

INFORMATION FOR RACING VEHICLE EXCLUSIONS

A racing vehicle exclusion may be granted if a vehicle is determined by EPA to be incapable of safe and practical street or highway use because;

1. It lacks features associated with safe and practical street or highway use, such features including, but not limited to, a reverse gear (except in the case of motorcycles); that cannot be installed economically relative to the value of the vehicle or;
2. It exhibits features which are not readily removed, which render its use on streets and highways unsafe or impractical; a differential, or substantial safety features required by state and/or Federal Law. Anyone may import a racing vehicle without a Customs bond required by EPA, however, written EPA approval must be obtained before clearance at Customs.

REQUIREMENTS

You must first receive EPA's approval. Not all vehicles used in races are excluded from emissions compliance. Determinations are based on the capability of the vehicle, not its intended use. Importer must submit the following information when applying:

1. Importer's / owner's name, address, and daytime telephone number;
2. Vehicle information (make, model, model year and VIN);
3. State current location of the vehicle.
4. A list of racing features (features that make the vehicle a racing vehicle);
5. A list of street features lacking (features that have been removed or have never been installed that would permit safe driving on streets or highways);
6. At least 5 clear color photographs showing the front, rear, and each side view; and for cars, photographs of the entire interior;
7. The current value of the vehicle in U.S. dollars;
8. The name of the sanctioning body;
9. Name of the racing series and copy of racing license for that series, (if required).
10. A printed schedule of racing events, that includes dates and locations where the vehicle will participate.

The importer must file with Customs, upon entry, an EPA Form 3520-1 declaring code "L" in block 8 and attach the EPA letter of approval.

The importer should keep a copy of the EPA approval letter for future proof of EPA exclusion.

RESTRICTIONS

*The vehicle may not be registered for use on or operated on the public roads or highways, and:

*If an imported racing vehicle is subsequently converted to a motor vehicle and registered or licensed for street use, the converter / owner may be considered a manufacturer of a new motor vehicle and subject to a penalty of up to \$37,500 for failing to meet EPA emission requirements.

PLEASE NOTE: THE IMPORTER MUST ALLOW AT LEAST 10 WORKING DAYS FROM THE DATE THAT ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION IS RECEIVED BY EPA TO PROCESS ALL RACING VEHICLE EXCLUSION APPLICATIONS. IF THE REQUIRED INFORMATION IS NOT RECEIVED, THIS WILL DELAY THE PROCESS.

If you have any additional questions that are not answered by this information sheet, you may contact John LaCroix of EPA at (734) 214-4463. Fax #: 734-214-4869.

For delivery to EPA by a courier service (e.g., Federal Express, UPS, Airborne, etc.) use the following address:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Compliance & Innovative Strategies Division
Light Duty Vehicle Group
Attention: John LaCroix
2000 Traverwood Drive
Ann Arbor, MI 48105

See sample letter on following page

EXAMPLE

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Light Duty Vehicle Group
2000 Traverwood Drive
Ann Arbor, MI 48105

Attention: Mr. John LaCroix

Subject: Racing Exclusion

We respectfully request an EPA racing exclusion be granted for the following vehicle(s).

1. Owner / Importer:
 - Name:
 - Address:
 - Daytime Phone:
 - Email Address:

2. Make:
 - Model:
 - Year:
 - VIN:

3. Current location of vehicle:

4. Racing features included: (note: These are examples. Please include items applicable to your vehicle. Items 3, 4 & 8)
 - a. Full Welded-in Roll Cage
 - b. Internal Fire Extinguisher System
 - c. One Racing Bucket Seat
 - d. 2-inch Ground Clearance
 - e. Racing Exhaust System
 - f. Racing Tires
 - g. Seatbelt Harness

5. Street Features Lacking
 - a. Headlights
 - b. Heater

- c. Interior Padding or Molding
 - d. Radio
 - e. Passenger Seats
 - f. Side Mirrors
 - g. Standard wheels
6. See attached color photographs, front, back, sides & interior
 7. Value: \$ _____
 8. This vehicle was manufactured to the requirements of the following sanctioning body, (i.e., SCCA, HSR, NASCAR, etc.)
 9. Copy of racing license if required for the series. (If no license is required state that in the application letter.)
 10. Printed schedule for the current race year is attached.

We request that a copy of the Racing Exclusion approval letter be faxed back to us at the following number: _____, or emailed to: _____

Should you have any questions or concerns please contact us. We thank you in advance for your help.

Sincerely,

Name / Title

NOTE: This letter must be signed by the requestor or it will not be processed.