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Attention: VIN Coordinator

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Re: Background Information on Bombardier NV VIN Number

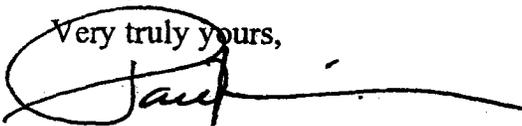
Dear Sir:

In accordance with 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 565.7(c), I am providing background information on Bombardier's Neighborhood Vehicle (NV), which should assist you in deciphering the characters contained in its Vehicle Identification Number.

Please find enclosed a letter from Mark A. Nantais, President of the Canadian Vehicle Manufacturers' Association, which assigns to Bombardier the characters 2BW to occupy the first three positions of its VIN numbers. Also enclosed please find examples of what may be located in each one of the seventeen positions in the VIN number. While the enclosure was submitted to Bombardier as a suggestion, Bombardier has decided to adopt the suggested proposal, and it may be used to decipher the characters in the VIN number.

I hope this information is sufficient for your needs. If, however, you have any questions, please contact me.

Very truly yours,



Paul Jackson Rice
Counsel for Bombardier, Inc.

cc: Pierre Arsenault
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Dear Mr. Caron:

Thank you for your recent letter in which you request that the company you represent be assigned a World Manufacturer Identifier (WMI) code.

In accordance with the requirements of the Canadian and United States Motor Vehicle Safety Standards pertaining to vehicle identification numbers (number 115), your company has been classified as a manufacturer of **Passenger Cars**.

Since your company manufactures more than 500 units annually we have assigned the following code (* denotes a manufacturer defined character):

2BW*****

The elaboration of the 17 character vehicle identification number (VIN) is laid down in section 115 of the Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations. These and the Motor Vehicle Safety Act can be procured from:

Canada Communications Group - Publishing
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0S9

Tel: 1-819-956-4800 (Diskette or CD ROM)
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Yours sincerely,

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BBD NEV's VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

- Each character shall have a minimum height of 4 mm.
- The VIN shall be readable, without moving any part of the vehicle, through the vehicle glazing under daylight lighting conditions by an observer having 20/20 vision (Snellen) whose eye-point is located outside the vehicle adjacent to the left windshield pillar.
- Characters «I», «O» and «Q» shall not be used.
- The type face utilized for each VIN shall consist of capital, sanserif characters.
- Description:

Section 1			Section 2					Section 3	Section 4							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Manufacturer Identifier (Assigned by CVMA)			Attributes					Check Digit	Model Year, Plant of Manufacture and six Digits Number Sequentially Assigned							

Digit 1: Manufacturer (numeric or alphabetic character)

«2» Bombardier Inc. (Equivalent to Chrysler Corp.)

Digit 2: Make (numeric or alphabetic character)

«B» for Bombardier NV Division (Equivalent to Dodge Division)

Digit 3: Type or class of vehicle (numeric or alphabetic character)

«W» for Passenger car (Low-speed vehicle for U.S.)

Digit 4: Line (alphabetic character)

Suggestion: «E» for NEV (Equivalent to Aries)

Digit 5: Series (alphabetic character)

Suggestion: «S» for NEV Sport-E (Equivalent to Aries SE and used for marketing purposes)
«C» for NEV Class-E

Digit 6: Body type (numeric character)

Suggestion: «1» for 2-Seater Micro Car

Digit 7: Engine type (numeric character)

Suggestion: «4» for 4 kW nominal power rating

Digit 8: Restraint system type (numeric or alphabetic character)

Suggestion: «1» for active seat belts

Digit 9: Check digit (numeric character)

Calculation of the check digit is describe on section 565.5 (c) of CFR 49

Digit 10: Model year (see Table VI for corresponding alphabetic character)

Example: «V» for 1997
«W» for 1998
«X» for 1999

Digit 11: Plant of manufacture

Suggestion: «S» for Sherbrooke

Digit 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17: Number sequentially assigned by the manufacturer in the production process

Example: «001234»

Example of BBD NEV's Vehicle Identification Number :

2 B W E C¹ 1 4 1 ?² W S 0 0 1 2 3 4

1. «C» for Class-E or «S» for Sport-E
2. According to section 565.5 (c) of CFR 49, the check digit would be calculated as followed:

VIN position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Sample VIN	2	B	W	E	C	1	4	1	...	W	S	0	0	1	2	3	4
Assigned value	2	2	6	5	3	1	4	1	...	6	2	0	0	1	2	3	4
Weight factor	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	10	...	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
Assigned value X weight factor	16	14	36	25	12	3	8	10	...	54	16	0	0	1	8	9	8

Added products : $16+14+36+25+12+3+8+10+54+16+0+0+1+2+3+4 = 204$

Divided by 11 : $204/11 = 18 \text{ } 6/11$

The remainder is 6; this is the check digit to be inserted in position nine (9) of the VIN