

highest legal concentration commercially available during the calendar year before the one in which the manufacturer begins its service accumulation. The manufacturer must also provide information acceptable to the Administrator to indicate that the service accumulation method is of sufficient design, duration and severity to stabilize the permeability of all non-metallic fuel and evaporative system components to the service accumulation fuel constituents.

(iv) For flexible-fueled, dual-fueled, multi-fueled, ethanol-fueled and methanol-fueled vehicles certified to meet the evaporative emission standards set forth in §86.1811-04(e)(1), any service accumulation method must employ fuel for the entire service accumulation period which the vehicle is designed to use and which the Administrator determines will have the greatest impact upon the permeability of evaporative and fuel system components. The manufacturer must also provide information acceptable to the Administrator to indicate that the service accumulation method is of sufficient design, duration and severity to stabilize the permeability of all non-metallic fuel and evaporative system components to service accumulation fuel constituents.

(v) A manufacturer may use other methods, based upon good engineering judgment, to meet the requirements of paragraphs (a)(2) (iii) and (iv) of this section, as applicable. These methods must be approved in advance by the Administrator and meet the objectives of paragraphs (a)(2) (iii) and (iv) of this section, as applicable: to provide assurance that the permeability of all non-metallic fuel and evaporative system components will not lead to evaporative emission standard exceedance under sustained exposure to commercially available alcohol-containing fuels for the useful life of the vehicle.

(b) *Vehicle/component selection method.* The manufacturer shall determine a vehicle and component selection procedure which results in representative test vehicles and reflects good engineering judgment.

(c) The manufacturer shall calculate a deterioration factor which is applied to the evaporative emission results of

the emission data vehicles. The deterioration factor shall be based on a linear regression, or an other regression technique approved in advance by the Administrator. The DF will be calculated to be the difference between the full life mileage evaporative level minus the stabilized mileage (e.g., 4000-mile) evaporative level from the regression analysis. The DF and the full and stabilized mileage emission levels shall be rounded to two decimal places of accuracy in accordance with the Rounding-Off Method specified in ASTM E29-93a, Standard Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications (incorporated by reference, see §86.1(b)(1)). Calculated DF values of less than zero shall be changed to zero for the purposes of this paragraph.

(d) *Emission component durability.* The manufacturer shall use good engineering judgment to determine that all emission-related components are designed to operate properly for the full useful life of the vehicles in actual use.

(e) *In-use verification.* The durability program must meet the requirements of §86.1845-01.

(f) Information obtained under §§86.1845-01, 86.1846-01, 86.1847-01 or from other sources shall be used by the manufacturer in developing new durability processes and/or updating existing durability processes using good engineering judgment.

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§ 86.1824-07 Durability demonstration procedures for evaporative emissions.

§86.1824-07 includes text that specifies requirements that differ from those specified in §86.1824-01. Where a paragraph in §86.1824-01 is identical and applicable to §86.1824-07, this may be indicated by specifying the corresponding paragraph and the statement “[Reserved]. For guidance see §86.1824-01.”. This section applies to gasoline-, methanol-, natural gas- and liquefied petroleum gas-fueled LDV/TS, MDPVs, and HDVs.

(a) through (f) [Reserved]. For guidance see §86.1824-01.

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