

and/or evaporative test sequence without refueling provided the vehicle has remained under laboratory ambient temperature conditions. If the time interval exceeds 72 hours or the vehicle leaves the ambient temperature conditions of the laboratory, the manufacturer must repeat the refueling operation.

(d)-(m) [Reserved]. For guidance see § 86.132-96.

(n) *Aggressive Driving Test (US06) Preconditioning.* (1) If the US06 test follows the exhaust emission FTP or evaporative testing, the refueling step may be deleted and the vehicle may be preconditioned using the fuel remaining in the tank (see paragraph (c)(2)(ii) of this section). The test vehicle may be pushed or driven onto the test dynamometer. Acceptable cycles for preconditioning are as follows:

(i) If the soak period since the last exhaust test element is less than or equal to two hours, preconditioning may consist of a 505, 866, highway, US06, or SC03 test cycles.

(ii) If the soak period since the last exhaust test element is greater than two hours, preconditioning consists of one full Urban Dynamometer Driving Cycle. Manufacturers, at their option, may elect to use the preconditioning in paragraph (n)(1)(i) of this section when the soak period exceeds two hours.

(iii) If a manufacturer has concerns about fuel effects on adaptive memory systems, a manufacturer may precondition a test vehicle on test fuel and the US06 cycle. Upon request from a manufacturer, the administrator will also perform the preconditioning with the US06 cycle.

(iv) The preconditioning cycles for the US06 test schedule are conducted at the same ambient test conditions as the certification US06 test.

(2) Following the preconditioning specified in paragraphs (n)(1)(i), (ii), and (iii) of this section, the test vehicle is returned to idle for one to two minutes before the start of the official US06 test cycle.

(o) *Air Conditioning Test (SC03) Preconditioning.* (1) If the SC03 test follows the exhaust emission FTP or evaporative testing, the refueling step may be deleted and the vehicle may be preconditioned using the fuel remain-

ing in the tank (see paragraph (c)(2)(ii) of this section). The test vehicle may be pushed or driven onto the test dynamometer. Acceptable cycles for preconditioning are as follows:

(i) If the soak period since the last exhaust test element is less than or equal to two hours, preconditioning may consist of a 505, 866, or SC03 test cycles.

(ii) If the soak period since the last exhaust test element is greater than two hours, preconditioning consists of one full Urban Dynamometer Driving Cycle. Manufacturers, at their option, may elect to use the preconditioning in paragraph (o)(1)(i) of this section when the soak period exceeds two hours.

(2) Following the preconditioning specified in paragraphs (o)(1)(i) and (ii) of this section, the test vehicle is turned off, the vehicle cooling fan(s) is turned off, and the vehicle is allowed to soak for 10 minutes prior to the start of the official SC03 test cycle.

(3) The preconditioning cycles for the SC03 air conditioning test and the 10 minute soak are conducted at the same ambient test conditions as the SC03 certification air conditioning test.

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(a) The vehicle shall be moved to the test area and the following operations performed:

(1) The fuel tank(s) shall be drained through the provided fuel tank(s) drain(s) and filled to the prescribed "tank fuel volume" with the specified test fuel, § 86.113. For the above operations the evaporative emission control system shall neither be abnormally purged nor abnormally loaded.

(2) Within one hour of being fueled the vehicle shall be placed, either by being driven or pushed, on a dynamometer and operated through one Urban Dynamometer Driving Schedule test procedure, see § 86.115 and appendix I. A test vehicle may not be used to set dynamometer horsepower.

(3) For those unusual circumstances where additional preconditioning is desired by the manufacturer, such preconditioning may be allowed with the advance approval of the Administrator.

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(4) The Administrator may also choose to conduct or require the conduct of additional preconditioning to insure that the evaporative emission control system is stabilized in the case of gasoline-fueled and methanol-fueled vehicles, or to insure that the exhaust system is stabilized in the case of petroleum-fueled, natural gas-fueled, liquefied petroleum gas-fueled and methanol-fueled diesel vehicles.

(i) *Gasoline-fueled and methanol-fueled vehicles.* (A) The additional preconditioning shall consist of an initial one hour minimum soak and, one, two, or three driving cycles of the UDDS, as described in (a)(2) of this section, each followed by a soak of at least one hour with engine off, engine compartment cover closed and cooling fan off.

(B) The vehicle may be driven off the dynamometer following each UDDS for the soak period.

(ii) *Petroleum-fueled diesel vehicles, natural gas-fueled and liquefied petroleum gas-fueled vehicles.* The preconditioning shall consist of either of the following:

(A) The additional preconditioning described in paragraph (a)(4)(i) of this section; or

(B) For abnormally treated vehicles, as defined in § 86.085-2, two Highway Fuel Economy Driving Schedules, found in part 600 appendix I, run in immediate succession, with the road load power set at twice the value obtained from § 86.129-80.

(b) Within five minutes of completion of preconditioning, the vehicle shall be driven off the dynamometer and parked. The vehicle shall be stored for not less than 12 hours nor for more than 36 hours prior to the cold start exhaust test. (Gasoline-fueled and methanol-fueled vehicles undergo a one-hour diurnal heat build prior to the cold start exhaust test. A wait of up to one hour is permitted between the end of the diurnal heat build and the beginning of the cold start exhaust test. See § 86.130 and Figure B79-5.)

(c) Vehicles to be tested for evaporative emissions shall be processed in accordance with procedures in §§ 86.133 through 86.138. Vehicles to be tested for exhaust emissions only shall be proc-

essed according to § 86.133 through § 86.137.

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(a) Fuel tank cap(s) of gasoline- and methanol-fueled vehicles shall be removed during any period that the vehicle is parked outdoors awaiting testing, to prevent unusual loading of the canisters. During this time care must be taken to prevent entry of water or other contaminants into the fuel tank. During storage in the test area while awaiting testing, the fuel tank cap(s) may be in place. The vehicle shall be moved into the test area and the following operations performed.

(b)(1) *Gasoline- and Methanol-Fueled Vehicles.* Drain the fuel tank(s) and fill with test fuel, as specified in § 86.113, to the "tank fuel volume" defined in § 86.082-2. The fuel cap(s) shall be installed within one minute after refueling.

(2) *Gaseous-Fueled Vehicles.* Vehicle fuel tanks to be filled with fuel that meets the specifications in § 86.113. Fuel tanks shall be filled to a minimum of 75% of service pressure for natural gas-fueled vehicles or a minimum of 75% of available fill volume for liquefied petroleum gas-fueled vehicles. Prior draining of the fuel tanks is not called for if the fuel in the tanks already meets the specifications in § 86.113.

(c)(1) Gasoline- and methanol-fueled vehicles shall be soaked for at least 6 hours after being refueled. Petroleum-fueled diesel vehicles and gaseous-fueled vehicles shall be soaked for at least 1 hour after being refueled. Following this soak period, the test vehicle shall be placed, either by being driven or pushed, on a dynamometer and operated through one Urban Dynamometer Driving Schedule (UDDS), specified in § 86.115 and appendix I of this part.

(2) Once a test vehicle has completed the refueling and vehicle soak steps specified in paragraphs (b) and (c)(1) of this section, these steps may be omitted in subsequent testing with the same vehicle and the same fuel specifications, provided the vehicle remains under laboratory ambient temperature