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Vehicle noise emission standards.

(a) Low Speed Noise Emission Standard. Vehicles which are manufactured after the following effective dates shall be designed, built and equipped so that they will not produce sound emissions in excess of the levels indicated.

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(b) The standards set forth in paragraph (a) of this section refer to the sound emissions as measured in accordance with the procedures prescribed in §205.54–1.

(c) Every manufacturer of a new motor vehicle subject to the standards prescribed in this paragraph shall, prior to taking any of the actions specified in section 10(a)(1) of the Act, comply with the other provisions of this subpart or Subpart A, as applicable.

(d) Failing vehicle means that the measured emissions of the vehicle, when measured in accordance with the applicable standard, exceeds the applicable standard.

(e) Acceptance of a vehicle means that the measured emissions of the vehicle, when measured in accordance with the applicable procedure, conforms to the applicable standard.

(f) Tampering means those acts prohibited by section 10(a)(2) of the Act.

(g) Test sample size means the number of vehicles of the same category or configuration in a test sample.

(h) Test vehicle means a vehicle selected and used to demonstrate compliance with the applicable noise emission standards.

(i) Vehicle means any motor vehicle, machine or tractor, which is propelled by mechanical power and capable of transportation of property on a street or highway and which has a gross vehicle weight rating in excess of 10,000 pounds and a partially or fully enclosed operator’s compartment.


§ 205.54 Test procedures.

The procedures described in this and subsequent sections will be the test program to determine the conformity of vehicles with the standards set forth in §205.52 for the purposes of Selective Enforcement Auditing and Testing by the Administrator.

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§ 205.54–1 Low speed sound emission test procedures.

(a) Instrumentation. The following instrumentation shall be used, where applicable.

(1) A sound level meter which meets the Type 1 requirements of ANSI S1.4–1971, Specification for Sound Level Meters, or a sound level meter may be used with a magnetic tape recorder and/or a graphic level recorder or indicating meter, providing the system meets the requirements of §205.54–2.

(2) A sound level calibrator. The calibrator shall produce a sound pressure level, at the microphone diaphragm, that is known to within an accuracy of ±0.5 dB. The calibrator shall be checked annually to verify that its output has not changed.

(3) An engine-speed tachometer which is accurate within ±2 percent of meter reading.

(4) An anemometer or other device for measurement of ambient wind speed accurate within ±10 percent.

(5) A thermometer for measurement of ambient temperature accurate within ±1 C.

(6) A barometer for measurement of ambient pressure accurate within ±1 percent.

(b) Test site shall be such that the truck radiates sound into a free field over a reflecting plane. This condition may be considered fulfilled if the test site consists of an open space free.