

State of California  
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

EXECUTIVE ORDER D-193-9  
Relating to Exemptions Under Section 27156  
of the Vehicle Code

CAR SOUND EXHAUST SYSTEM, INC.  
"3-WAY CATALYTIC CONVERTER SERIES 22000/23000"

WHEREAS, Vehicle Code Section 27156 and Title 13 California Code of Regulations (hereafter "CCR") Section 2222(h), authorize the California Air Resources Board (ARB) and its Executive Officer to exempt new aftermarket catalytic converters from the prohibitions of Vehicle Code Section 27156.

WHEREAS, Car Sound Exhaust System, Inc. of 22961 Arroyo Vista, Rancho Santa Margarita, California 92688, has applied to the ARB for exemption from the prohibitions in Vehicle Code Sections 27156 and 38391 for their new catalytic converter for the following application:

| <u>Type</u> | <u>Series No.</u> | <u>Max. Engine Size</u> | <u>Max. Veh. Wt.</u> |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| TWC         | 22000/23000       | 3.8L (231 CID)          | 4,000 lbs.           |

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority vested in the Executive Officer by Health and Safety Code Section 39515 and in the Chief, Mobile Source Division by Health and Safety Code Section 39516 and Executive Order G-45-5, the ARB finds that the above aftermarket catalytic converter complies with the California Vehicle Code Section 27156 and Title 13, California Code of Regulations, Section 2222(h). Emission performance of the catalytic converter was based on durability mileage accumulation of 25,000 miles using the AMA durability driving schedule (Reference Appendix IV, Title 40, Part 86, Code of Federal Regulations (June 28, 1977)).

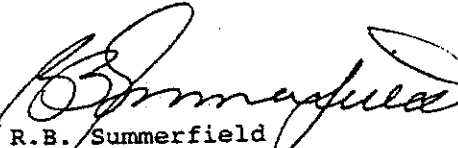
IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the above catalytic converter is exempt from the prohibitions in Vehicle Code Sections 27156 and 38391 for installation on the approved application vehicle subject to the following conditions:

1. No changes are permitted to the catalytic converter as described in the application for exemption. Any changes to the catalytic converter or any of its components, applicable model year, or other factors addressed in this order must be evaluated and approved by the ARB prior to marketing in California.
2. Marketing of the converter using identifications other than those shown in the exemption application or marketing of the catalytic converter for vehicle application other than the one listed in this order shall be prohibited unless prior approval is obtained from the ARB. Exemption of this product shall not be construed as an exemption to sell, offer for sale, or advertise any components of the catalytic converter as individual devices.

3. Any oral or written references to this Executive Order or its content by Car Sound Exhaust System, Inc., its principals, agents, employees, distributors, dealers, or other representatives must include the disclaimer that the Executive Order or the exemption it provides is not an endorsement or approval of any emissions reduction claims for the catalytic converter and is only a finding that the catalytic converter is exempt from the prohibitions of Vehicle Code Sections 27156 and 38391.
4. Upon installation, the catalytic converter must carry a manufacturer's warranty for 25,000 miles on the substrates and 50,000 miles or five years on the shell.

Violation of any of the above conditions shall be grounds for revocation of this order. The order may be revoked only after ten day written notice of intention to revoke it, during which period the holder of the order may request in writing a hearing to contest the proposed revocation. If a hearing is requested, it shall be held within ten days of receipt of the request, and the order may not be revoked until a determination is made, after the hearing, that grounds for revocation exist.

Executed at El Monte, California, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1992.



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SUMMARY

Car Sound Exhaust System, Inc. (Car Sound) of 22961 Arroyo Vista, Rancho Santa Margarita, California 92688, has applied for an exemption to use their 22000/23000 series new aftermarket three-way plus oxidation (TWC + OC) catalytic converter for three-way application under the California regulations for new aftermarket catalytic converters. Car Sound plans to use the 22000/23000 series catalytic converter on vehicles equipped with three-way catalytic converter and up to 3.8 liter engine size and 4000 lbs. vehicle test weight.

Emissions data submitted by the applicant show that the catalytic converter meets the requirements of Vehicle Code Section 27156 and Title 13, California Code of Regulations, Section 2222(h) for the stated application. Based on the above, the staff recommends that the exemption be granted as requested and that Executive Order D-193-9 be issued.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Car Sound Exhaust System, Inc. (Car Sound) of 22961 Arroyo Vista, Rancho Santa Margarita, California 92688, has applied for an exemption to use their new aftermarket three-way plus oxidation (TWC + OC) catalytic converter series 22000/23000 for three-way (TWC) application in accordance with California regulations on new aftermarket catalytic converters. The intended application for the new aftermarket catalytic converter is shown below:

| <u>Type</u> | <u>Series No.</u> | <u>Max. Engine Size</u> | <u>Max. Veh. Wt.</u> |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| TWC         | 22000/23000       | 3.8L (231 CID)          | 4000 lbs.            |

The catalyst was previously exempted by Air Resources Board (ARB) as a 200 series TWC + OC converter for use on vehicle engine size up to 5.0L and 4250 lbs. vehicle test weight. Car Sound has changed their part number system and the 200 series is now replaced with the 22000/23000 series.

II. CONCLUSION

The applicant has submitted all the required information and based on the submitted exhaust emissions test data, the staff concludes that the catalytic converter meets the criteria set forth in Vehicle Code Section 27156 and Title 13, California Code of Regulations, Section 2222(h) for the stated application.

III. RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the exemption be granted as requested and that Executive Order No. D-193-9 be issued, permitting the advertisement, sale and installation of the new three-way aftermarket catalytic converter.

#### IV. DEVICE DESCRIPTION

The substrates of Car Sound's three-way catalytic converter are coated with palladium and rhodium. The 22000/23000 series converter was assembled with one reducing and one oxidizing substrates enclosed in an outer stainless steel shell. No air injection is incorporated between the reducing and oxidizing substrates. A heat shield of aluminum is welded to the converter shell to protect the vehicle underbody from heat. The catalytic converter is sold as a unit with installation instructions and kits as shown in the application catalog. It is also sold with a warranty for 25,000 miles on the substrates and five years or 50,000 miles on the container or shell.

#### V. DEVICE EVALUATION

Car Sound has submitted test data on the 22000/23000 series catalytic converter. The tests were conducted by Automotive Testing and Development Services, Inc. (ATDS), Huntington Beach, California. The two test converters were previously aged as a three-way plus oxidation converter on a 1984 and a 1985 carbureted Chevrolet Caprice 5.0L closed-loop vehicles. CVS-75 emission tests for the three-way application were conducted on a 1992 FI Pontiac Bonneville with 3.8L engine displacement and 4000 lbs. vehicle test weight. The exemption for the three-way application is limited to vehicles powered by engine size up to 3.8L and 4000 lbs. vehicle weight, in order to conform to the "worst case" requirement of the California regulations. Car Sound also submitted a temperature profile which was conducted at ATDS to demonstrate that stress produced on the catalyst by the aging vehicle is equal to the stress produced by carry-over test vehicle. The temperature profile did not show a significant difference between the two vehicles. The test results and conversion efficiencies for the converter are shown below:

22000/23000 Series TWC

|           | <u>Simulator</u> | <u>Test 1</u> | <u>Test 2</u> | <u>Average Conv. Eff.</u> |
|-----------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| HC (g/mi) | 1.670            | 0.332         | 0.346         | 79.9%                     |
| CO (g/mi) | 14.940           | 4.402         | 4.050         | 71.7%                     |
| NOx(g/mi) | 5.228            | 0.868         | 0.694         | 85.0%                     |

All of the conversion efficiencies meet the requirements of the California regulations. The staff based the evaluation of the new aftermarket catalytic converter on the information submitted by Car Sound, and test data from ATDS.