

INDUSTRY NOTICE #08-13
For Immediate Release**July 16, 2008****NEW FUEL EFFICIENCY RULES GO
INTO EFFECT OCTOBER 1, 2008****-----**
**ALL NEW TAXICAB VEHICLES BROUGHT
INTO SERVICE MUST ACHIEVE A CITY RATING OF 25MPG**

In accordance with Rule **3-03(c)** of the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission, beginning on October 1, 2008, all taxicabs hacked up must meet a minimum city rating of 25 miles per gallon(mpg) or be wheelchair accessible pursuant to TLC Rule 3-03.2. In order to assist medallion owners in complying with this requirement, the TLC has developed a new program with auto manufacturers and local dealerships to ensure supply of higher mileage vehicles for the taxi industry.

With increased fuel costs, the demand for vehicles that meet or exceed 25 miles per gallon is expected to rise. As with most other vehicle models, dealers generally require that vehicle orders be placed well in advance of needed date of delivery. The TLC has been working with local dealerships and major auto makers to ensure availability of TLC-approved vehicles. It is important that all owners of retiring taxicabs plan accordingly to meet the new standards starting October 1, 2008.

Below is a list of approved vehicles that qualify for the new 25 mpg standards. While all vehicles are available for normal retail purchase, automotive manufactures have committed to provide over 300 vehicles per month to local participating dealers for vehicles ordered four months in advance of delivery. Vehicles committed are; **50 Chevrolet Malibu Hybrids, 50 Ford Escape Hybrids and 200 Nissan Altima Hybrids.** Below is a current list of approved vehicles:

1. **2009 Chevrolet Malibu Hybrid**
2. **2008, 2009 Ford Escape Hybrid**
3. **2008, 2009 Honda Civic Hybrid**
4. **2008, 2009 Lexus RX400H Hybrid**
5. **2008, 2009 Nissan Altima Hybrid**
6. **2008, 2009 Saturn Vue Hybrid**
7. **2008, 2009 Toyota Prius Hybrid**
8. **2008, 2009 Toyota Camry Hybrid**
9. **2008, 2009 Toyota Highlander Hybrid**

For more information, including an updated list of approved vehicles and postings of retirement dates for all medallion taxicabs, please visit the TLC website at www.nyc.gov/taxi.