

Part 218 Emission Standards for Motor Vehicles and Motor Vehicle Engines

Guidance for Aftermarket Catalytic Converter Installers

It is unlawful for any person to sell, offer for sale, advertise, or install any used, recycled, or salvaged catalytic converter on any vehicle in NYS. A used catalytic converter is not a new AMCC or an original equipment manufacturer (OEM) replacement part. This prohibition does not apply to the sale of used catalytic converters for recycling purposes.

It is unlawful for any person to sell, offer for sale, advertise, or install any new AMCC for use on 1993, 1994, 1996 and newer CARB and 50 state certified vehicles in NYS unless that new AMCC has been certified by CARB or is an OEM replacement part. A new AMCC is defined as being constructed of all new materials and is not an original equipment catalytic converter.

It is illegal to install noncompliant AMCCs in NYS. A violation would be for each noncompliant converter sold and/or installed. Failure to maintain complete records or submit reports may also result in a violation. DEC periodically conducts audits at facilities to ensure compliance with the requirements of Part 218.

Emission Warranties

New AMCCs for CARB and 50 state certified vehicles will be covered by a warranty for a period of 5 years or 50,000 miles of use, whichever comes first. The warranty will cover defects and failures related to workmanship, emissions performance and converter construction, such as loss of conversion efficiency, OBD system malfunctions, converter shell and pipe corrosion, and faulty welds that may occur during normal usage. The warranty does not provide coverage for defects due to overfueling, engine misfire, or physical damage caused by road debris or accidents.

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Checklist for Installers of
New Aftermarket Catalytic Converters

<p>I have confirmed the need for a replacement catalytic converter due to an I/M inspection failure. I have included a copy of the NYVIP Vehicle Inspection Receipt (VIR), repair invoice(s), and any additional documentation with the warranty card.</p>	✓
<p>I have confirmed the need for a replacement catalytic converter due to a non-I/M inspection failure (damage resulting from vehicle accident, cracked or melted substrate, exhaust leak, converter malfunction, etc.). I have documented the reason(s) for replacement on the warranty card and repair invoice.</p>	
<p>The vehicle year, make and model appear on the application list for the catalytic converter model I intend to install. If the vehicle has CARB or 50-State emissions certification, the catalytic converter will be CARB certified and the vehicle's engine family or test group will match the converter.</p>	
<p>I have verified that the vehicle manufacturer's warranty for the stock catalytic converter has expired. Warranties are a minimum of 8 years/80,000. Consult the owner's manual.</p>	
<p>Warranty Card - I have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) filled out the warranty card in triplicate* (b) obtained the customer's signature on the card indicating they understand the reasons for replacement of the catalytic converter and have given them the original copy (c) attached a copy to the original repair invoice (d) returned a copy of the warranty card to the catalytic converter manufacturer (e) *given a fourth copy to the original repair shop if replacement work was sublet 	
<p>I will maintain a copy of all documentation related to this replacement for a minimum of four years from the date of installation.</p>	