



## Statement of the OTC Calling on the EPA to Update its Policy on Motor Vehicle Aftermarket Catalytic Converters

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The Ozone Transport Commission (OTC) states call on the Environmental Protection Agency to update its policy regarding the use, installation and purchase of aftermarket catalytic converters. That policy was established in 1986 and has not been updated to reflect the significant changes in automotive technologies and vehicle emission standards.

Motor vehicles are significant sources of emissions that lead to the formation of ozone and to toxic air emissions. However, with the significant advances in emission control performance and durability of motor vehicles that have occurred since 1986, improvements to the performance requirements for non-original equipment aftermarket catalytic converters are needed to keep pace.

The updated policy should address conversion efficiency and durability for new aftermarket catalytic converters as well as compatibility with the vehicle's Onboard Diagnostics (OBD) system for 1996 and newer vehicles. The policy should also address the sale of used original equipment catalytic converters.

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