SECTION C ATTACHMENTS

NON-EMISSION REQUIREMENTS

This manual describes only the EPA requirements, that is, only those related to the Federal emissions requirements. Importers of vehicles must also comply with the requirements of other Federal Agencies (e.g., Department of Transportation for safety requirements, IRS for gas guzzler taxes, U.S. Customs Service for tariffs, duties, etc.) as well as those of the state and local governments. EPA letters of approval or exemption are not intended to satisfy other non-emission Federal agency requirements, or any emission or non-emission requirements of State or local governments. Below is a list of contacts for other Federal requirements.

Customs

Questions regarding the importation of your vehicle should be directed to the Customs port where your vehicle will be entered.

Safety

For information on Federal safety requirements contact:

U.S. Department of Transportation 400 7th Street, S.W. Room 6115 Washington, DC 20590 (202) 366-5313

Gas Guzzler Tax

A "Gas Guzzler Tax" may need to be paid on your vehicle. These taxes range from \$500 to \$3,850 per vehicle. For more information, contact:

Internal Revenue Service Public Affairs Office 1111 Constitution Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20224 (202) 622-4920

State Requirements

1. California Emission Requirements

The State of California has its own program for regulating the importation of nonconforming vehicles that are sold, registered, or operated in California. If you are a resident of, principally drive your car in, register or intend to sell vehicles in the State of California, you will need to comply with California's emission requirements in addition to the Federal emission requirements. For more information on California's requirements, contact:

State of California Air Resources Board Mobile Source Control Division 9528 Telstar Avenue El Monte, CA 91731 (818) 575-6858

2. Proof of Federal Emission Compliance

Many State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMVs) require documentation indicating that Federal emission requirements have been met and proof of ownership before registration and/or titling of the vehicle will be permitted. EPA has indicated to representatives of State DMVs that the following documentation would be sufficient in order to show that a vehicle being imported under the EPA imports program meets Federal emission requirements:

- a. a copy of the EPA Form 3520-1 submitted to Customs, and
- b. for vehicles entered by ICIs, a verification letter from EPA which states that all applicable emission requirements have been met. To obtain such a letter, call (202) 564-9660.
- c. for vehicles granted prior approval or exemption, a copy of the EPA letter of Prior Approval or exemption.

3. Proof of Gas Guzzler Payment

Some states may require proof of payment of the gas guzzler tax, if applicable to your vehicle (for more information on this tax, see section "Gas Guzzler Tax").

4. <u>Inspection/Maintenance Requirements</u>

Your state may operate an Inspection/Maintenance (I/M) program which is designed to satisfy the state's requirement for reducing excess emissions caused by vehicles that are not properly tuned or are in need of repair. Because I/M programs are customized to the needs or each local area, you should contact your local I/M office for more information on its requirements. A state test is not the same as a Federal test, and EPA will not accept state test results to satisfy Federal requirements (see "Emissions Testing" paragraph of Introduction section).

HOW TO FIND THE VEHICLE EMISSIONS LABEL

VEHICLE EMISSIONS LABEL

The EPA vehicle emissions label is entitled "Vehicle Emission Control Information" and will contain the name and trademark of the manufacturer and an unconditional statement of compliance with EPA emission regulations.

AUTOMOTIVE AND LIGHT TRUCKS

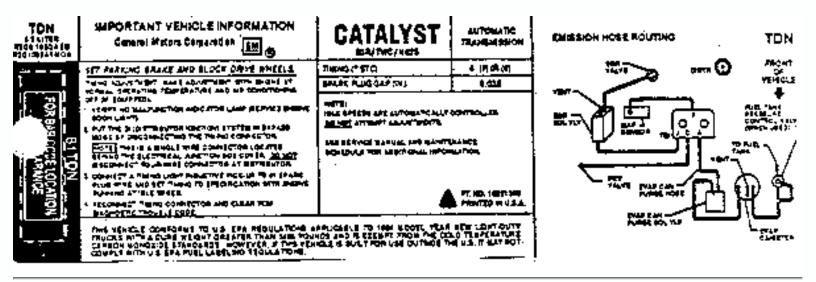
- 1. 1971 and later conforming vehicles will have a label in the engine compartment.
- 2. 1968-1970 conforming motor vehicles will have a label on the doorpost indicating compliance with Federal motor vehicle safety standards. These vehicles may have an emissions compliance label in the engine compartment containing a statement that the vehicle complies with Health Education and Welfare Department (HEW) emission requirements.
- 3. 1967 and earlier motor vehicles are excluded from meeting U.S. emission requirements and will not have a compliance label.

MOTORCYCLES

1978 and later motorcycles will have an EPA emissions label on the frame.

HEAVY DUTY VEHICLES AND ENGINES

Heavy-duty vehicles or engines will have an EPA emissions label on the block of the engine.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have any additional questions that are not answered by this **Automotive Imports Facts Manual**, you may contact the Imports Program at:

Telephone: (202) 564-9660,

8:30am-4:30pm Eastern U.S. time, Monday-Friday

Fax: (202) 565-2057, 24 hours every day

Regular, certified or registered mail at: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Certification and Compliance Division, Imports Program (6405J) 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20460

For delivery by a courier service (e.g., Federal Express, Airborne, etc.) only, use the following address:
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Certification and Compliance Division, Imports Program (6405J) 501 3rd Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

When calling EPA concerning a particular vehicle, please have ready the make, model, model year and vehicle identification number (VIN) of your vehicle (from the registration card) and, if it has already been imported, the importer of record, the port of entry, date of entry and entry number (from the EPA form 3520-1, which you can only get from the port of entry and which you should keep a copy for your records). When writing or faxing to EPA, include this information, plus a telephone number (with area code) where you can be reached during the day.

The Environmental Protection Agency has installed an automated information and faxback system on (202) 564-9660 to improve our service to the public. The information installed in that system is the same information that is contained in this manual. If you reach the automated system, but have questions this manual does not answer, the automated system will allow you to speak to one of EPA's Imports Specialists. You should dial (202) 564-9660 (between the hours of 8:30am-4:30pm Eastern U.S. time Monday through Friday) and select the option for importation issues. You may than select the option to speak to one of the EPA Imports Specialists. However, due to EPA's limited operating budget, you should be prepared for busy lines and times for which no Imports Specialists are available. In such a case, EPA suggests that you fax your requests to (202) 565-2057.