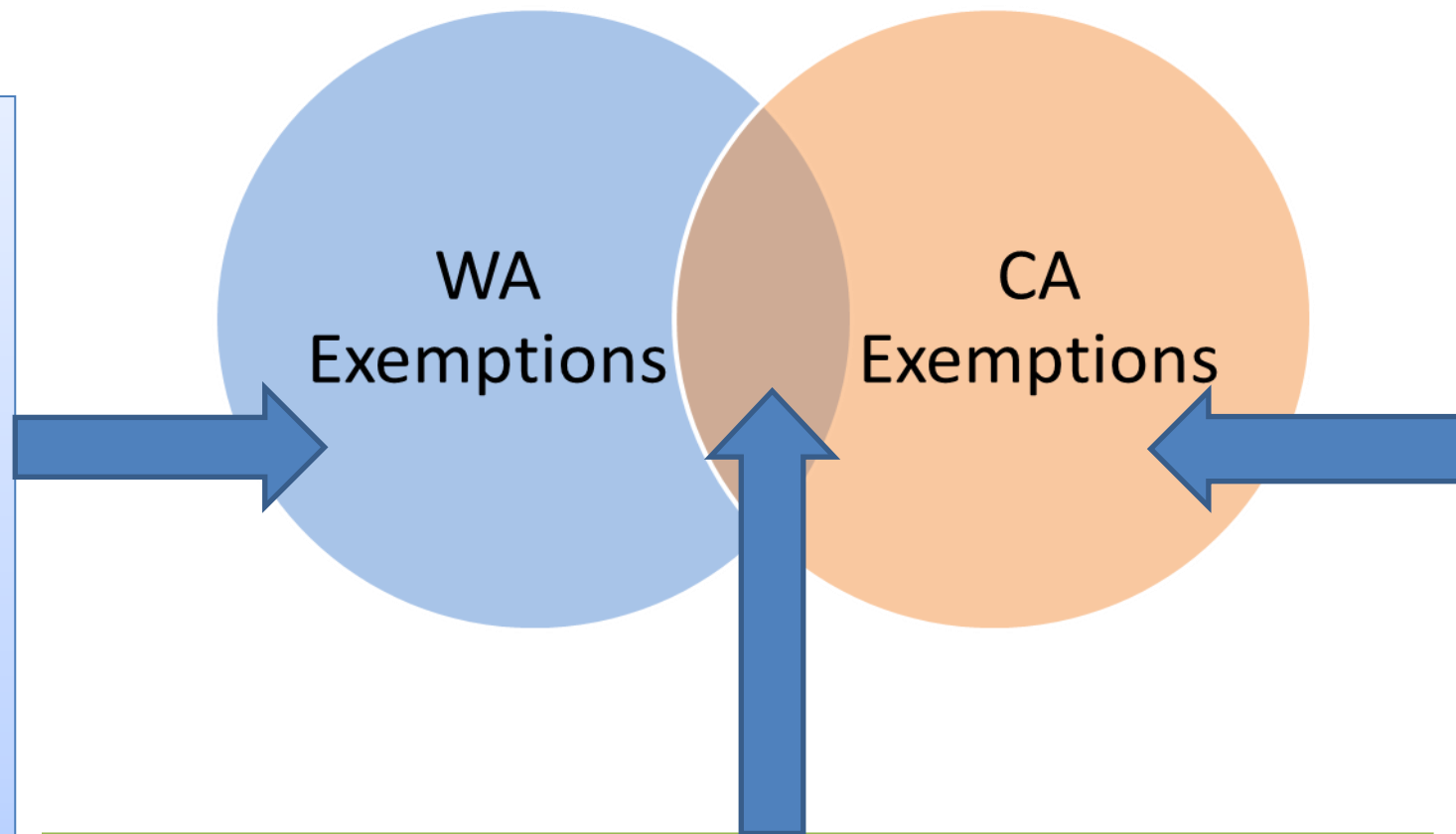


# Exemptions under the California and the State of Washington Brake Pad Laws

## Listed WA Exemptions Only:

- Race cars, dual-sport vehicles, or track day vehicles, whose primary use is for off-road purposes and are permitted<sup>1</sup>
- Collector vehicles<sup>2</sup>
- Brake friction material for a specific motor vehicle model or class of motor vehicles that has been issued an exemption<sup>3</sup>
- Friction materials that can be used on both exempted and non-exempted vehicles must comply unless they are clearly labeled as intended for a use that is exempted<sup>12</sup>

**WA Law only: Tractor trailers are not considered a motor vehicle and therefore are exempt.**



## Exemptions Listed in Both laws:

- Military tactical support vehicles<sup>4</sup> and military combat vehicles<sup>5</sup>
- Vehicles employing internal closed oil immersed brakes, or a similar brake system that is fully contained and emits no copper, other debris, or fluids under normal operating conditions<sup>6,7</sup>
- "Motor vehicle brake" does not include brakes designed primarily to hold motor vehicles stationary and not for use while motor vehicles are in motion<sup>8,9</sup>
- Motorcycles<sup>10,11</sup>

## Listed CA Exemptions<sup>13</sup> Only:

- Motor vehicles subject to voluntary or mandatory recalls of brake friction materials or systems. Exemption expires once recall is lifted.
- Motor vehicles manufactured by small volume manufacturers.
- Vehicles manufactured prior to January 1, 2021, and brake friction materials for use on vehicles manufactured prior to January 1, 2021 are exempt from the January 1, 2021 requirements.
- Vehicles manufactured prior to January 1, 2025, and brake friction materials for use on vehicles manufactured prior to January 1, 2025, from the January 1, 2025 requirements.
- Vehicles for which receive an extension from the January 1, 2025 requirements.

**CA Law only: All trailers, including tractor trailers and boat trailers, are captured by the definition of "vehicle" under California Vehicle Code section 670. Some trailers may be exempt if they meet the specific exemption requirements set forth in HSC Section 25250.55.**

**References:** HSC = California Health and Safety Code

WAC = Washington Administrative Code

<sup>1</sup>WAC 173-901-030 (2)(d)

<sup>3</sup>WAC 173-901-030(4)

<sup>5</sup>WAC 173-901-030(2)(c)

<sup>7</sup>WAC 173-901-030(2)(b)

<sup>9</sup>WAC173-901-030(2)(f)

<sup>11</sup>WAC173-901-030(2)(a)

<sup>13</sup>HSC section 25250.55(e) through (j)

<sup>2</sup>WAC 173-901-030(2)(e)

<sup>4</sup>HSC section 25250.55(a)

<sup>6</sup>HSC section 25250.55(b)

<sup>8</sup>HSC section 25250.55(c)

<sup>10</sup>HSC section 25250.55(d)

<sup>12</sup>WAC 173-901-030(4)