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Subject: FMVSS 115, VIN.

Dear Ms. Gardner:

Pursuant to your letter dated 4-4-88 in response to my questions and per our telephone conversation of this date, the following action has been initiated by Oshkosh Truck Corporation with regard to the Vehicle Identification Number:

Starting immediately for vehicles built with a new model engine not already in our system, the positions 6 and 8 will be combined for computing the vehicle identification number.

For example, the first new engine model to be installed, is General Motors' series 60. And the characters assigned are 0 (zero) for position 6 and "A" for position 8. This combination will represent a conventional cab with 11.1/12.7 liter displacement engine with 6 in line cylinders with gross brake horsepower ratings of 250 through 450.

The next new combination - above engine with new cab, a new model engine with same cab or both cab and engine are new - will have positions 6 and 8 represented by 0 and B respectively and so on. If necessary position 6 will switch to alpha characters, when 0 (zero) can no longer be used in that position.

We appreciate your help in resolving the VIN numbering problem.

If you have any questions, please call me at ext. 2292.

Sincerely,

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Sr. Supervising Engineer

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