

June 17, 2026

Date Issued: June 09, 2026

License Plate No: [REDACTED]

Citation Number: [REDACTED]

Due Date: August 01, 2026

Clean Truck Check Violation Notice

Summary of this On-Board Diagnostic (OBD) Citation

Dear Vehicle Owner:

Your vehicle, as specified above, was cited for a violation of Health and Safety Code section 44150, et seq., and California Code of Regulations, Title 13, section 2195, et seq. Non-gasoline heavy-duty on-road vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 14,000 pounds that are equipped with an OBD system must meet the criteria and pass the OBD compliance test, as described in section 2196.3.

Section 2196.3(c) provides the criteria for passing a compliance test, in the event that none of the following conditions occur.

- The vehicle's OBD system reports the MIL as commanded on.
- The vehicle's OBD system reports an active of permanent diagnostic trouble code (DTC).
- The vehicle's OBD data indicates the OBD system has not yet operated sufficiently to determine the presence or absence of a DTC.
- The vehicle's OBD data collected during a compliance test is inconsistent with the OBD data profile from vehicles with the same make, or model year generated using all valid compliance test records submitted to CARB's Executive Officer.
- The OBD system data does not match the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) or a CARB-exempted OBD software configuration. The OBD software configuration shall include the specific OBD standard to which the vehicle has been certified, the Calibration Verification Number(s) (CVN), and the Calibration Identification Number(s) (CAL ID).
- The test submission does not meet the requirements specified in section 2196.3(a) or (b).

At the time of inspection, an OBD test was performed on your vehicle that resulted in one or more of the above conditions occurring. As a result, your vehicle has been issued the enclosed notice of violation by CARB.

You must take the steps necessary to bring your vehicle into compliance with State law and regulations and pay the applicable penalties. If you wish to contest this citation and/or vehicle registration hold, you may request a hearing through California Air Resources Board's Hearing Coordinator. More information about requesting a hearing is provided on subsequent pages.

Should this citation become a **final order**, CARB intends to assess a penalty of \$2,000. CARB has discretion to modify this penalty either higher or lower based on the specific circumstances of this case.

If you choose to settle the citation, you must perform the corrective action detailed in the "Demonstration of Compliance" section on page 3 before the above due date.

If you provide demonstration of compliance by the above due date, you may not be required to pay the assessed penalties.

If you neither cooperate with CARB to settle the notice of violation as described above, nor request a hearing in accordance with the procedures described below, the DMV registration holds, and the penalty assessed in this notice of violation will become final.

Please complete the corrective action noted above and send proof of correction document(s) and payment to:

California Air Resources Board
ASD Accounting - Room 2025
P.O. Box 2815
Sacramento, CA 95812

If corrective action is **not** taken before the above due date, the California Air Resources Board has the authority to:

1. Assess a total penalty of \$2,000 for failure to timely demonstrate corrective action has been taken to reduce the emissions of the vehicle to specified standards.
2. Place a vehicle registration hold with the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) per California Vehicle Code Section 4755. A vehicle registration hold will prevent your vehicle from being registered, re-registered, or legally transferred to a new owner.
3. Provide your license plate number and vehicle identification number to the California Highway Patrol (CHP) who may remove your vehicle from service.
4. Prevent registration into the **Clean Truck Check - Vehicle Inspection System (CTC-VIS)** which may result in additional violations upon continued operation in California.
5. Seek a monetary judgment through a court filing to collect the penalty; this may incur further penalties.

To obtain more information on the regulatory requirements of the **Clean Truck Check (CTC) Program**, formerly known as the Heavy-Duty Inspection and Maintenance Program (HD I/M), please visit CARB's CTC program page at: <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/CTC>

Request Financial Hardship

If you do not wish to contest the citation but need to request financial hardship, please contact the Citations Hotline at (916) 322-8275 or by email to citations@arb.ca.gov. Requesting financial hardship does not contest the citation and still requires proof of correction but requests a reduction in penalty. This option will require additional information to demonstrate financial hardship.

Information Page

Demonstration of Compliance

To clear this citation, you must:

1. Repair your vehicle and send copies of repair receipts.
2. Submit a completed Demonstration of Correction form (enclosed).
3. Provide the results of the OBD download and provide a passing compliance test performed after the date of the citation, as described in section 2196.3. Please provide the OBD data submission to citations@arb.ca.gov.

Expanded Regulation Information

Information about this regulation can be found in sections 44150, et seq., of the California Health and Safety Code and 2195, et seq., of Title 13 of the California Code of Regulations. CARB's Clean Truck Check (CTC) Program, formerly known as the Heavy-Duty Inspection and Maintenance Program was adopted by the Board in 2021 (originating from Senate Bill 210) to ensure that vehicles operating in California have properly configured, functioning, and well-maintained emission control components. Under Section 4755 of California Vehicle Code, the Department of Motor Vehicles will refuse registration, renewal, or transfer of registration for any commercial motor vehicle cited by CARB that has not cleared the violation.

Contact Information

If you have any questions regarding this citation notice, please contact the Citations Hotline at (916) 322-8275. Once you have called, navigate through the numbered options to arrive at the appropriate hotline to receive assistance. Alternatively, you can send an email to citations@arb.ca.gov.

Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre este aviso de citación, comuníquese con la línea directa de Citaciones al (916) 322-8275. Una vez que haya llamado, navegue a través de las opciones numeradas para llegar a la línea apropiada para recibir asistencia. Alternativamente, puede enviar un correo electrónico a citations@arb.ca.gov.

Explanation of How Penalties are Assessed

SB 1402 Statement:

Senate Bill 1402 (Dutton, Chapter 413, statutes of 2010) requires CARB to provide information on the basis for the penalties it seeks (see Health and Safety Code section 39619.7). This letter includes this information, which is also summarized here.

The manner in which the penalty amount was determined, including a per unit or per vehicle penalty.

Penalties must be set at levels sufficient to discourage violations. CARB considers all relevant circumstances in determining penalties, including the factors specified in Health and Safety Code sections 42403 and 43024.

The per unit or per vehicle penalty in this case is a maximum of \$37,500, plus an adjustment upwards for inflation, -per unit per day for strict liability violations as outlined in Health and Safety Code 43016. Upon failure to provide timely demonstration of compliance, we intend to seek a total penalty from you of \$2,000, for one (1) non-compliant unit for a per vehicle penalty of \$2,000. This amount may increase and include filing fees if CARB seeks a monetary judgment from the court. CARB has discretion to modify this penalty either higher or lower based on the specific circumstances of this case.

The provision of law under which the penalty is being assessed and why that provision is most appropriate for that violation.

The provision of law under which the penalty is being assessed is California Code of Regulations, Title 13, section 2196.3, because your vehicle failed to comply with the requirements of the Clean Truck Check Program, formerly known as the Heavy-Duty Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program established in the California Code of Regulations, Title 13, sections 2195, et seq., which were adopted under authority of Health and Safety Code section 44150, et seq. California Code of Regulations, Title 13, section 2198.2(b)(1) provides that CARB may assess a penalty for violations of the Clean Truck Check Program.

The per-unit penalty is in accordance with Health and Safety Code section 43016, which defines the maximum penalty for this type of strict liability violation.

Whether the penalty is being assessed under a provision of law that prohibits the emission of pollution at a specified level, and, if so a quantification of excess emissions, if it is practicable to do so.

This penalty is not being assessed under a provision of law that prohibits the emission of pollution at a specified level.

To Request a Hearing for Review

If you wish to contest the citation notice, and/or vehicle registration hold, you may request a hearing through CARB's Hearing Coordinator. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 13, section 2198.2(h) you must submit your request for a hearing in writing within 45 days of receiving this citation notice. The request for hearing must be signed by the recipient of the citation, or by a designated representative with authority to act on behalf of and make decisions for your company. You may contest either the penalties, the registration hold, or both. A hearing request is not required if you wish to resolve your citation notice.

To ensure the expeditious processing of your request, please email your request to CARB's Hearing Coordinator (Hearing Coordinator) at: RequestForHearing@arb.ca.gov. If necessary, you may instead send your documentation via mail to:

Hearing Coordinator
CARB Legal Office
P.O. Box 2815
Sacramento, CA 95812

If you are requesting a hearing to contest penalties, you must include the citation number listed on the first page of this document and the following information in your request:

1. Identification of the citation being contested, including citation number and date of issuance;
2. Date of your receipt of the citation by personal delivery or certified mail (please specify method of receipt);
3. Your business address;
4. A statement of the circumstances or arguments which are the basis of the request for hearing (e.g., the reason why you believe the citation was incorrectly issued or that you have complied with the requirements;
5. Identification of the facts you intend to place at issue;
6. If applicable, the name and address of the designated representative;
7. Identification of any other issues relating to the citation to be resolved in the proceeding; and
8. If applicable, the preferred language for interpretation services.

You may also include the following in your request:

1. Object to the complaint on the grounds that it does not state acts or omissions upon which the agency may proceed;
2. Object to the form of the complaint on the grounds that it is so indefinite or uncertain that the respondent cannot identify the transaction or prepare a defense;
3. Admit or deny the complaint, in whole or in part, specifying each allegation of fact or conclusion of law as to the liability which is in dispute;
4. Present new matters by way of affirmative defenses; or
5. Oppose or agree to pay the penalty amount proposed in the complaint.

Complete Hearing Request Required: After CARB has received your request, it will be reviewed to ensure you have provided all the required information. If the request is deficient, you will have the opportunity to correct the deficiency. Failure to timely request a hearing of a citation, or to include all

the required information will result in your hearing request being denied and the citation becoming final, after which CARB may take action to collect the penalties.

If your vehicle is registered in the State of California, and the citation is not resolved, CARB intends to place a registration hold on your vehicle after **August 01, 2026**, preventing registration renewal and transfer with the CA Department of Motor Vehicles after that date. If this applies to you and you wish to contest this registration hold, you **must** include the following information in your hearing request:

- 1) Your business address and contact name;
- 2) The date you received the registration hold notice;
- 3) A statement of the objections to the registration hold upon which review is requested;
- 4) A demand for the specific relief you are seeking;
- 5) A short, concise statement of legal argument, with citation to authorities, in support of the objections you make and the relief you request; and
- 6) A verified statement of the facts, data and other relevant evidence in support of the objections (the verification may be made on information and belief) and include one of the following statements, as applicable:

(A) Where the request is signed by the company or person seeking review of the registration hold, all information in the request must be accurate and true, the request must be signed by the person or company's officer, and the request must contain the following language above the signature line:

By signing below, I affirm and certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that I have reviewed this request, and that all the information herein is true and accurate, to the best of my knowledge.

(B) Where the request is signed by an attorney on behalf of the company or person seeking review of the registration hold, all information in the request must be accurate and true, the request must be signed by the person or company's officer, and the request must contain the following language above the signature line:

By signing below, I affirm and certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that I have read this request and am informed and believe that the matters herein are true and accurate.

Complete Hearing Request Required: Failure to include any of the above information in items 1) - 6) in your request for hearing may waive your right to contest the registration hold on your vehicle, and that registration hold may then stay in place until you have either settled the violations, come into compliance, or a final order is issued on your request for hearing.

Failure to Raise Issue: Please also note that you cannot bring up any issue at the hearing that is not raised in the citation notice or in your request for hearing.

Representation and Interpreters: You have the right to represent yourself during the hearing process or retain a representative, who is not required to be an attorney, at your own expense. If necessary, you also have the right to an interpreter. If you need an interpreter, please clearly state that information in your request for hearing or notify CARB or the hearing office of your need for an interpreter at the earliest date you become aware of your need for an interpreter. Failure to request an interpreter at the earliest possible date could result in the matter being rescheduled to a later date or an inability to use an interpreter.

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DEMONSTRATION OF CORRECTION FORM

Complete this form regarding the compliance status of your vehicle. If repairs were necessary to bring the vehicle into compliance with the Clean Truck Check requirements, **please include repair receipt(s) and/or work order(s) that document component(s) replaced, including a description of the part(s), the part number(s) and cost, and the repair(s) and/or adjustments made to your vehicle.**

If your vehicle is non-OBD equipped: Please perform an opacity test as, specified in 13 CCR 2196.4, **AND** fill out Tables A, B, C, & D.

If your vehicle is OBD equipped: Please perform an OBD test, as specified in 13 CCR 2196.3(c), **AND** fill out Tables A, B, & D.

Table A: Vehicle Information

VIN:	
License #:	
Company Name:	
Citation #:	
Engine Serial Number:	
Odometer:	
Vehicle owner executed repairs (Y/N)	
If yes, provide receipts for parts and a description of repairs.	

Table B: Tester Information

Tester Name:	
HD I/M Tester ID #:	
Smoke meter or OBD test device brand:	
Make:	
Model:	
Last smoke meter calibration date (if applicable):	
Test Date:	
Facility Name:	
Location:	
Phone Number:	

Table C: SAE J1667 Smoke Opacity Test Results

	Test Cycle #1	Test Cycle #2	Test Cycle #3
Initial Smoke Opacity Test Levels (3 snap acceleration test cycles) <i>*Please attach a copy of the opacity test strip*</i>			
Average of 3 test cycles			
Opacity Range			

Table D: Visual Inspection Test Results

(Pass = P; Defective = F; Missing = S; Modified = M; Disconnected = D, N/A = Not Applicable)

Fuel Injection System (DI, DDI)		Catalyst (SCR, OC, TWC, LNC, LNT)	
Exhaust Gas Recirculation (EGR)		Sensors, Switches, etc.	
Super/Turbo Charger (TC, CAC)		Other Emissions Control Systems (ECS)	
Computer System (PCM, ECM, OBD, MIL on with emissions related trouble code)		Labels (ECL, Referee, Aftermarket Parts, Retrofit, Emissions Recall)	
Diesel Particulate Filter (DPF, PTOX)		Notes:	

Statement of Correctness: I have repaired this vehicle, retested as required, replaced any tampered or defective parts and declare that it now complies with CARB's regulations.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

