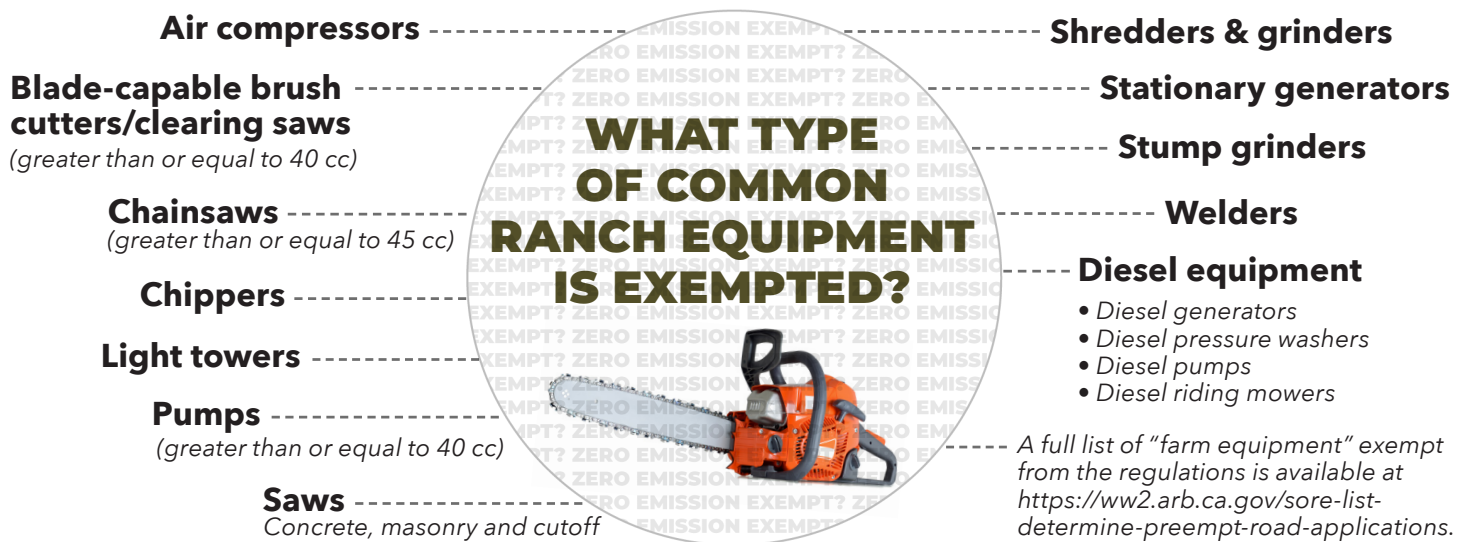


CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD SMALL OFF-ROAD ENGINE PROGRAM

Clarifying how new SORE regulations are applicable to California's ranching operations

In December 2021, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) approved a regulatory revision requiring most small off-road engines (SORE) sold in California on or after January 1, 2024 to be zero-emission. CARB classifies small off-road engines as spark-ignition engines which are 25 horsepower or less. These engines are typically associated with lawn and garden equipment, portable generators and pressure washers, but these small off-road engines are also present in a variety of farm and ranch equipment.

The good news is an exemption for farm and ranch equipment does exist. Under the Federal Clean Air Act, states cannot regulate engines which are used in construction equipment or vehicles, or used in farm equipment or vehicles, which are less than 175 horsepower. This means that most equipment or vehicles used for the purpose of agricultural production, under 175 horsepower are exempt from the SORE regulations.



FREQUENTLY ASKED SORE QUESTIONS

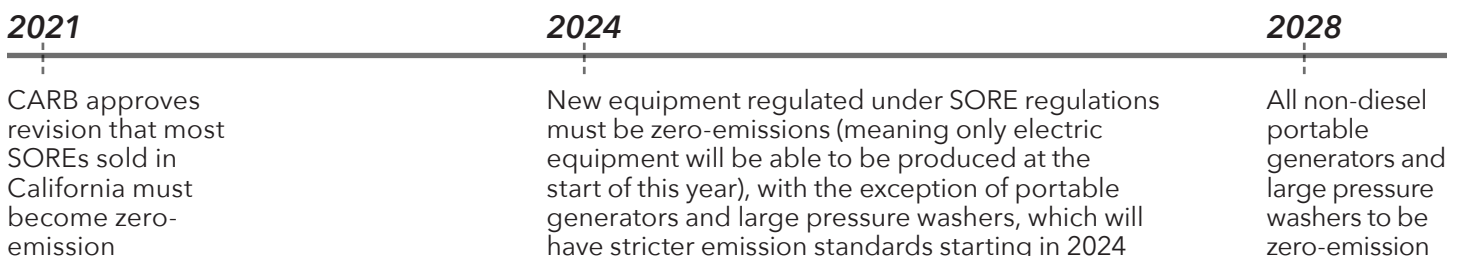
1. Do the new regulations affect existing equipment?

NO. The new regulations do not affect any equipment that has already been manufactured, the new regulations will only apply to equipment manufactured on or after January 1, 2024. **There are also no bans on the use of existing equipment or the sale of existing equipment.**

2. What type of engines do the new regulations apply to?

CARB's new regulations focus on regulating the millions of small-off road engines in lawn and garden equipment that are used daily by Californians. The new regulations apply to small off-road, spark-ignition engines at or below 25 horsepower. Examples of equipment regulated under the new regulations: **log splitters, portable generators, pressure washers, chainsaws less than 45 cc, edgers, hedge trimmers, lawn mowers, leaf blowers, riding mowers and string trimmers.**

3. When do the new regulations begin?



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