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Cancelled 2009-10Superseded by 49 CFR Part 565
and 49 CFR Part 567**Truck Identification Terminology**

- 1. Scope**—This SAE Recommended Practice is intended to provide uniform nomenclature and definitions for the primary levels of vehicle identification, with particular application to trucks.
- 1.1 Rationale**—This document has been superseded and covered by U.S. federal regulations 49 CFR Part 565 and 49 CFR Part 567.
- 2. References**
- 2.1 Applicable Publications**—The following publications form a part of the specification to the extent specified herein. Unless otherwise indicated the latest revision of SAE publications shall apply.
- 2.1.1 SAE PUBLICATIONS—Available from SAE, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096-0001.
- SAE J187—Truck Vehicle Identification Numbers
SAE J687c—Nomenclature—Truck, Bus, Trailer
SAE J853a—Vehicle Identification Numbers
- 3. Definitions**
- 3.1 Truck**—A motor vehicle primarily designed for the transportation of property.
- 3.2 Multipurpose Passenger Vehicle (MPV)**—A motor vehicle with motive power, except a trailer, designed to carry 10 persons or less, which is constructed on a truck chassis or with specific features for occasional off-road operations.
- Refer to the SAE Standard J687c, Nomenclature—Truck, Bus, Trailer, and SAE Recommended Practice J187, Truck Vehicle Identification Numbers.
- 3.3 Type of Manufacturer**
- 3.3.1 INCOMPLETE VEHICLE MANUFACTURER—A person, firm, or corporation who manufactures an incomplete vehicle by assembling components none of which separately constitute a complete vehicle.
- 3.3.2 FINAL STAGE MANUFACTURER—A person, firm, or corporation who performs such manufacturing operations on an incomplete vehicle that it becomes a completed (end-user) vehicle.

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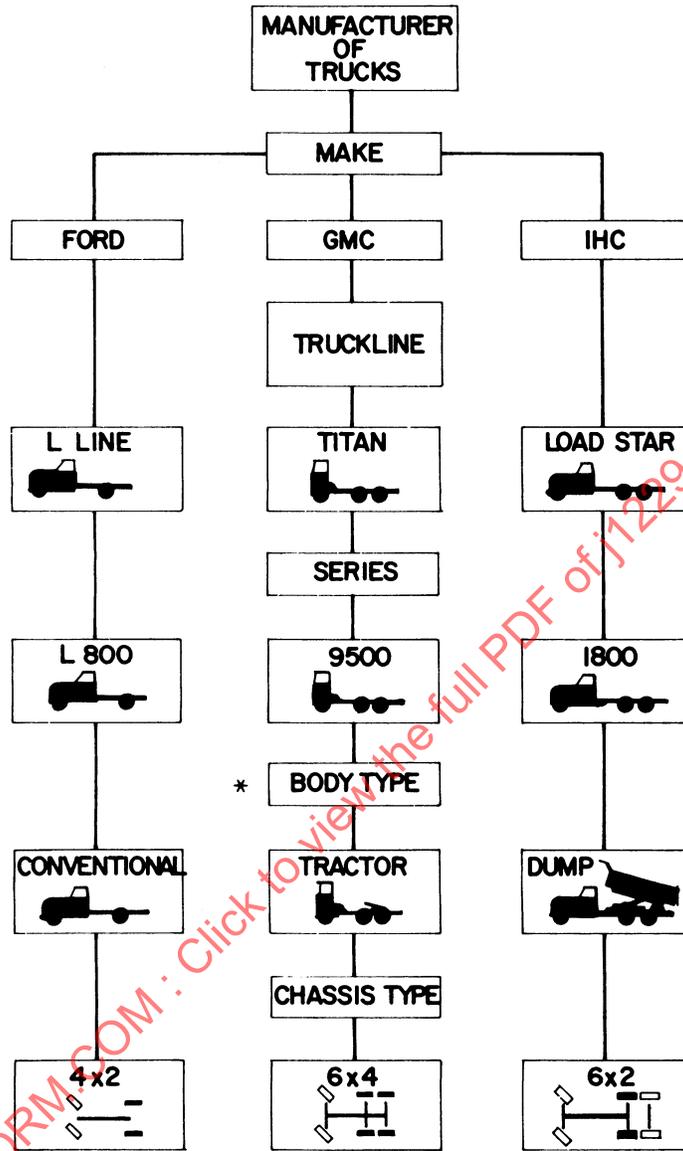
- 3.3.3 **INTERMEDIATE MANUFACTURER**—A person, firm, or corporation other than a final stage manufacturer or an incomplete vehicle manufacturer who performs manufacturing operations on an incomplete vehicle.
- 3.4 **Make**—A distinctive name, applied to a group of vehicles from one manufacturer, which may be further subdivided, such as: truckline, series, chassis type, etc. (See Figures 1 and 2.)
- 3.5 **Truckline**—A name denoting a family of vehicles within a make which has a degree of commonality in construction (may be denoted by a marketing term or code). (See Figures 1 and 2.)
- 3.6 **Series**—A subdivision of a truckline with a specific range of load carrying ability (may be denoted by a marketing term or name). (See Figures 1 and 2.)
- 3.7 **Body Type**—The configuration of the load carrying portion of the truck—includes, but not limited to, Pick-Up, Dump, Truck Tractor, Mixer, Van, etc. (See Figures 1 and 2.)

Typical examples of hypothetical terminology in Figure 1 applied to three United States truck manufacturers.

TABLE 1

Manufacturer:	General Motors	International	Ford
Make:	Chevrolet	IHC	Ford
Truckline:	Titan	Load Star	L Line
Series:	9500	1800	L800
Body Type:	Tractor	Dump	Conventional

- 3.8 **Chassis Type**—The configuration of the under-carriage of the truck in terms of the number of wheel hubs and driving wheel hubs. Such as: 4 x 2, 6 x 4, and 6 x 2. (See Figures 1 and 2.)
- 3.9 **Model Year**—A year designation used by the manufacturer for marketing vehicles (not necessarily the year of manufacture).
- 3.10 **Model**—The term applied to a vehicle which includes the make, truckline, series, and chassis type and may include body type.
- 3.11 **Year of Manufacture**—The calendar year in which a vehicle is manufactured.
- 3.12 **Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)**—The number assigned to a vehicle by the manufacturer primarily for identification purposes. For supplementary information, see SAE J853a.
- 3.13 **Vehicle Identification Number Derivative (VIN Derivative)**—A number which is adapted from a given VIN and contains fewer digits and characters. It is unique for each vehicle and relates to the VIN in a uniform manner. It may be affixed to vehicle components to associate the component with the vehicle bearing the original VIN.



* May be designated by other than incomplete vehicle manufacturer.

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