

## § 7:27-14.1 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this subchapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context already indicates otherwise.

“Alternative smoke opacity standard” means the smoke opacity standard applicable to a specific vehicle-engine-chassis combination, as determined by the procedure set forth at [N.J.A.C. 7:27B-4.5](#).

“Black smoke” means smoke in the exhaust emissions of a diesel-powered motor vehicle which has a dark achromatic visual value and produces no predominant hue.

“Blue smoke” means smoke in the exhaust emissions of a diesel-powered motor vehicle which has a hue of the portion of the visible light spectrum which lies between green and violet.

“California Air Resources Board” or “CARB” means the agency of the State of California established and empowered to regulate sources of air pollution, including motor vehicles, pursuant to California Health and Safety Code, Sections 39500 et seq.

“Certified configuration” means a heavy-duty diesel engine design or a light-duty diesel-powered motor vehicle-engine-chassis design certified by either of the following agencies as meeting the applicable emission standards for heavy-duty diesel engines or light-duty diesel-powered motor vehicles manufactured in a given model year:

1. EPA, for model year 1971 or for a more recent model year heavy-duty diesel vehicle engine;
2. EPA, for model year 1968 or for a more recent model year light-duty diesel vehicle;
3. CARB, for model year 1973 or for a more recent model year heavy-duty diesel vehicle engine; or
4. CARB, for model year 1966 or for a more recent model year light-duty diesel vehicle.

“Department” means the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

“Diesel bus” means any diesel-powered autobus or motorbus of any size or configuration, whether registered in this State or elsewhere, that is designed or used for intrastate or interstate transportation of passengers for hire or otherwise on a public road, street or highway or any public or quasi-public property in this State, including, but not limited to, autobuses under the jurisdiction of the New Jersey Department of Transportation pursuant to Titles 27 or 48 of the Revised Statutes; autobuses of the New Jersey Transit Corporation and its contract carriers that are under the inspection jurisdiction of the New Jersey Department of Transportation; autobuses that are subject to Federal motor carrier safety regulations; autobuses under the authority of the Interstate Commerce Commission or its successor agency; school buses, as defined pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:1-1; and hotel, casino, charter, and special buses.

“Diesel engine” means a compression ignition type of internal combustion engine.

“Diesel particulate filter” means an exhaust emissions aftertreatment device that physically entraps and prevents from being emitted into the air at least 85 percent of the particulate matter contained in the full exhaust stream emitted by the engine.

“Diesel-powered” means utilizing a diesel engine.

“Division of Motor Vehicles” or “DMV” means the Division of Motor Vehicles within the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

“Electrification technology” means a technology that harnesses an off-vehicle electrical system to provide a vehicle with climate control and other needs.

“Element of design” means any part or system on a motor vehicle or a motor vehicle engine pertaining to the vehicle’s or engine’s certified configuration.

“Emission control apparatus” means any device utilized by the vehicle manufacturer and/or the engine manufacturer to control the release of any regulated emission, including any associated component, which monitors the function and maintenance of such a device.

“EPA” means the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

“Exhaust emissions” means the emissions (including any liquid or solid particles in the gaseous stream) released into the atmosphere from any opening downstream from the exhaust ports of a motor vehicle engine.

“Gross vehicle weight rating” or “GVWR” means the value specified by the vehicle manufacturer as the maximum loaded weight of a single or combination vehicle.

“Heavy-duty diesel vehicle” or “HDDV” means a diesel-powered motor vehicle, other than a diesel bus, that has a GVWR exceeding 8,500 pounds and is designed primarily for transporting persons or property.

“High speed diesel engine” means any diesel engine with a maximum governed engine speed over 2,800 RPM.

“Idle” means an operating mode where the vehicle engine is in operation while the vehicle is stationary at any location.

“Light-duty diesel vehicle” or “LDDV” means a diesel-powered motor vehicle, other than a diesel bus, that has a GVWR of 8,500 pounds or less and is designed primarily for transporting persons or property.

“Low speed diesel engine” means any diesel engine with a maximum governed engine speed of no more than 2,200 RPM.

“Medium speed diesel engine” means any diesel engine with a maximum governed engine speed of 2,201 RPM to 2,800 RPM.

“Model year” means the engine manufacturer’s annual production period, consistent with 40 C.F.R. 86.082, as the same is amended or supplemented, which includes January 1 of such calendar year, provided, that if the manufacturer has no annual production period, this term shall

mean a calendar year. The manufacturer's annual production period shall include January 1 of the calendar year for which it is designated and shall not include a January 1 of any other calendar year. Thus, the maximum duration of a model year is one calendar year plus 364 days (or 365 days if the model year includes February 29 in a leap year).

“Motor vehicle” means all vehicles propelled otherwise than by muscular power, excepting motorized bicycles and such vehicles as run only upon rails or tracks.

“Opacity” means the property of a substance whereby it partially or wholly obstructs the transmission of visible light expressed as the percentage to which light is obstructed.

“Peak smoke opacity” means the highest numerical value of smoke opacity obtained through the testing procedures for the snap acceleration smoke opacity test at [N.J.A.C. 7:27B-4.3\(a\)](#), or the rolling acceleration smoke opacity test at [N.J.A.C. 7:27B-4.3\(b\)](#), or the stall smoke opacity test at [N.J.A.C. 7:27B-4.3\(c\)](#).

“Person” means any individual or entity and shall include, without limitation, corporations, companies, associations, societies, firms, partnerships, and joint stock companies, and shall also include, without limitation, all political subdivisions of any states, and any agencies or instrumentalities thereof.

“Quasi-public roadway” means any roadway that, although under private ownership or control, is accessible to the public. This term shall include, but shall not be limited to, the New Jersey Turnpike, the Garden State Parkway, and the Atlantic City Expressway, but shall not include shopping mall roadways and parking lots, private business roadways, residential and nonresidential parking lots, and private driveways.

“Regulated emission” means any solid, liquid or gaseous substance which is emitted from a motor vehicle or motor vehicle engine and which is regulated by the EPA pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Part 86.

“Retrofitted diesel bus” means a diesel bus which is equipped with an engine which has been retrofitted or rebuilt to meet a particulate emission standard of 0.10 g/bhp-hr (grams per brake horsepower per hour) in conformance with the requirements set forth at 40 C.F.R. 85.1403(b) or (c).

“Smoke” means the emissions, including airborne solid and/or liquid particles, exclusive of water vapor, released into the atmosphere from a process of combustion.

## **HISTORY**

### **HISTORY:**

R.1970 d.148, eff. June 19, 1971.

See: 2 N.J.R. 54(c), 3 N.J.R. 4(a).

Amended by R.1985 d.1, effective January 21, 1985 (operative July 1, 1985).

See: 16 N.J.R. 2888, 17 N.J.R. 189(b).

Section substantially amended.

Administrative Corrections.

See: 23 N.J.R. 1432(d).

Amended by R.1997 d.393, effective September 15, 1997 (operative October 7, 1997).

See: 29 N.J.R. 971(a), 29 N.J.R. 4108(a).

Added “Alternative smoke opacity standard”, “Black smoke”, “Blue smoke”, “California Air Resources Board”, “Certified configuration”, “Diesel bus”, “Division of Motor Vehicles”, “Element of design”, “Emission control apparatus”, “EPA”, “Gross vehicle weight rating”, “Heavy-duty diesel vehicle”, “Light-duty diesel vehicle”, “Low speed engine”, “Model year”, “Peak smoke opacity”, “Quasi-public roadway”, “Regulated emission”, “Retrofitted diesel bus” and “Smokemeter”; amended and changed the name of “Diesel-powered engine” to read “Diesel engine” and “Diesel-powered motor vehicle” to read “Diesel powered”; deleted “Autobus”; and amended “Department”, “Exhaust emissions”, “Idle”, “Opacity”, “Person” and “Smoke”.

Amended by R.1998 d.309, effective July 6, 1998 (operative July 21, 1998).

See: 30 N.J.R. 901(a), 30 N.J.R. 2476(b).

Deleted “Smokemeter” definition.

Amended by R.1999 d.210, effective July 6, 1999 (operative August 10, 1999).

See: 31 N.J.R. 828(a), 31 N.J.R. 1803(b).

Inserted “High speed diesel engine” and “Medium speed diesel engine”; and rewrote “Low speed engine” as “Low speed diesel engine”.

Administrative change.

See: 33 N.J.R. 3550(a).

Amended by R.2007 d.201, effective July 2, 2007.

See: 38 N.J.R. 3728(b), 39 N.J.R. 2531(a).

Added definitions “Diesel particulate filter” and “Electrification technology”; and in definition “Idle”, substituted “the vehicle engine is in operation while the vehicle is stationary at any location” for “the vehicle engine is not engaged in gear and where the engine operates at a speed at the revolutions per minute specified by the engine or vehicle manufacturer”.