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Catalytic Converter Purchases

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New Information

A used catalytic converter can only be purchased from the following:

- Licensed automobile dismantlers.
- Core recyclers.
- Licensed motor vehicle manufacturers, dealers, or lessor-retailers.
- Licensed automotive repair dealers.
- Licensed businesses.
- Individuals with documentation (such as a California Certificate of Title or registration card) proving they are the owner of the vehicle from which the used catalytic converter was detached. The documentation must display a vehicle identification number (VIN) matching the catalytic converter.

NOTE: An unauthorized purchase of a used catalytic converter is punishable as an infraction.

Background

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) wants the automotive industry to be aware of new laws taking effect January 1, 2023.

References

Senate Bill 1087, Chapter 514, Statutes of 2022
Vehicle Code §10852.5

Distribution

Notification that this memo is available at **dmv.ca.gov** under Vehicle Industry Services, was made via the California DMV Automated Email Alert System in February 2023 to the following:

- Vehicle Dealers
- Vehicle Dismantlers
- Vehicle Recyclers
- Vehicle Lessor/Retailer
- Vehicle Manufacturers

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