

State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

EXECUTIVE ORDER D-440-1
Relating to Exemptions Under Section 27156
of the Vehicle Code

MECHTECH MOTORSPORTS, INC.
5 PSI. TURBO 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 Section 39515 and Section 39516 of the Health and Safety Code and Executive Order G-45-9;

IT IS ORDERED AND RESOLVED: That the installation of the 5 PSI. Turbo System, manufactured and marketed by Mechtech Motorsports, Inc., 1277 Simpson Way, Escondido, California 92029 has been found not to reduce the effectiveness of the applicable vehicle pollution control system and, therefore, is exempt from the prohibitions of Section 27156 of the Vehicle Code for 1993-98 BMW vehicles equipped with a 6 cylinder engine.

The 5 PSI. Turbo System includes the following main components: Aerodyne turbocharger, model no. MT6000, cast iron exhaust manifold with oxygen sensor at collector, new connecting pipes, fuel pressure regulator located on the fuel return line, intercooler, replacement air inlet box using a K&N style filter, check valves placed in crankcase breather hoses, and all necessary hardware and tubing for installation. Manufacturer recommends 92 or higher octane fuel. The turbocharger does not require any auxiliary oil or water lines for lubrication or cooling.

This Executive Order is valid provided that the installation instructions for the turbocharger will not recommend tuning the vehicle to specifications different from those of the vehicle manufacturer.

Changes made to the design or operating conditions of the turbocharger, as exempt by the Air Resources Board, which adversely affect the performance of the vehicle's pollution control system shall invalidate this Executive Order.

Marketing of the turbocharger using any identification other than that shown in this Executive Order or marketing of the turbocharger 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 the turbocharger shall not be construed as exemption to sell, offer for sale, or advertise any component of the kit as an individual device.

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

This Executive Order is granted based on submitted emissions test data which showed that the Mechtech Motorsports, Inc.'s 5 PSI. Turbo System did not adversely affect tailpipe emissions during the Cold Start CVS-75 Federal Test Procedure. However, the ARB finds that reasonable grounds exist to believe that use of the Mechtech Motorsports, Inc.'s Turbo System may adversely affect emissions of motor vehicles when operating under conditions outside the parameters of the previously prescribed test procedures.

Accordingly, the ARB reserves the right to conduct additional emission tests, in the future, as such tests are developed, that will more adequately measure emissions from all cycle phases. If such test results demonstrate that the turbocharger adversely affects emissions during off-cycle conditions (defined as those conditions which are beyond the parameters of the Cold-Start CVS-75 Federal Test Procedure), this Executive Order shall be effectively rescinded as of the date the test results are validated. Further, if such test results or other evidence provides the ARB with reason to suspect that the turbocharger will affect the durability of the emission control systems, Mechtech Motorsports, Inc. shall be required to submit durability data to show that the durability of the vehicle emission control system is not, in fact, affected and/or that the add-on or modified part demonstrates adequate durability.

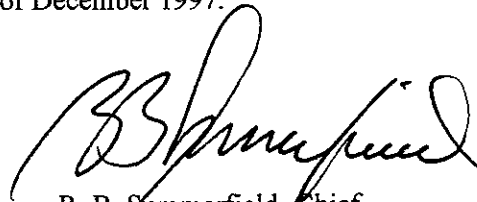
In addition to the foregoing, the ARB reserves the right in the future to review this Executive Order and the exemption provided herein to assure that the exempted add-on or modified part continues to meet the standards and procedures of Title 13, California Code of Regulations, Section 2222, et seq.

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 MECHTECH MOTORSPORTS, INC.'S TURBO SYSTEM.

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.

Violation of any of the above conditions shall be grounds for revocation of this order. The order may be revoked only after a ten-day written notice of intention to revoke the order, in 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 after hearing that grounds for revocation exist.

Executed at El Monte, California, this 10th day of December 1997.



R. B. Summerfield, Chief
Mobile Source Operations Division