

Manufacturer and Product Identification

Manufacturer's Information

Submission Type: Initial Revision

Full Name of Company: Independent Protection Company, Inc.

All Company DBAs: Turtle Top

Company Principal Officer: Cripe, Jr. Robert Vice President
Last First Position

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Submitted by Company Official: Janet L. Kercher-Dudley Standards Engineer Jun 4, 2012
Printed Name Company Position Date

Signature 

Your Company Manufactures What Regulated Equipment Items? (Check all that apply)

(Regulated equipment items are only the 13 equipment listed below that are subject to a Federal motor vehicle safety standard)

- Tires
 Rims
 Brake hoses
 Brake fluid
 Seat Belts
 Lamps, Reflectors, and Assoc. Equip.
 CNG Containers
 Motorcycle Helmets
 Child Restraints Systems
 Platform Lifts
 Rear Impact Guards
 Triangular Warning Devices

Your Company Manufactures What Types of Vehicles? (Check all that apply)

(Please identify the approximate GVWR (In pounds) in the space provided below)

<input type="checkbox"/> Passenger Cars GVWR _____ to _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multipurpose Passenger Vehicles GVWR 9600 to 33000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trucks GVWR 9600 to 33000	<input type="checkbox"/> Low-Speed Vehicles GVWR _____ to _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Pole Trailers GVWR _____ to _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Buses (other than School Buses) GVWR 9600 to 33000	<input type="checkbox"/> School Buses GVWR _____ to _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycles GVWR _____ to _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trailers GVWR 3000 to 24000			

Incomplete vehicles - means an assemblage consisting, at a minimum, of chassis (including the frame) structure, power train, steering system, suspension system, and braking system, in the state that those systems are to be part of the completed vehicle, but requires further manufacturing operations to become a completed vehicle. Also means an incomplete trailer. GVWR _____ to _____

What Type of Vehicle Manufacturer or Alterer is Your Company? (check all that apply)

Note: If you are a completed vehicle or incomplete vehicle manufacturer, you must also submit VIN deciphering info under 49 CFR Part 565

- * Completed Vehicle Manufacturer - a manufacturer of vehicles that require no further manufacturing operations to perform their intended function
- Incomplete Vehicle Manufacturer - a manufacturer of incomplete vehicles, as defined above
- Intermediate Manufacturer - a manufacturer (other than the incomplete vehicle manufacturer or the final-stage manufacturer) who performs manufacturing operations on a vehicle manufactured in two or more stages
- * * Final-Stage Manufacturer - a manufacturer who performs such manufacturing operations on an incomplete vehicle that it becomes a completed vehicle
- * * * Alterer - a person who alters by addition, substitution, or removal of components (other than readily attachable components), a certified vehicle before the first purchase of the vehicle other than for resale

Instructions for Completing, Revising, and Submitting Your Information

49 CFR Part 566 requires that a manufacturer of motor vehicles and regulated motor vehicle equipment items submit to NHTSA not later than 30 days after manufacturing begins, information about the company and the products it manufactures. This suggested form will assist a manufacturer to comply with Part 566. Please complete the form by typing or clearly printing. Each manufacturer who has submitted this information must keep its entry current, accurate, and complete by submitting revised information not later than 30 days after the relevant changes in its business occur.

Mail the completed form to
Attention: VIN Coordinator
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
West Building, Room W45-207
Washington, DC 20590
Fax: 202-366-3081

footnotes

* dba Turtle Top is a Completed Vehicle Manufacturer for trailers only.

* * dba Turtle Top is a Final Stage Manufacturer for Bus, MPV, and Trucks only.

* * * dba Turtle Top is a Alterer for Bus, MPV, and Trucks only.



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Administrator
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE W45-205
Washington, DC 20590
Attention: VIN Coordinator, Ms. Jeanette Chow

RE: 49 CFR 566, Manufacturer Identification to NHTSA – Submission to UPDATE Part 566
Record for dba Turtle Top

Parent Company (Owner): Independent Protection Company, Inc.

State of Incorporation: Indiana, USA

Products Manufactured: Independent Protection Company, Inc. dba Turtle Top is a Complete Vehicle Manufacturer building trailers from start to finish. Independent Protection Company, Inc. dba Turtle Top is a Final Stage Manufacturer and Alterer of buses, MPVs, and trucks by installing bodies and related equipment on incomplete and complete vehicles.

GVWR: Vehicles range from 3,000 to over 33,000 pounds.

Note: At one time both "Turtle Top Conversions of Florida" (4532 U.S. 27 South Sebring, FL 33870) and "Western Turtle Top Inc." (201 North County Road 319, McPherson, KS 67460) were owned by Independent Protection Company, Inc. They went out of business and both closed in the 1980s.

Sincerely,

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