Executive Order does not constitute any opinion as to the effect that the use of this device may have on any warranty either expressed or implied by the vehicle manufacturer.

THIS EXECUTIVE ORDER DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CERTIFICATION, ACCREDITATION, APPROVAL, OR ANY OTHER TYPE OF ENDORSEMENT BY THE AIR RESOURCES BOARD OF ANY CLAIMS OF THE APPLICANT CONCERNING ANTI-POLLUTION BENEFITS OR ANY ALLEGED BENEFITS OF THE "V. C. METER" DEVICE.

No claim of any kind, such as "Approved by Air Resources Board" may be made with respect to the action taken herein in any advertising or other oral or written communication.

Section 17500 of the Business and Professions Code makes unlawful, untrue or misleading advertising, and Section 17534 makes violation punishable as a misdemeanor.

Sections 39130 and 39184 of the Health and Safety Code provide as follows:

"39130. No person shall install, sell, offer for sale, or advertise, or, except in an application to the board for certification of a device, represent, any device as a motor vehicle pollution control device unless that device has been certified by the board. No person shall sell, offer for sale, advertise, or represent any motor vehicle pollution control device as a certified device which, in fact, is not a certified device. Any violation of this section is a misdemeanor."

"39184. (a) No person shall install, sell, offer for sale, or advertise, or, except in an application to the board for accreditation of a device, represent, any device as a motor vehicle pollution control device for use on any used motor vehicle unless that device has been accredited by the board. No person shall sell, offer for sale, advertise, or represent any motor vehicle pollution control device as an accredited device which, in fact, is not an accredited device. Any violation of this subdivision is a misdemeanor."

Any apparent violation of the conditions of this Executive Order will be submitted to the Attorney General of California for such action as he deems advisable.

Executed at Sacramento, California, this 19 day of August, 1974.

WILLIAM SIMMONS
Executive Officer

State of California

AIR RESOURCES BOARD

August 13, 1974

Staff Report

Evaluation of Energy Products, Inc.
"V. C. Meter" Air Bleed Valve for
Compliance with the Requirements of
Section 27156 of the California Motor Vehicle Code

I. Introduction

Energy Products, Inc. of 4340 Redwood Highway, San Rafael, California 94903 has requested permission to market a device called "V. C. Meter". This device is manufactured by Albano Enterprises, Inc. of Santa Ana, California and is identical in construction and performance to the "Air Jet" device also manufactured by Albano Enterprises. The "Air Jet" device as submitted by Albano Enterprises was evaluated by the Air Resources Board Staff and found to not adversely effect the emission control system. Executive Order D-14-3 was issued to Albano Enterprises granting the exemption for the "Air Jet" device for 1972-1974 model-year vehicles with engines greater than 140 cubic inch displacement.

II. Device Description

For a description of the construction and operation of the "V. C. Meter", see the report on the Staff's evaluation of the "Air Jet" device dated March 27, 1974.

The "V. C. Meter" trade name is permanently stamped on the device at the bottom of the housing.

III. Conclusions and Recommendation

The Staff has evaluated the "Air Jet" device and found that it has no significant effects on exhaust emissions. It is the opinion of the Staff that the "V. C. Meter" device being identical in construction and performance would also produce the same effect.

The Staff recommends that Energy Products, Inc. be granted an exemption from the prohibitions of Section 27156 of the Vehicle Code for its "V. C. Meters" for 1972 to 1974 model-year vehicles with engines greater than 140 cubic inch displacement.