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Truck Vehicle Identification Numbers

1. Scope—This SAE Recommended Practice has been established to provide direction for the design and installation of a vehicle identification number assigned to a truck or truck-tractor. In adhering to these standards, facility of application in factory production and appearance are matters for manufacturer control.

1.1 Rationale—This document has been superseded and covered by U.S. federal regulation 49 CFR Part 565.

2. References

2.1 Applicable Publication—The following publication forms 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 PUBLICATION—Available from SAE, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096-0001.

SAE J687—Nomenclature—Truck, Bus, Trailer

3. Definitions

3.1 Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)—The number assigned to a vehicle by the manufacturer, primarily for registration and identification purposes.

3.2 Truck—Every motor vehicle carrying its load on its own wheels and primarily designed for the transportation of property. (Corresponds to definitions for motor truck in SAE J687.)

3.3 Truck-Tractor—Every motor vehicle designed primarily for driving truck trailers and constructed so as to carry part of the weight and load of a semitrailer. (Corresponds to definition for truck-tractor in SAE J687.)

4. Accessibility—The VIN number shall be placed in a location which may be observed without need for disassembly. Consideration should be given to developing consistency of VIN locations within product lines of any manufacturer.

5. Durability

5.1 The VIN shall be impressed, embossed, or fabricated in a similarly durable manner in the material of the vehicle or on a separate plate. Materials subject to corrosion should be protected to minimize risk or loss of the VIN.

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