

Updated VIN List of Clean Air Decals Issued

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New Information

The Clean Air Vehicle (CAV) Decals – High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane Usage webpage has been updated with a link to a revised list of vehicle identification numbers (VINs) that were issued a CAV decal up to January 2024.

This list helps customers determine a vehicle's CAV decal eligibility using its VIN.

Procedures

Refer customers with inquiries on a CAV decal eligibility to first review the VIN list at dmv.ca.gov/HOV.

If the vehicle's VIN is not on the list, the customer can call 1-800-777-0133 to ensure that the vehicle was **not** issued a CAV decal in the past.

Background

The CAV Decal Program authorizes eligible vehicles to be issued a CAV decal, which allows using HOV (also known as carpool) lanes with only a single occupant.

A vehicle is only allowed to participate in the program once, even if the registered owner sells the vehicle. Some CAV decal applicants who recently purchased a used clean air vehicle are being erroneously advised that the vehicle is eligible for the CAV Decal Program.

Reference

ADM 2019-02 Clean Air Vehicle Decal Program Webpage Update

Distribution

Notification of this memo (available at dmv.ca.gov under Vehicle Industry Services) was sent through the California DMV Automated Email Alert System in February 2025 to:

- Dealers
- Registration Services

Contact

Direct questions related to this memo to DMV Customer Care at (916) 657-6560.