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Passenger Car Identification Terminology

1. Scope—This recommended practice is intended to provide uniform nomenclature and definitions for the primary levels of vehicle identification, with particular application to passenger cars.

1.1 Rationale—This document has been superseded and covered by U.S. federal regulations 49 CFR Part 565 and 49 CFR Part 567.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 J272c—Vehicle Identification Number Systems

SAE J853a—Vehicle Identification Numbers

3. Definitions

3.1 Passenger Car—A motor vehicle with motive power, except a multipurpose vehicle, motorcycle, or trailer, designed for carrying 10 persons or less.

3.2 Manufacturer—Any person, firm, or corporation engaged in the production or assembly of passenger cars.

3.3 Make—A distinctive name, applied to a group of vehicles from one manufacturer, which may be further subdivided, such as: car line, body type, etc. (See Figures 1 and 2).

Typical examples of hypothetical terminology in Figure 2 applied to four United States passenger car manufacturers:

Manufacturer:	GM	Ford	Chrysler	AM
Make:	Chevrolet	Mercury	Dodge	Rambler
Car Line:	Malibu Classic	etc.	Aries	etc.
Series:	Malibu	etc.	Aries SE	etc.
Body Type:	4-door Sedan	etc.	2-door Coupe	etc.

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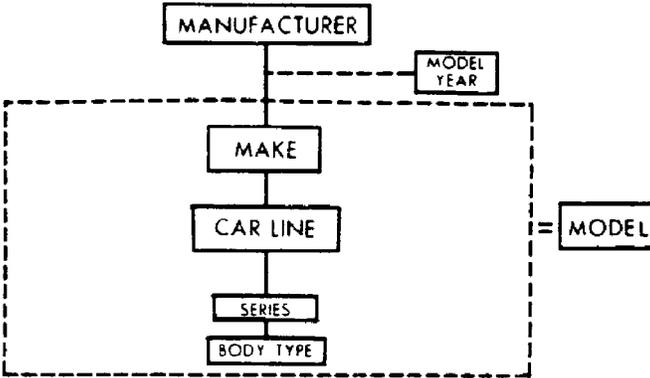


FIGURE 1—SCHEMATIC RELATIONSHIP OF PASSENGER CAR TERMS

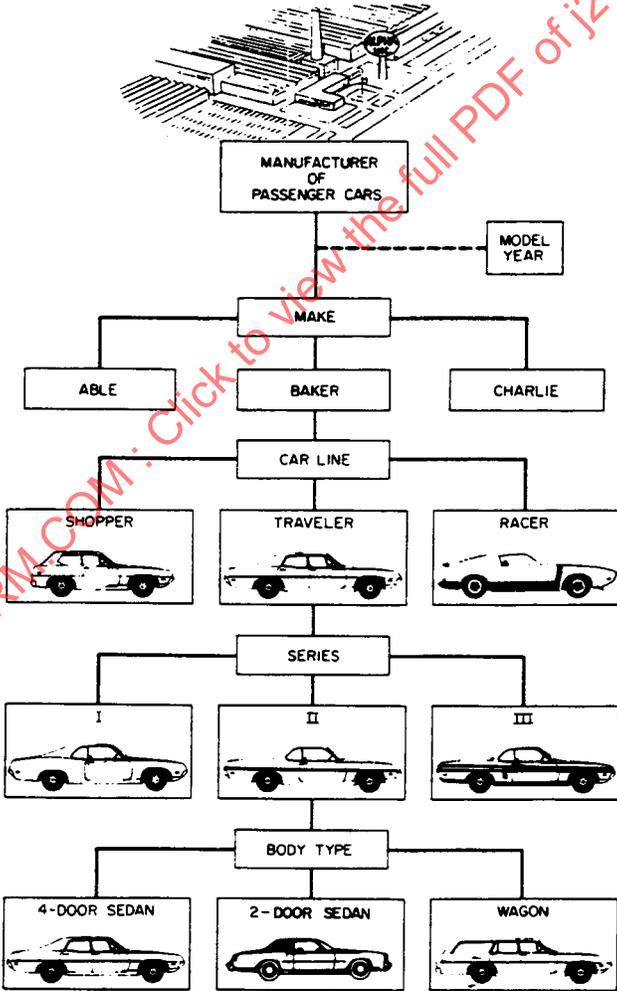


FIGURE 2—APPLICATION OF UNIFORM AUTOMOTIVE TERMINOLOGY