

**Chapter 173-421 WAC**  
**MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSION CONTROL SYSTEMS**

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**WAC 173-421-010 Purpose.** This chapter promulgated under RCW 70.94.305 and 70.94.331 establishes requirements to preserve emission control equipment installed on motor vehicles.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 70.94 RCW. WSR 87-19-078 (Order 87-17), § 173-421-010, filed 9/16/87.]

**WAC 173-421-020 Assumption of jurisdiction and applicability.** The department finds that the prevention and control of air pollution from motor vehicles should be regulated on a statewide basis and, hereby assumes jurisdiction over motor vehicles for the purpose of controlling air contaminant emissions from the operation of such motor vehicles.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 70.94 RCW. WSR 87-19-078 (Order 87-17), § 173-421-020, filed 9/16/87.]

**WAC 173-421-030 Definitions.** Unless a different meaning is clearly required by context, words and phrases used in this chapter shall have the following meanings; general terms common with other chapters of Title 173 WAC as defined in chapter 173-403 WAC, and terms specific to motor vehicle emission control systems as follows:

"Motor vehicle" means a self-powered operating vehicle or one capable of operating, designed to transport people or property, and of a type required to be licensed for operation on public highways.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 70.94 RCW. WSR 87-19-078 (Order 87-17), § 173-421-030, filed 9/16/87.]

**WAC 173-421-100 Emission control systems.** A person shall not remove or render inoperable any component or change any element of design of a motor vehicle including adjustments outside the range of manufacturer's specifications that could affect the amount of air contaminants emitted from that vehicle subject to the following conditions:

(1) Components of emission control systems may be disassembled and assembled for the purpose of repair and maintenance. These components or elements of design shall be restored to proper working order when they are repaired or maintained.

(2) When components of emission control systems require replacement they may be removed and replaced with a part intended by the vehicle manufacturer as a replacement part for that specific vehicle. Under circumstances established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, an aftermarket replacement part may be used. A re-

placed part shall be installed and adjusted so that it is in proper working order.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 70.94 RCW. WSR 87-19-078 (Order 87-17), § 173-421-100, filed 9/16/87.]