



Advisory

Fuel Specifications

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REID VAPOR PRESSURE OF GASOLINE

The purpose of this advisory is to remind all producers, importers, blenders, distributors, haulers, and retailers of gasoline in California of their responsibilities concerning the Reid vapor pressure (RVP) of such fuel. The RVP regulation is seasonal and geographical, and therefore requires periodic review.

Section 2251.5 of Title 13 of the California Code of Regulations is a new regulation. It is now in effect and supersedes the previous Section 2251. The following are the notable highlights of the new regulation. Section 2251.5 states that during the basic regulatory control period, no person shall sell, offer for sale, dispense, supply, offer for supply, or transport California gasoline which has an RVP exceeding 7.80 pounds per square inch. Section 2251.5 further states that during the additional regulatory control period, gasoline production facilities and import facilities are required to meet the 7.80 psi. RVP limit one month before terminals and retailers.

This table lists the air basins, the basic regulatory control periods, and the additional regulatory control periods for gasoline producers and importers.

<u>Air Basin Name</u> (see map)	<u>Basic</u> <u>Regulatory Period</u>	<u>Additional</u> <u>Regulatory Period</u> <u>(producers & importers)</u>
South Coast	April 1-October 31	March 1-March 31
San Diego	April 1-October 31	March 1-March 31
Southeast Desert	April 1-October 31	March 1-March 31
Great Basin Valley	May 1-September 30	April 1-April 30
San Francisco Bay Area	May 1-October 31	April 1-April 30
San Joaquin Valley	May 1-October 31	April 1-April 30
Sacramento Valley	May 1-October 31	April 1-April 30
Mountain Counties	May 1-October 31	April 1-April 30
Lake Tahoe	May 1-October 31	April 1-April 30
North Coast	June 1-September 30	May 1-May 31
Lake County	June 1-September 30	May 1-May 31
Northeast Plateau	June 1-September 30	May 1-May 31
North Central Coast	June 1-October 31	May 1-May 31
South Central Coast	June 1-October 31	May 1-May 31

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Be advised that the Air Resources Board Compliance Division routinely samples gasoline and tests for Reid vapor pressure and other required specifications. Additionally, it is imperative that all producers, importers, blenders, distributors, and haulers ascertain the intended location for use of the fuel they market and/or transport, and take steps to ensure that all such gasoline is sold or supplied according to the requirements of the regulations.

If you have any questions about the regulation or need additional information, please telephone Mr. Roye Jackson at (916) 322-6033.

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CALIFORNIA AIR BASINS

(AS THEY PERTAIN TO THE RVP REGULATION)



Note: The boundary between the South Central Coast Air Basin and the South Coast Air Basin is as defined on January 1, 1976. All other boundaries are as currently defined.