

State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

EXECUTIVE ORDER D-161-21
Relating to Exemptions Under Section 27156
of the Vehicle Code

GALE BANKS ENGINEERING
INTERCOOLER SYSTEM

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 Sections 39515 and 39516 of the Health and Safety Code and Executive Order G-45-5;

IT IS ORDERED AND RESOLVED: That the installation of the add-on air-to-air intercooler kit manufactured by Gale Banks Engineering has been found not to 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 1989-1991 model year Dodge vehicles powered by a 5.9L Cummins 6BT heavy-duty diesel engine.

This Executive Order is valid only for those Dodge vehicles powered by a 5.9L Cummins 6BT heavy-duty diesel engine with a manufacturer production date of February 1, 1991 or earlier.

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

Changes made to the design or operating conditions of the device, as exempted by the Air Resources Board, that adversely affect the performance of a vehicle's pollution control system 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. Exemption of a kit shall not be construed as an exemption to sell, offer for sale, or advertise any component of a kit as an individual device.

This Executive Order does not constitute any opinion as to the effect 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 GALE BANKS ENGINEERING'S AIR-TO-AIR INTERCOOLER KIT.

No claim of any kind, such as "Approved by the 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 untrue or misleading advertising unlawful, and Section 17534 makes violation punishable as a misdemeanor.

Section 43644 of the Health and Safety Code provides as follows:

"43644, (a) No person shall install, sell, offer for sale, or advertise, or, except in an application to the state board for certification 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 certified by the state 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 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 El Monte, California, this 3rd day of July, 1991.



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SUMMARY

The Gale Banks Engineering (Gale Banks) has applied for an exemption from the prohibitions of Vehicle Code Section 27156 for their add-on intercooler kit. The intercooler kit is applicable for 1989-1991 model year Dodge vehicles powered by a 5.9L Cummins 6BT heavy-duty diesel engine with a manufacturer production date of February 1, 1991 or earlier.

Gale Banks has submitted a completed application and all the necessary information for exemption. Based on previous comparative tests evaluating the exhaust emissions effects of several add-on intercooler systems and the staff's evaluation of the intercooler's impact on exhaust emissions from turbocharged vehicles, the staff concludes that Gale Banks' intercooler system will not adversely affect exhaust emissions from vehicle for which exemption is requested.

The staff recommends Gale Banks be granted an exemption for their add-on intercooler system as requested and that Executive Order D-161-21 be issued.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Gale Banks Engineering (Gale Banks) of 546 Duggan Avenue, Azusa, CA 91702, has applied for an exemption from the prohibitions in Vehicle Code Section 27156 for their add-on intercooler kit. The intercooler kit is applicable for 1989-1991 model year Dodge vehicles powered by a 5.9L Cummins 6BT heavy-duty diesel engine with a manufacturer production date of February 1, 1991 or earlier.

II. CONCLUSION

Based on the previous comparative tests evaluating emission effects of several add-on intercooler systems and the staff's technical evaluation of the intercooler's impact on exhaust emissions, the staff concludes that Gale Banks' add-on intercooler kit will not adversely affect exhaust emissions from vehicles for which the exemption is requested.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS

The staff recommends that Gale Banks Engineering be granted an exemption for their add-on intercooler system as requested and that Executive Order D-161-21 be issued.

IV. INTERCOOLER KIT DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the Gale Banks intercooler system is to reduce the temperature of the intake air that is charged into the turbocharged engine. A reduction in the intake air temperature allows a greater charge density (more mass of air flowing through the engine) to enter the combustion chamber. This means more fuel into the engine at any given manifold pressure and, therefore, more power output from the engine. Also, the reduction in the intake charge temperature results in lower combustion/exhaust temperature.

The major components of the system include an air-to-air heat exchanger and inter-connecting bent tubes. The compressed air from the turbocharger enters through one section of the heat exchanger and ambient air, as a cooling medium, flows through the other section, cooling the heated compressed charge air. The cooled compressed air then passes out of the heat exchanger to the throttle(s) for induction to the engine. A pressure drop occurs when the compressed air passes through the heat exchanger which varies depending on the size of the heat exchanger, the temperature of the cooling medium (ambient air) and the available flow rate of the cooling medium.

The inlet and outlet pipes of the Gale Banks' air-to-air intercooler system are made from steel tubing. The length of the tubing varies according to the model-year of the engine. No emission control components are removed, disconnected or relocated when the air-to-air intercooler kit is installed.

V. DISCUSSION

Gale Banks' add-on intercooler kit is designed for installation on 1989-1991 model year Dodge vehicles powered by a 1990 5.9L Cummins 6BT heavy-duty diesel engine with a manufacturer production date of February 1, 1991 or earlier. Dodge vehicles manufactured after February 1, 1991 will not be equipped with the Cummins 6BT engine. The 1991 model year Cummins heavy-duty diesel engine has a new model number and comes equipped with an intercooler system.

According to performance analysis previously submitted by other manufacturers seeking exemption, the thermal efficiency of the intercooler system ranges between 40 percent to 84 percent. Based on predicted efficiency of a heat exchanger and a review of the intercooler system, the staff believes that the Gale Banks' add-on intercooler kit will not adversely affect a turbocharged vehicle's emissions or degrade a vehicle's driveability.