

State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

EXECUTIVE ORDER D-431-1
Relating to Exemptions Under Section 27156
of the Vehicle Code

FORD MOTOR COMPANY
ECONOLINE AFT-OF-AXLE FUEL TANK KITS

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Air Resources Board (ARB) 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-45-9;

IT IS ORDERED AND RESOLVED: That the installation of the Econoline Aft-of-Axle Fuel Tank Kits (Econoline Kits), manufactured by Ford Motor Company of P.O. Box 1899, Room 272 WHQ, Dearborn, Michigan 48121-1899, has been found not to reduce the effectiveness of the applicable vehicle pollution control system, and therefore, the Econoline Kits are exempt from the prohibitions of Section 27156 of the California Vehicle Code for installation on the following 1998 model-year Ford Motor Company (Ford) 4.2/4.6/5.4 liter vehicles:

<u>Econoline Kit</u>	<u>Vehicle Application</u>
E-150 Kit	E-150 Econoline Incomplete Van 7,000 lb. GVWR equipped with an RV Prep. Package and P235/75Rx15XL tires E-150 Regular Club Wagon equipped with P235/75Rx15XL tires
E-250 Kit	E-250 Incomplete Regular and Super Econoline Vans 7,500 lb. GVWR equipped with an RV Prep. Package and LT225/75Rx16D tires E-250 Incomplete Heavy-Duty Regular and Super Econoline Vans 8,600 lb. GVWR equipped with an RV Prep. Package and either the LT225/75Rx16E tires or the LT245/75Rx16E tires

Note: The above vehicles must be equipped with Ford standard contoured rear bumpers or Ford optional step bumpers only (the aft-of-axle fuel tank kits are not compatible with aftermarket step or other style bumpers). In addition, the above vehicles must not be equipped with Ford auxiliary rear air conditioning/heating systems (the auxiliary system must be discarded before the aft-of-axle fuel tank kits can be installed).

This Executive Order is valid provided that installation instructions for the Econoline Kits not recommend tuning the vehicles to specifications different from those submitted by the vehicle manufacturer.

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Changes made to the design or operating conditions of the Econoline Kits, as exempt by the ARB, which may adversely affect the performance of a vehicle's pollution control system, shall invalidate this Executive Order.

Marketing of the Econoline Kits using an identification other than that shown in this Executive Order or for an application other than those listed in this Executive Order shall be prohibited unless prior approval is obtained from the ARB. Exemption of the Econoline Kits shall not be construed as an exemption to sell, offer for sale, or advertise any components of the Econoline Kits as individual devices.

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

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.

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 FORD MOTOR COMPANY'S ECONOLINE AFT-OF-AXLE FUEL TANK KITS.

Violation of any of the above conditions shall be grounds for revocation of this Executive Order. The Executive Order may be revoked only after a ten-day written notice of intention to revoke the Executive Order, in which period the holder of the Executive 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 Executive Order may not be revoked until a determination after the hearing that grounds for revocation exist.

Executed at El Monte, California, this 15 day of October 1997.



R. B. Summerfield, Chief
Mobile Source Operations Division