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Administrator,  
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Attn: VIN Coordinator

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

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NHTSA DOCKET

We are a manufacturer of Highway Trailers. By this writing we wish to comply with the requirement of submitting the "unique identifier" for each make and type of trailer vehicle we intend to produce.

The Society of Automotive Engineers has assigned us the World Manufacturer Identifier 1M9 for the three characters in the first section of our VIN's and 375 for the three characters of the eight character fourth section of the VIN (12th, 13th and 14th digits).

The five characters of the second section of the VIN (through 8th digits) shall be as follows:

4th Digit is Trailer Type:

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| A = Car Haul Trailer      | F = Body Haul               |
| B = Combination Trailer   | G = Special Car Hauler      |
| C = Fast Loader           | H = Enclosed Trailer        |
| D = Low Boy Truck Trailer | J = Dolly                   |
| E = Flat Bed              | K = Non Car Hauling Trailer |

5th Digit is Trailer Series:

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| A = Conventional    | D = Conventional Dolly |
| B = Stinger 60 foot | E = Stinger 75 foot    |
| C = Stinger 65 foot |                        |

6th Digit is Number of Axles:

- 1 = Single Axle
- 2 = Tandem Axle
- 3 = Tri-Axle

7th Digit is Capacity (Load Factor):

1 = (1) Car or Truck	6 = (7) Cars or Trucks
2 = (2) Cars or Trucks	7 = non used
3 = (4) Cars or Trucks	8 = (8 to 9) Cars
4 = (5) Cars or Trucks	9 = (9 to 10) Cars
5 = (6) Cars or Trucks	A = (6 to 10) Bodies

8th Digit G.V.W. (Rating):

A = Less than 3,000 lbs.	H = 9,001 to 10,000 lbs.
B = 3,001 to 4,000 lbs.	3 = 10,001 to 14,000 lbs.
C = 4,001 to 5,000 lbs.	4 = 14,001 to 16,000 lbs.
D = 5,001 to 6,000 lbs.	5 = 16,001 to 19,500 lbs.
E = 6,001 to 7,000 lbs.	6 = 19,501 to 26,000 lbs.
F = 7,001 to 8,000 lbs.	7 = 26,001 to 33,000 lbs.
G = 8,001 to 9,000 lbs.	8 = 33,001 and higher

With the third section of the VIN being the single character "check" digit, the remaining five characters of the fourth section (10th, 11th, 15th, 16th, and 17th digits) shall be as follows:

10th Digit is Model Year:

Year	Code	Year	Code	Year	Code
1991	.... A	1999	.... X	2007	.... 7
1992	.... B	2000	.... Y	2008	.... 8
1993	.... C	2001	.... 1	2009	.... 9
1994	.... D	2002	.... 2	2010	.... A
1995	.... E	2003	.... 3	2011	.... B
1996	.... F	2004	.... 4	2012	.... C
1997	.... G	2005	.... 5	2013	.... D
1998	.... H	2006	.... 6		

11th Digit is Plant Location:

R = Romulus, Michigan

12th, 13th, & 14th Digits are 375

15th, 16th, & 17th Digits are sequential numbers assigned in the production process.

Sincerely,

METRO TRAILER MANUFACTURING INC.

