

Fuel Efficiency and GHG Standards for Heavy-Duty Vehicles in the U.S.

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Outline

- Background
- Overview of heavy-duty standards
- Benefits and costs
- Structural and methodological issues



U.S. Trucks and Buses



Source: NHTSA HD Rule EIS 2011

Fuel Consumption of Highway Vehicles in the U.S.



U.S. Heavy-Duty Vehicle Energy Consumption

Heavy-Duty Pickups and Vans, 15%

Tractor Trucks -Sleeper Cab; 38%

Vocational Vehicles, 20%

Tractor Trucks -Day Cab; 27%



Source: Phase 2 proposal

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Timeline of HD Standards for Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Fuel Efficiency in the U.S.

2010



Major Vehicle Segments for HD Standards



- Heavy-duty pickups and vans ----
- Vocational trucks ----
- Tractor trucks ----

...and

- Engines
- Trailers (Phase 2)



Required Fuel Consumption Reductions in Phases 1 and 2, Relative to 2010



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Note: This slide corrected from the original presented on 9/29/15

Fuel Savings Breakdown – Average by Category



Price Increment and Payback

Category	Phase	Upfront costs	Payback period (7% discount rate)	
Pickups and Vans	1	\$1,048	1-2 years	
Pickups and Vans	2	\$1,340	2-3 years	
Vocational	1	\$378	<1 year	
Vocational	2	\$3,380	5-6 years	
Tractor	1	\$6,215	<1 year	
Tractor	2	\$11,680	1-2 years	
Trailer	1	\$1,170	1-2 years	



Sources: Phase 1 rule; Phase 2 proposal

Oil Savings: Light- and Heavy-Duty Standards (including Proposed Phase 2)



Phase 2 Projected Annual Costs and Benefits

	2035	2050
Fuel Reductions (Billion Gallons)	9.3	13.4
GHG Reduction (MMT, CO ₂ -equivalent)	127.1	183.4
Vehicle Program Costs (including Maintenance; Billions of 2012\$)	-\$6.0	-\$7.1
Fuel Savings (Pre-Tax; Billions of 2012\$)	\$37.2	\$57.5
Other Benefits (Billions of 2012\$)	\$20.5	\$32.9
Net Benefits (Billions of 2012\$)	\$51.7	\$83.2

Source: Phase 2 proposed rule, p.40143



Structural and Methodological Issues

- Certification protocols (vocational and tractor)
- Test cycle (vocational and tractor)
- Separate engine standard (vocational and tractor)
- Inclusion of trailers (tractor)
- Gasoline vs. diesel (pickups and vans)
- Attribute-based standards (pickups and vans)



EPA's Greenhouse Gas Emissions Model (GEM)

- Certification of tractors and vocational vehicles done via simulation using GEM
- Inputs for engine, aerodynamics involve separate (physical) testing protocols
- Phase 2 proposes that manufacturers chassis test a small number of models to provide data on the quality of GEM results



Test Cycles for Vocational Vehicles and Tractors

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CARB Transient Cycle

2 Steady-State Cycles



- 89 km per hour
- 105 km per hour

Plus idle cycle in Phase 2



Cycle Weights – Phase 1



Cycle Weights – Phase 2



Test Cycles for Engines: Transient and Steady-State

Federal Test Procedure (HD FTP)

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Supplemental Emissions Test

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Source: http://www.dieselnet.com/standards/cycles/esc.php

Emissions of HD Pickups and Vans, MY 2014



Advanced technology

- Program seeks to accelerate adoption of advanced technology; EPA has authority to set a "technologyforcing" standard
- Phase 1: Advanced tech credits
- Phase 2: Stringency based on
 - Powertrain integration
 - Vocational hybrids
 - Advanced aerodynamics for tractors and trailers
 - Rankine cycle (waste heat recovery) for tractor engines



Improvements from Phase 1 to Phase 2

Rule Features	Phase 1	Phase 2
Transmission included	No	Yes
Full-vehicle standard	Not really	Yes
Trailers included	No	Yes
Realistic test cycles	Limited	Improved
Vocational vehicle segmentation	Limited	More extensive
Appropriate treatment of HD pickups and vans	Moderate	Moderate
Advanced technologies	Credits available	Reflected in stringency



Thanks!

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Oil Savings from Heavy-Duty Standards

