

Electric Motorcycles and Recreational OHVs

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New Policy

Effective immediately, electric motorcycles and off-highway vehicles (OHVs) are **not** required to have an emission label that indicates the vehicle meets California EPA standards. Electric motorcycles and OHVs **only** require an emission label that indicates the vehicle meets United States (U.S.) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standards.

Background

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) informed the Department of Motor Vehicles that electric motorcycles and OHVs are not regulated by CARB because they are not powered by an engine. Electric motorcycles and OHVs that display a U.S. EPA label are legal for sale and use in California.

Reference

California Code of Regulations, Title 13, Division 3 §§1958 and 2419.4

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