

State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

EXECUTIVE ORDER D-339-1
Relating to Exemptions Under Section 27156
of the Vehicle Code

AMERICAN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, INC.
THE FORCE MAINTENANCE PAC

WHEREAS, Vehicle Code Section 27156 and Title 13 California Code of Regulations (hereafter "CCR") Section 2222(e), authorize the California Air Resources Board (ARB) and its Executive Officer to exempt add-on and modified parts from the prohibitions of Vehicle Code Section 27156.

WHEREAS, American Technologies Group, Inc. has applied to the ARB for exemption from the prohibitions of Vehicle Code Section 27156 for the Force Maintenance Pac.

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 Air Resources Board finds:

1. The Force Maintenance Pac is an add-on device that is placed in the air filter in a motor vehicle.
2. The air filter is part of the required motor vehicle pollution control system.
3. The Force Maintenance Pac is intended for use with a required pollution control system.
4. The Force Maintenance Pac by being placed in the air filter alters the original design of a motor vehicle pollution control system.
5. The Force Maintenance Pac is a device subject to the prohibitions of Vehicle Code Section 27156 and an add-on part as defined by 13 CCR Section 1900(b)(1).
6. The Force Maintenance Pac does not reduce the effectiveness of any required motor vehicle pollution control device.
7. The ARB, in the exercise of technical judgement, is aware of no basis on which The Force Maintenance Pac will provide either a decrease in emission or an increase in fuel economy.
8. It has not been determined what effect use of The Force Maintenance Pac may have on any warranty, either expressed or implied, by the manufacturer of a motor vehicle on which the device is placed.
9. The Force Maintenance Pac is not a certified motor vehicle pollution control device pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 43644.

10. The ARB by granting an exemption to American Technologies Group, Inc. for The Force Maintenance Pac does not recommend or endorse in any way The Force Maintenance Pac for emissions reduction, fuel economy, or any other purpose.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that The Force Maintenance Pac is exempt from the prohibitions of Vehicle Code Section 27156 for installation on 1993 and older model-year gasoline and diesel powered vehicles subject to the following conditions:

1. This exemption shall not apply to any device, apparatus, or mechanism advertised, offered for sale or sold with, or installed on, a motor vehicle prior to or concurrent with transfer to an ultimate purchaser.
2. No changes are permitted to the device as described in the application for exemption. Any changes to the device, applicable model year, or other factors addressed in this order must be evaluated and approved by the ARB prior to marketing in California.
3. 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 Executive 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 component of the product as an individual device.
4. Any oral or written references to this Executive Order or its content by the American Technologies Group, 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 fuel economy or emissions reduction claims for The Force Maintenance Pac and is only a finding that the device is exempt from the prohibitions of Vehicle Code Section 27156.
5. 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.

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Executed at El Monte, California, this 23rd day of February, 1994.



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