

test contractors, the estimated cost of traction testing is \$115,500. The temperature grade test for tires is an extension of the high speed performance test of 49 CFR 571.109 that is required for safety certification. The additional cost for UTQGS temperature grading is minimal. Thus, the total estimated cost for testing is \$1,771,500. The cost of printing the tread labels and brochures is estimated at \$900,000. This yields a total annual financial burden of \$3,975,600 (approximately \$4 million) on the tire manufacturers.

*Estimated Annual Burden to the Government:* The annual estimated cost of reviewing, storing and displaying the information submissions is 250 man-hours at \$10.00 per hour, for a cost of \$2,500 per year. Printing and distributing the Consumer Guide to Uniform Tire Quality Grading costs about \$5,000 per year. The total cost to the Government runs about \$7,500 per year.

*Number of Respondents:* 130. The actual number of respondents is much less than the 130 individual tire brands. In light of company acquisitions, company mergers, and the actual manufacturers reporting for the various individual brand names that they produce tires for, the actual number of respondents is about 83 individual responses.

Issued on April 17, 2001.

**Stephen R. Kratzke,**

*Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA 01-9362; Notice 1]

#### **Saleen, Inc.; Receipt of Application for Temporary Exemption From Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 208**

Saleen, Inc., of Irvine, California, has applied for a temporary exemption of two years from the automatic restraint requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 208 *Occupant Crash Protection*. The basis of the request is that compliance would cause substantial economic hardship to a manufacturer that has tried to comply with the standard in good faith. 49 U.S.C. 30113(b)(3)(B)(i).

We are publishing this notice of receipt of an application in accordance with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 30113(b)(2). This action does not

represent any judgment of the agency on the merits of the application.

Saleen refers to itself as a "small volume US manufacturer which currently produces the Saleen S281 and the XP8 Explorer." Saleen receives completed and certified Mustangs and Explorers from Ford Motor Company drop shipped at the direction of the dealers who own them. Saleen adds a supercharger, makes "other minor engine modifications, front and rear bumper outer skin designs, the seat trim, [upgrades] the tires, wheels/suspension/brakes, and [adds] appliques to the exterior and interior of the vehicle. Saleen does not make any structural changes to the Mustang or the Explorer." Under NHTSA regulations, Saleen is considered an alterer, rather than a manufacturer, since it modifies previously certified vehicles. (See 49 CFR 567.7). Although it may have altered several hundred Ford vehicles in the year preceding the filing of its application, we do not regard Saleen as a "manufacturer."

The company now wishes to become a manufacturer of a motor vehicle of its own design. As the vehicle has not entered production, Saleen has manufactured no motor vehicles in the year preceding the filing of its application. The vehicle is called the S7 and is a "two seat, coupe, sportscar." The S7 has been shown in prototype form at automobile shows around the country. The prototype does not fully comply with the lighting requirements of Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 108, *Lamps, Reflective Devices and Associated Equipment*, but Saleen assures us that the next prototype and the production models to follow will meet Standard No. 108 and all other standards as well, with the exception of the automatic restraint requirements of Standard No. 208, paragraph S4.1.5.3.

Saleen has asked for a three-year exemption for the S7 and anticipates that it will sell a total of 112 of them by the end of 2003. According to the petition, preliminary compliance-related development of the S7 was started in July 2000. By the time it filed its petition in December 2000, the company had "spent an estimated total of 180 man-hours and \$18,000 relating to the installation of a driver and passenger side airbag system on the S7." The monies spent thus far "have been in the areas of exterior and interior design necessary for the installation of airbags." It has been advised that the airbag development process would cost approximately \$1,000,000 not including the cost of test prototype vehicles and airbags, and tooling. This process cannot be completed by the time the

company expects to launch the S7, in the summer of 2001. Indeed, the company estimates that it will take up to 20 months to fully develop a system and that the total costs will approach \$3,000,000.

Saleen has cumulative net losses before taxes for the past three fiscal years of \$9,716,334. It states that it "simply cannot afford to develop the air bags in either the first (2001) or second (2002) year" because of these losses. The company "has exhausted all of its borrowing capacity and must sell and ship S7 vehicles (as well as its other products) to generate cash flow sufficient to defray airbag development costs as well as other S7 development costs." Although "funding for the S7 was secured through a private investor," it states that "all further funding for airbags must come from our ordinary income." Even with an exemption, Saleen projects net losses continuing through the end of the period though earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization would be positive. It plans to spread out air bag development costs over the next three years to achieve compliance by the end of the exemption period. If the petition is denied, the company believes that it would lose credibility with dealers and negatively impact the demand for altered Saleen vehicles.

The company argues that a temporary exemption is in the public interest because the S7 "is a unique super car designed and produced in the US utilizing many US sourced components." An exemption would also allow it to maintain its payroll of 122 full time employees and to continue its purchase of US sourced components for the Mustangs and Explorers that it modifies. Its business with US suppliers "indirectly provides employment for several hundred other Americans." An exemption is consistent with vehicle safety objectives because the S7 otherwise will conform to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Interested persons are invited to submit comments on the application described above. Comments should refer to the docket number and the notice number, and be submitted to: Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. It is requested but not required that 10 copies be submitted.

All comments received before the close of business on the comment closing date indicated below will be considered, and will be available for examination in the docket at the above address both before and after that date. The Docket Room is open from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. To the extent

possible, comments filed after the closing date will also be considered.

Notice of final action on the application will be published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to the authority indicated below.

*Comment closing date:* May 23, 2001.

(49 U.S.C. 30113; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50. and 501.8)

Issued on April 18, 2001.

**Stephen R. Kratzke,**

*Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

April 12, 2001.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before May 23, 2001 to be assured of consideration.

#### Departmental Offices/Office of Financial Institutions Policy

*OMB Number:* 1505-0174.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement.

*Title:* Financial Subsidiaries.

*Description:* Section 121 of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to determine that an activity is financial in nature and therefore an activity in which a financial subsidiary of a national bank may engage. The regulation explains how a party may request that the Secretary make such a determination.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 20.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent:* 20 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Reporting Burden:* 400 hours.

*Clearance Officer:* Lois K. Holland (202) 622-1563, Departmental Offices,

Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

*OMB Reviewer:* Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**Lois K. Holland,**

*Departmental Reports Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Submission for OMB review; comment request

April 16, 2001.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before May 23, 2001 to be assured of consideration.

#### Bureau of the Public Debt (PD)

*OMB Number:* 1535-0094.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Regulations Governing

Payments by the Automated Clearing House Method on Account of United States Securities.

*Description:* The information is needed in order to make payments to investors in United States Securities by the Automated Clearing House (ACH) method.

*Respondents:* Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, State, Local, or Tribal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1.  
*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent:* 1 hour.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Reporting Burden Hours:* 1 hour.

*OMB Number:* 1535-0095.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Regulations Governing United States Savings Bonds Series E/EE and H/HH.

*Description:* The regulations mandate the payment of H/HH interest by Direct Deposit (ACH method).

*Respondents:* Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, State, Local, or Tribal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per*

*Respondent:* 1 hour.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Reporting Burden Hours:* 1 hour.

*OMB Number:* 1535-0121.

*Form Number:* PD F 5376 and PD F 5377.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* U.S. Treasury Securities State

and Local Government Series Change

Request (5376); and U.S. Treasury

Securities State and Local Government

Series Early Redemption Request (5377).

*Description:* These forms are used for accounts maintenance changes and early redemption of State and Local Government Series Securities.

*Respondents:* State, Local, or Tribal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 3,350.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per*

*Respondent:* 30 minutes (for each form).

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Reporting Burden Hours:* 1,675 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1535-0129.

*Form Number:* PD F 5391.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* U.S. Savings Bonds EasySaver Plan Enrollment Form.

*Description:* This form is used to request purchase of savings bonds through debit of the purchaser's account at a financial institution.

*Respondents:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 15,000.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per*

*Respondent:* 10 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Reporting Burden Hours:* 2,550 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1535-0130.

*Form Number:* PD F 5387.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Request for Reissue of Series I United States Savings Bonds.

*Description:* This form is used to request reissue to add coowner or beneficiary, correct error, or show change of name.

*Respondents:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 3,000.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent:* 30 minutes.