

Environmental Protection Agency

§ 86.106–96

(1) *Evaporative emission tests.* The evaporative emission test is closely related to and connected with the exhaust emission test. All vehicles tested for evaporative emissions must be tested for exhaust emissions. Further, unless the evaporative emission test is waived by the Administrator under § 86.090–26, all vehicles must undergo both tests. (Petroleum-fueled diesel vehicles are excluded from the evaporative emission standard.) Section 86.107 specifies the necessary equipment.

(2) *Exhaust emission tests.* All vehicles subject to this subpart are subject to testing for both gaseous and particulate exhaust emissions using the CVS concept (§ 86.109), except where exemptions or waivers are expressly provided in subpart A of these regulations. Vehicles subject to the “Tier 0” (i.e., phase-out) standards described under subpart A are exempted from testing for methane emissions (except natural gas-fueled vehicles). Otto-cycle vehicles subject to the “Tier 0” standards are waived from testing for particulates. For vehicles waived from the requirement for measuring particulate emissions, use of a dilution tunnel is not required (§ 86.109). The CVS must be connected to the dilution tunnel if particulate emission sampling is required (§ 86.110). Petroleum- and methanol-fueled diesel-cycle vehicle testing requires that a PDP-CVS or CFV with heat exchanger be used. (This equipment may be used with methanol-fueled Otto-cycle vehicles; however, particulates need not be measured for vehicles that are waived from the requirement). All gasoline-fueled, methanol-fueled, natural gas-fueled and liquefied petroleum gas-fueled vehicles are either tested for evaporative emissions or undergo a diurnal heat build. Petroleum-fueled diesel-cycle vehicles are excluded from this requirement. Equipment necessary and specifications appear in §§ 86.108 through 86.114.

(3) *Fuel, analytical gas, and driving schedule specifications.* Fuel specifications for exhaust and evaporative emissions testing and for mileage accumulation are specified in § 86.113. Analytical gases are specified in § 86.114. The EPA Urban Dynamometer Driving Schedule (UDDS) for use in exhaust

emissions tests is specified in § 86.115 and appendix I of this part.

(b) [Reserved]

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§ 86.106–96 Equipment required; overview.

(a) This subpart contains procedures for exhaust emission tests on petroleum-fueled, natural gas-fueled, liquefied petroleum gas-fueled, and methanol-fueled light-duty vehicles and light-duty trucks, and for evaporative emission tests on gasoline-fueled, natural gas-fueled, liquefied petroleum gas-fueled, and methanol-fueled light-duty vehicles and light-duty trucks. Certain items of equipment are not necessary for a particular test, e.g., evaporative enclosure when testing petroleum-fueled diesel vehicles. Alternate equipment, procedures, and calculation methods may be used if shown to yield equivalent or superior results, and if approved in advance by the Administrator. Equipment required and specifications are as follows:

(1) *Evaporative emission tests, gasoline-fueled vehicles.* The evaporative emission test is closely related to and connected with the exhaust emission test. All vehicles tested for evaporative emissions must undergo testing according to the test sequences described in § 86.130–96; however, the Administrator may omit measurement of exhaust emissions to test for evaporative emissions. The Administrator may truncate a test after any valid emission measurement without affecting the validity of the test. Further, unless the evaporative emission test is waived by the Administrator under § 86.090–26 or § 86.1810, as applicable, all vehicles must undergo both tests. (Petroleum-fueled diesel vehicles are excluded from the evaporative emission standard.) Section 86.107 specifies the necessary equipment.

(2) *Exhaust emission tests.* All vehicles subject to this subpart are subject to testing for both gaseous and particulate exhaust emissions using the CVS concept (see § 86.109), except where exemptions or waivers are expressly provided in subpart A of this part. Vehicles subject to the “Tier 0” (i.e., phase-out) standards described under subpart

A of this part are exempted from testing for methane emissions. Otto-cycle vehicles subject to the "Tier 0" standards are waived from testing for particulates. For vehicles waived from the requirement for measuring particulate emissions, use of a dilution tunnel is not required (see § 86.109). The CVS must be connected to the dilution tunnel if particulate emission sampling is required (see § 86.110). Petroleum- and methanol-fueled diesel-cycle vehicle testing requires that a PDP- CVS or CFV- CVS with heat exchanger be used. (This equipment may be used with methanol-fueled Otto-cycle vehicles; however, particulates need not be measured for vehicles that are waived from the requirement). All vehicles equipped with evaporative canisters are preconditioned by loading the canisters with hydrocarbon vapors. Petroleum-fueled diesel vehicles are excluded from this requirement.

(3) *Fuel, analytical gas, and driving schedule specifications.* Fuel specifications for exhaust and evaporative emissions testing and for mileage accumulation are specified in § 86.113. Analytical gases are specified in § 86.114. The EPA Urban Dynamometer Driving Schedule (UDDS) for use in exhaust emissions tests is specified in § 86.115 and appendix I of this part.

(b) [Reserved]

[58 FR 16026, Mar. 24, 1993, as amended at 59 FR 48504, Sept. 21, 1994; 60 FR 43888, Aug. 23, 1995; 64 FR 23921, May 4, 1999]

§ 86.107-90 Sampling and analytical system; evaporative emissions.

(a) Component description (evaporative emissions sampling system). The following components will be used in evaporative emissions sampling systems for testing under this subpart.

(1) *Evaporative emission measurement enclosure.* The enclosure shall be readily sealable, rectangular in shape, with space for personnel access to all sides of the vehicle. When sealed, the enclosure shall be gas tight in accordance with § 86.117. Interior surfaces must be impermeable and non-reactive to hydrocarbons and to methanol (if the enclosure is used for methanol-fueled vehicles). One surface should be of flexible, impermeable and non-reactive material to allow for minor volume

changes, resulting from temperature changes. Wall design should promote maximum dissipation of heat, and if artificial cooling is used, interior surface temperatures shall not be less than 68 °F (20 °C).

(2) *Evaporative emission hydrocarbon and methanol analyzers.* (i) For gasoline- and methanol-fueled vehicles a hydrocarbon analyzer utilizing the hydrogen flame ionization principle (FID) shall be used to monitor the atmosphere within the enclosure (a heated FID (HFID)(235±15 °F (113±8 °C)) is recommended for methanol-fueled vehicles). Instrument bypass flow may be returned to the enclosure. The FID shall have a response time to 90 percent of final reading of less than 1.5 seconds, and be capable of meeting performance requirements expressed as a function of Cstd: where Cstd is the specific enclosure hydrocarbon level, in ppm, corresponding to the evaporative emission standard:

(A) Stability of the analyzer shall be better than 0.01 Cstd ppm at zero and span over a 15-minute period on all ranges used.

(B) Repeatability of the analyzer, expressed as one standard deviation, shall be better than 0.005 Cstd ppm on all ranges used.

(ii) For methanol-fueled vehicles, a methanol sampling and analyzing system is required in addition to the FID analyzer. The methanol sampling equipment shall consist of impingers for collecting the methanol sample and appropriate equipment for drawing the sample through the impingers. The analytical equipment shall consist of a gas chromatograph equipped with a flame ionization detector. (NOTE: For 1990 through 1994 model year methanol-fueled vehicles, a HFID calibrated on methanol may be used in place of the HFID, calibrated on propane plus the methanol impingers and associated analytical equipment).

(iii) The methanol sampling system shall be designed such that, if a test vehicle emitted the maximum allowable level of methanol (based on all applicable standards) during any phase of the test, the measured concentration in the primary impinger would exceed either 25 mg/l or a concentration equal to 25 times the limit of detection for the