Frequently Asked Questions
Regulation for In-Use Off-Road Diesel-Fueled Fleets
(Off-Road Regulation)

Vehicles Used for Parts
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Q – I currently own some older vehicles that I keep at the yard to use for parts to repair other vehicles. I do not operate these vehicles. Do I still need to report them?

A – Vehicles kept solely for parts do not need to be reported if they are not being operated. However, in order to ensure that they are not being used, fleets must submit proof to CARB (such as a digital photo) that the vehicle is rendered inoperable. This can be accomplished in one of two ways: punching a hole in the engine block or taking the engine out of the chassis.

If a fleet wishes to keep a vehicle for parts without punching a hole in the engine block or removing the engine, the fleet may report the vehicle as low-use and label it with an Equipment Identification Number (EIN). For further information regarding low-use vehicles, please see our Low-Use FAQ, available on the Frequently Asked Questions page in the Off-Road Zone at www.arb.ca.gov/offroadzone.

Q – Can I purchase additional Tier 0 vehicles to use their parts?

A – Although the ban on adding Tier 0 vehicles to fleets will go into effect on January 1, 2014, fleets may still purchase Tier 0 vehicles if the vehicle will not be operated in California. In order to verify the vehicles will not be operated, fleets must submit proof that they have punched a hole in the engine block or taken the engine out of the chassis. For more information on the adding vehicle restrictions, please see our Restrictions on Adding Vehicles FAQ, available on the Frequently Asked Questions page in the Off-Road Zone at www.arb.ca.gov/offroadzone.
Q – I own an older “low-use” vehicle which I currently use from time to time, but I would like to retire it and keep it at my yard to use the parts. Do I need to register it differently? Will I receive any additional credit if I retire the vehicle?

A – Vehicles which are currently operated for business purposes may be retired and kept to use the vehicle’s parts. The vehicle will need to be registered as “retired/sold” in DOORS by reporting the date of retirement, and then the fleet must render the vehicle inoperable and submit proof (such as a digital photo). By retiring the vehicle instead of claiming it as low-use, fleets will receive credit towards the BACT requirements.

While this document is intended to assist fleets with their compliance efforts, it does not alter or modify the terms of any CARB regulation, nor does it constitute legal advice. It is the sole responsibility of fleets to ensure compliance with the Regulation for In-Use Off-Road Diesel Fueled Fleets.