



Hybrid Electric Vehicle Rebate Program Guidance

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will offer an opportunity to Commonwealth residents to apply for a rebate when they purchase a new hybrid electric vehicle. **The rebate for Fiscal Year 2006 – 2007 is \$500.** The rebate will be offered on a "first come", "first served" basis as long as funding is available. Rebate request forms and required documentation must be submitted no later than six months after the vehicle is purchased.

Eligible vehicles.

DEP is interested in providing a rebate to PA residents who purchase the cleanest and most fuel – efficient hybrids. A full hybrid vehicle that uses hybrid technology to significantly increase fuel economy while significantly reducing emissions will be eligible for the rebate.

Flexible fuel, diesel vehicles and mild hybrids that are referred to as "muscle hybrids" are not eligible for a rebate.

Visit the DEP Web site for a complete listing of full hybrid vehicles that are eligible for the rebate.

Definitions.

Commonwealth Resident – An individual that resides in the Commonwealth and whose name(s) appear on the vehicle registration, invoice and rebate form.

Full hybrid vehicle – A motor vehicle that draws propulsion energy from onboard sources of stored energy that are both:

- 1) an internal combustion engine using combustible fuel, and
- 2) A rechargeable energy storage system.

Full hybrids integrate the electric motor, gas engine and battery so that the electric motor can operate on its own when certain conditions are met. Examples of 2007 full hybrid vehicles are Toyota Prius, Camry and Highlander, Ford Escape, Honda Civic, Mercury Mariner SUV and Saturn VUE. Other models may be included.

Mild hybrid vehicle – A motor vehicle where the gas engine provides the main propulsion and the electric motor provides assist whenever extra power is needed. Mild hybrids referred to as "muscle hybrids" use hybrid technology to increase power and performance rather than significantly increasing fuel economy. Examples of the mild or muscle hybrids are Chevrolet Silverado 1500 and GMC Sierra 1500 extended cab pick-up trucks. Other models may be included.

Rebate – A reimbursement of \$500 for the purchase of a new hybrid electric vehicle.

A new hybrid electric vehicle that is eligible for a rebate shall be:

- (1) Registered in this Commonwealth at the time of purchase, and
- (2) Operated primarily within this Commonwealth.

A completed rebate form for the purchase of a new hybrid vehicle by a Commonwealth resident must be submitted no later than six months after the purchase and shall include the following:

- (1) A completed rebate form. The resident's Social Security number must be included on the rebate form. If the vehicle is purchased and registered under two names, both Social Security numbers must be included.
- (2) A copy of a valid Pennsylvania vehicle registration. The name appearing on the vehicle registration card must appear on the invoice. A *Pennsylvania Certificate Of Title For A Vehicle* is not acceptable. A temporary Pennsylvania registration is acceptable.
- (3) A copy of the invoice is the bill of sale.
- (4) Proof of the vehicle purchase. This can be a copy of the front and back of a cancelled check, the finance agreement, or a invoice indicating a zero balance due and receipt of payment in full.

Rebate Requests and Submittal

A rebate form may be obtained at DEP's Web site, www.depweb.state.pa.us, Keyword: "Alternative Fuels," or by contacting the DEP Grants Center, at (717) 705-5400. Failure to submit **all** documentation will result in the rebate form being returned to you. This could result in a rebate not being issued. Rebate documentation should be submitted to: DEP Grants Center, HEV Rebate, PO Box 8776, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8776.

Questions? Please contact the DEP Grants Center at 717-705-5400 or at epafiginfo@state.pa.us .