



To: All Matrix System Distributors, Refinishers and Representatives
Date: June 30, 2008
Re: Matrix meets new (SCAQMD) New Rule 1151

Beginning July 1, 2008 new changes in VOC regulations will begin to take shape as the SCAQMD begins the transition from solvent to waterborne technologies. Matrix is ready to meet the first of these challenges which requires that no basecoat with VOC's over 3.5 lb/gal may be manufactured after 6-30 08, and then sold in areas under these regulations.

Matrix System has readily available inventories of basecoat products which were manufactured before June 30, 2008 to maintain the current supply chain. These products are legal for sale and use until December 31, 2008. Included within this letter are the actual regulations as well as an explanation of our batch code system so you may easily identify the date of manufacture for any basecoat manufactured by Matrix System should an inspector require this knowledge.

Additionally, should you, any member of your organization or an on site inspector require additional information please do not hesitate to contact us. Matrix System is committed to helping you and your customers throughout this transition period.

Finally, everyone should be aware that the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District and the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District are adopting similar rules. Neither of these districts have a draw down period which means the new regulations from the SCAQMD for San Joaquin Valley and Santa Barbara County APCD will take effect January 1, 2009.

About the new regulations

The SCAQMD has adopted a modified version of the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Suggested Control Measure (SCM) for automotive refinish. The SCAQMD has incorporated the CARB SCM into Rule 1151. This first phase requires that all clear coats have a VOC of 2.1 pounds per gallon and that all color coats (formerly basecoats) have a VOC of 3.5 pounds per gallon. Both of these VOC limits are calculated as ready to spray.

The revised Rule 1151 states as follows:

“Color and clear coatings that are manufactured prior to the effective date of July 1, 2008, that have a VOC content above the limit specified in Table A of paragraph (d)(1), but not above the applicable limit on the date of manufacture may be possessed, sold, supplied, offered for sale, or applied up to December 31, 2008.”

Table A below diagrams the new revisions and timelines for transition:

Rule 1151 – Appendix A

Effective July 1, 2008

Table A – Coating Categories and VOC limits

Coating Categories	VOC Limits: Less Water and Less Exempt Compounds Effective Dates:					
	July 1, 2008		January 1, 2009		January 1, 2010	
	g/L	lb/gal	g/L	lb/gal	g/L	lb/gal
Adhesion Promoter					540	4.5
Clear Coating	250	2.1				
Color Coating	420	3.5				
Multi-Color Coating			680	5.7		
Pretreatment Coating			660	5.5		
Primer					250	2.1
Single-Stage Coating					340	2.8
Temporary Protective Coating			60	0.5		
Truck Bed Liner Coating			310	2.6		
Underbody Coating			430	3.6		
Uniform Finishing Coating			540	4.5		
Any other coating type			250	2.1		

(2) Most Restrictive VOC Limit

If any representation on information on the container of any automotive coating, or any label or sticker affixed to the container, or in any sales, advertising, or technical literature supplied by a person that indicates that the coating meets the definition of or is recommended for use for more than one of the coating categories listed in paragraph (4)(1), then the lowest VOC content limit shall apply.

The following Batch Code explanation was provided to the SCAQMD for interpretation by their inspectors for compliance:

For January 14, 2008 Batch A

MATRIX (Year, Month, Day, Batch)

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Appearing on can as 800114A

Including Refinish Solutions, Autoglas and ZT – Zolatone.