

New Motive Power Code for Diesel-Hybrids

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New Information

This memo supersedes the VIN 2010-27 Diesel-Hybrid Vehicles memo, as a new motive power (MP) code is now accepted for **diesel-hybrid** vehicles. Vehicles with MP Code “Y” and a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of less than 14,000 pounds, are subject to the vehicle inspection and maintenance smog check program.

Procedures

When processing an original registration of a **diesel-hybrid** vehicle:

- Verify the application shows the diesel-hybrid MP Code “Y.”
- If the application contains an Application for Registration of New Vehicle (REG 397) showing an MP other than what the VINtelligence database generates for the vehicle, return the application for correction on a report of deposit of fees (RDF).
- When a customer requests a diesel-hybrid record to be corrected, follow current procedures in the *Vehicle Industry Registration Procedures Manual*, Chapter 6.

NOTE: The California Certificate of Title is not required when correcting the MP only.

Background

A diesel-hybrid vehicle contains both electric and diesel MPs. The California Air Resources Board (CARB) classifies a diesel-hybrid vehicle as diesel and is subject to the same smog requirements as diesel-powered vehicles. Currently, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) does not accommodate the MP Code “Y” coming from VINtelligence. Diesel-hybrid vehicles that are assigned an incorrect MP are erroneously subjected to smog requirements and/or smog abatement fees.

References

California Vehicle Code §§24007 and 27157

Vehicle Industry Registration Procedures Manual §§6.020 and 6.025

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