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Subject: VIN structure for Fontaine Trailer Company as of 02/18/2013.

The **Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)** is a DOT mandated process for vehicle manufactures. It is intended to provide traceability and information for each individual vehicle manufactured and put into service on the Federal Highway System in the USA. The Vehicle Identification Number is intended to provide more information than just a serial number. The seventeen digit number can provide a great deal of data if properly interpreted. The VIN break down is discussed in detail below.

- The first three digits- The first three digits are called the “unique identifier” of World Manufacturer (Maker) Identifier (WMI) code. Historically, Fontaine Trailer Company holds the following WMI Numbers:

✓ Active

- Haleyville, Al **13N**
- Springville, Al **13N**
- Jasper, AL **5SV** (Military, as of 11/08)
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Inactive WMI or Plant Locations

- Up until January 7, 1985 Fontaine Trailer Company used only 1A1.
- Haleyville, Al 1A1 (Changed to 13N on January 7, 1985)
- Springville, Al 4LF (Specialized), changed to 13N on 09/01/2003 (Fontaine)
- Kent, Oh 1R1 (Ravens discontinued 11/01), changed to 13N (Fontaine - Plant Closed 7/2009)
- Jasper, Al 5TR (Fleet, established 2006 / Closed 11/08. Became Military Plant).
- Princeton, KY 5SV Military (Plant closed & Business Unit Moved To Jasper Al. 11/08).

1A1, 1R1, 4LF and 5TR have been deactivated with SAE.

Effective December 1, 2008 5TR was discontinued and all Commercial trailers now use 13N. Manufacturing facilities in Kent and Princeton are no longer in operation

- The fourth digit identifies trailer type, per separate definition (see Table 1).

Table 1: Character Number 4, Body Style

1. Flat
2. Drop Flat
3. DBL Drop Flat
4. Telescopic Flat Platform Trailer
5. Telescopic Drop Platform Trailer
6. Telescopic Dbl Drop Platform Trailer
7. Oil Field float
8. Heavy Hauler, Narrow Gooseneck, Single Drop
9. Heavy Hauler, Narrow Gooseneck, DBL Drop
- A. Perimeter Frame (Flat)
- B. Perimeter Frame Single Drop
- C. Perimeter Frame Dbl Drop
- D. Heavy Hauler, Narrow Removable Gooseneck, DBL Drop
- E. Heavy Hauler, Narrow Hydraulic Removable Gooseneck, DBL Drop
- F. Folding Gooseneck, Single Drop
- G. Folding Gooseneck, Dbl Drop
- H. Container Chassis, 20' Container
- J. Container Chassis, 40' Container
- K. Container Chassis, 20' or 40' Container
- L. Load Divider Dolly
- M. Rr Dolly, Attached to Rr
- N. Draw Bar Dolly
- P. Steel Dump, Frame Type
- R. Steel Dump, Frame Type Std Tail
- S. Steel Dump, Frameless Type
- T. Aluminum Dump, Steel Frame
- U. Aluminum Dump, Frameless Type
- V. Aluminum Dump, Aluminum Frame Type
- W. Van type
- X. Aluminum Live Floor
- Y. Tipper Trailer

- The fifth and sixth digits identify trailer length in feet; e.g. 45, 48, 51, 53.
- The seventh digit identifies number of axles, per separate definition (see Table 2).

Table 2: Character 7, Axle Configuration

1. Single Axle
 2. Tandem Axle
 3. 3 Axles
 4. 4 Axles
 5. 5 Axles
 6. Axles
 7. 7 Axles
 8. 2 Trunnion Axles, 8 Tires Across
 9. 4 Trunnion Axles, 16 Tires Across
 - A. 6 Trunnion Axles, 24 Tires Across
 - B. 8 Trunnion Axles, 32 Tires Across
 - C. Special (Any combination of the above axles of which some or all axles could be steerable)
- Effective January 1, 2008 the number 3 will designate three axles.

- The eighth digit is an option feature code, per separate definition (see Table 3).

Table 3: Character 8, Optional Features

0. None
1. Motor Grader Ramps
2. Ramps (Rr man Folding)
3. Ramps (Rr Hyd Folding)
4. Rolling Tail Pipe
5. Beavertail
6. Beavertail w/ Man Folding Ramps
7. Beavertail w/ Hyd Folding Ramps
8. Rr Suspension Frame Removable
9. Full Width Gooseneck
- A. Twist Locks added for Containers
- B. Half Round Nose w/ Pick-Up Hook
- C. Sliding Suspension
- D. 24 cubic Yard Dump Trailer
- E. Scow Rr End on Dump
- F. Spreader Apron on Rr of Dump
- G. Enclosed Top on Dump

- The ninth digit is the Check Digit using a formula prescribed by DOT 49 CFR Part 565 Vehicle Identification Number Requirements (also referenced in TTMA RP 56).

- The tenth digit is the model year code. E.g. A designates 2010, B designates 2011, C. designates 2012, etc.. (Skips I, O, Q & Z). Next Number sequence 1 designates 2031.

- Effective January 1, 2008, all Model years roll over Jan. 1.

- The eleventh and twelfth digits designate the plant identifier. Fontaine uses the following plant identifiers:

Active

- Haleyville, Al **15 (Active)**
- Springville, Al **35 (Active)**
- Jasper, Al. **20 (effective 4/1/06 - Active)**

Inactive

- Princeton, KY **59 (discontinued 11/08)**
- Kent, Oh **K (discontinued 1/1/07),**
10=Fleet (discontinued 11/08).
14=Dealer (discontinued 06/09),

- The last five digits designate the unique serial number in sequential order of build. This serial number is also permanently stamped into the trailer frame in an undisclosed location.



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Subject: VIN Content Document and 566 Information

Dear Ms. Chow,

I am attaching an updated VIN content document for Fontaine Trailers. As you will see, several WMI numbers have become inactive and two manufacturing plant sites (Kent and Princeton) have been closed and either moved to other manufacturing facilities. Kent product is now produced in the Haleyville, Al and the Princeton Product was moved to the Jasper Facility that once housed Fontaine Fleet. I have also included updated forms for Manufacturer and Product Identification for part 566.

The Commercial Business Unit is now comprised of Fontaine Heavy Haul (formerly Fontaine Specialized) located in Springville, Al and Fontaine Trailer located in Haleyville Alabama operate under WMI 13N. It appears that the Springville Location is compliant with CFR 565 and 566 and WMI under the Fontaine Specialized name. Fontaine Trailer is compliant with CFR 565 and WMI. Please include the Haleyville information under the CFR 566 heading as soon as possible.

If you need addition information, Please call or email me at apeacock@fontainetrailer.net .

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