

## Vehicle Emissions Labeling Harmonizing with the Federal Program

California is a leader in setting strict emission standards for cars and trucks to meet our air quality, climate change and energy security goals. Providing consumers with vehicle emissions information is one way to help them make a cleaner choice when buying a new car.

Since 1995, California has required all new vehicles to be labeled with information about a vehicle's smog emissions. Starting in 2009, vehicles were also required to include a global warming score.



California Environmental Performance Label

Per the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, the United States Department of Transportation, United States Department of Energy and United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) were directed to update the well known "Fuel Economy" label.



New Federal Fuel Economy and Environment Label required on all Model Year 2013 cars.

Through a cooperative process between the ARB and the federal agencies, the key elements of the new Federal Fuel Economy and Environment Label were able to meet California's requirements for informing consumers about vehicle emission. Because of this successful collaboration, California is able to harmonize with the federal labeling requirements.

The new Federal Fuel Economy and Environment Label is required on all new cars starting in Model Year 2013. This new label includes a Fuel Economy and Greenhouse Gas Rating, and a Smog Rating both from 1 to 10 with 10 being best. Other useful information to help consumers make the best choice for the environment includes:

- 5-year fuel costs or savings compared to the average car
- The vehicle's range when running on an alternative fuel
- An interactive QR code to access more information on the internet
- Information on how to find regional information about the upstream emissions from the production and distribution of the fuel used by the vehicle

With this new Federal Label, all consumers can compare the environmental attributes of cars they are considering to purchase no matter where they live in the Country.

### **For More Information**

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