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**ORIGINAL**

STRUCTURAL AND MISCELLANEOUS STEEL FABRICATORS

*5/82*

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August 4, 1986

*01-22-N11B - 2328*

Administrator  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
400 Seventh Street S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Attention: VIN Coordinator

Re: VIN Scheme Approval

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for your approval is a sample of our VIN Scheme and a copy of our assigned numbers on registration with SAE.

I can be contacted at either number on our letterhead, if there are any corrections to be made.

Very truly yours,

BIENVILLE STEEL, INCORPORATED

*WMM*  
William N. Morgan  
Secretary-Treasurer

WNM/mk

Encl.

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VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

Section 1:

Characters 1, 2, and 3: Assigned by SAE  
Shall be 1B9

Section 2:

Character 4: Type of Trailer

C = Car Trailer

U = Utility Trailer

E = Equipment Trailer

S = Special Trailer

Character 5: Series/Body Type

T = Trailer

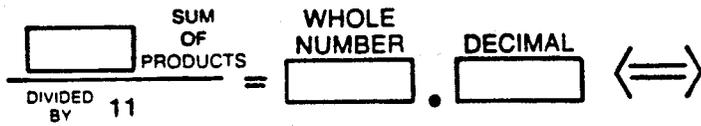
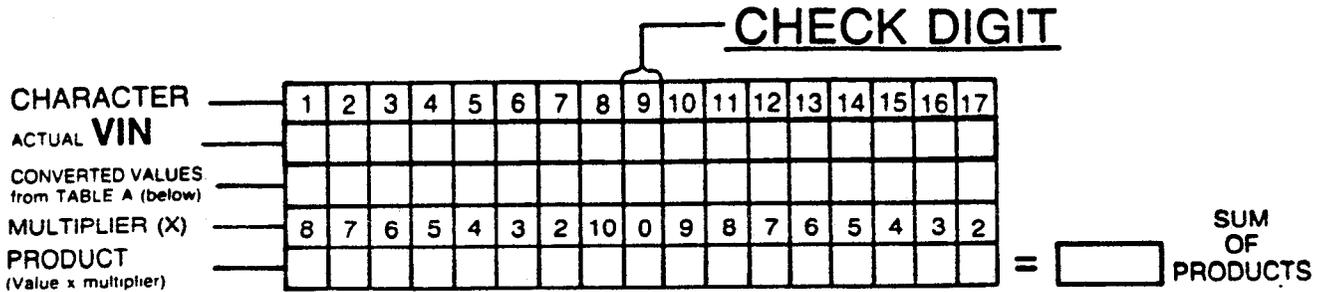
Characters 6 and 7: Length in feet

Character 8: Number of Axles

Section 3:

Character 9: Check Digit

## CHECK DIGIT CALCULATIONS



ALPHABETIC TO NUMERIC CONVERSION VALUES

A-1	G-7	N-5	V-5
B-2	H-8	P-7	W-6
C-3	J-1	R-9	X-7
D-4	K-2	S-2	Y-8
E-5	L-3	T-3	Z-9
F-6	M-4	U-4	

TABLE A

IF DECIMAL IS	CHECK DIGIT IS	IF DECIMAL IS	CHECK DIGIT IS
.09 =	1	.54 =	6
.18 =	2	.63 =	7
.27 =	3	.72 =	8
.36 =	4	.81 =	9
.45 =	5	.90 =	X
		.00 =	0

TABLE B

**NOTE:** Numerical characters from actual VIN are used in check digit calculation. Alphabetical characters are converted to numerical, according to TABLE A values.

Example: Bienville Steel, Incorporated builds its first trailer in 1986. It is a car trailer, two axles, 20 feet long and is assigned production sequence number 001.

Character	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
VIN	1	B	9	C	T	2	0	2	4	G	P	1	4	0	0	0	1
Converted Value	1	2	9	3	3	2	0	2	0	7	7	1	4	0	0	0	1
Multiplier	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	10	0	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
Product	8	14	54	15	12	6	0	20	0	72	56	7	24	0	0	0	2

Sum of Products = 290 ÷ 11 = 26.36

Check Digit = 4

Section 4:

Character 10: Model Year

G = 1986	1 = 2001
H = 1987	2 = 2002
J = 1988	3 = 2003
K = 1989	4 = 2004
L = 1990	5 = 2005
M = 1991	6 = 2006
N = 1992	7 = 2007
P = 1993	8 = 2008
R = 1994	9 = 2009
S = 1995	A = 2010
T = 1996	B = 2011
V = 1997	C = 2012
W = 1998	D = 2013
X = 1999	
Y = 2000	

Character 11: Plant Location

P = Pearlington, Mississippi

Character 12, 13, and 14: Assigned by SAE  
Shall be: 140

Character 15, 16, and 17: Production Sequence

First trailer of each year shall be 001.  
We do not expect to produce more than 500  
trailers per year.

400 COMMONWEALTH DRIVE, WARRENDALE, PA. 15096-0001 U.S.A.  
(412) 776-4841 FAX NO. (412) 776-5760

CABLE ADDRESS: SOCAUTOENG, PA.  
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June 23, 1986

Mr. William Morgan  
Brenbille Steel Inc. *BIENVILLE*  
P.O. Box 91  
Pearlington, MS 39572

Dear Mr. Morgan:

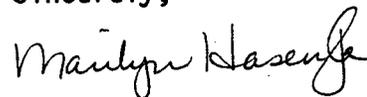
This letter confirms our telephone conversation of June 18, 1986 regarding the assignment of a World Manufacturer (Maker) Identifier (WMI) Code. As the agent of the NHTSA for the assignment of manufacturer identifiers pursuant to CFR 49 Part 565.5C Vehicle Identification Number (VIN), we hereby confirm the following code:

*BIENVILLE*  
Brenbille Steel Inc.  
P.O. Box 91  
Pearlington, MS 39572  
United States

1 B 9 with the 3rd, 4th, and 5th  
characters of the Vehicle  
Indicator Section to be  
1 4 0

Trailers

Sincerely,



Marilyn Hasenflu  
WMI Coordinator

/mh

Enclosure

cc: A. Burgett  
B. P. Hickey



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