## State of California AIR RESOURCES BOARD

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER D-718**

Relating to Exemptions Under Section 27156 of the California Vehicle Code

Sonic Exhaust, Inc. SonicExhaust Muffler Tip

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-02-003;

IT IS ORDERED AND RESOLVED: That the installation of the SonicExhaust Muffler Tip, marketed and produced by Sonic Exhaust, Inc. of 1522 Puddingstone Drive, La Verne, California 91750, has been found not to reduce the effectiveness of the applicable vehicle pollution control systems and, therefore, the SonicExhaust Muffler Tip model # 051013 is exempt from the prohibitions of Section 27156 of the Vehicle Code for gasoline-powered vehicles with 1.0 to 8.5 liter engines. The device needs a minimum ground clearance of 6 inches.

The SonicExhaust Muffler Tip includes an inner cone, which is welded to the tailpipe, and an-outer-cone, which slips over the inner cone and bolted to the frame of the vehicle.

This Executive Order is valid provided that the installation instructions for the SonicExhaust Muffler Tip 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 SonicExhaust Muffler Tip, 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 SonicExhaust Muffler Tip using any identification other than that shown is this Executive Order or marketing of the SonicExhaust Muffler Tip for an application other than those listed in this Executive Order shall be prohibited unless prior approval is obtained from the Air Resources Board.

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

This Executive Order is granted based on an engineering evaluation which determined that this device has no effect on emissions. Vehicular exhaust noise level testing was performed to ensure that the device does not violate the "Whistle-Tip Prohibition" found in Vehicle Code Section 27150.3. Additional testing was performed to demonstrate that the device would not interfere with the performance of a Smog Check Inspection.

If evidence provides the Air Resources Board with reason to suspect that the SonicExhaust Muffler Tip will affect the durability of emission control systems, Sonic Exhaust, Inc. shall be required to submit durability data to show that the durability of vehicle emission control systems are not, in fact, affected and/or that the add-on or modified part demonstrates adequate durability.

The Air Resources Board 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 THE SONICEXHAUST MUFFLER TIP.

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 is made after the hearing that grounds for revocation exist.

Executed at El Monte, California, this day of September 2013

Mobile Source Operations Division