

BODY TYPE MODEL (BTM) CODES

IMPORTANT NOTES

AUTOMOBILE	
Description	BTM
Agricultural Water Well Boring Rig	BR
Ambulance	*AM
Amphibian	AP
Armored Car/Truck	*AR
Bus	*BU
Carnival Equipment	CE
Convertible	CV
Coupe	CP
Coupe 3 DR	3P
Coupe 4 DR	C4
Crane (S/F from Verifier Required)	*CR
Firetruck	*FT
Forklift Truck	*FO
Golf Cart	GC
Hardtop	HT
Hardtop 2 DR	2T
Hardtop (Formal) 2DR	2F
Hardtop 4 DR	4T
Hardtop (Pillard) 2 DR	2P
Hardtop (Pillard) 4 DR	4P
Hatchback	*HB
Hatchback 2 DR	*2H
Hatchback 4 DR	*4H
Liftback (Toyota)	LB
Liftback 2 DR	*2L
Liftback 4 DR	*4L
Limousine	*LM
Low Speed Vehicle (LSV)	*LS
Modular Mobile	MM
Motorized Home	MH
Neighborhood Electric Vehicle (NEV)	*NE
Notchback	*NB
Pickup w/Camper Mounted	PM
Privately Owned School Bus	SB
Roadster	RD
Runabout 3 DR (Ford)	3D
Sedan 2 DR	2D
Sedan 4 DR	4D
Sedan 5 DR	5D
Sedan	SD
SportsVan (Dodge)	SV
Station Wagon	*SW
Suburban/Carry All (Chev)	LL
Travel All (Intl)	XT
Utility	*UT
Van Camper	VC
Wagon/Sport Utility 4 DR	4W
Varied-All Other Autos	*VA
* BTM can also be used for commercial vehicles	

COMMERCIAL	
Description	BTM
Ambulance	*AM
Armored Truck	*AR
Auto Carrier	AC
Bale Wagon	BA
Bus	*BU
Cab and Chassis	CB
3 DR Extended Cab and Chassis	3B
3 DR Extended Cab Pickup	3C
4 DR Extended Cab and Chassis	4B
4 DR Extended Cab Pickup	4C
4 DR Wagon/Sport Utility	*4W
Cargo Cutaway	CY
Carnival Equipment	CE
Carrier	CA
Concrete/Transit Mix	CM
Conventional Cab	CC
Crane	*CR
Dromedary	DR
Dump	DP
Firetruck	*FT
Flatbed/Platform	FB
Forklift Truck	*FO
Garbage/Refuse	GG
Grain	GN
Hatchback	*HB
Hatchback 2 DR	*2H
Hatchback 4 DR	*4H
Hearse	*HR
Hopper	HO
Liftback (Toyota)	LB
Liftback 2 DR	*2L
Liftback 4 DR	*4L
Limousine	*LM
Logger	LG
Low Speed Vehicle (LSV)	*LS
Multiple Bodies	MU
Neighborhood Electric Vehicle (NEV)	*NE
Notchback	*NB
Panel	PN
Parcel Delivery	PD
Pickup	PK
Pickup Club Cab	PC
Rack	RA
Refrigerated	RE
Stake	ST
Station Wagon	*SW
Step Van	SN
Tandem	TM
Tank	TN
Taxi	TX
Tilt Cab	TB
Tilt Tandem	TL
Tow Truck/Wrecker	WK
Tractor Truck (Diesel)	DS
Tractor Truck (Gas)	TR
Utility	*UT
Van	VN
Vanette (66 GMC Handy Van)	VT
Well Driller	WD
Wrecker with a Flatbed	WF
All Other Commercials	*VA
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MOTORCYCLE	
Description	BTM
Enduro	EN
Minibike	MK
Mini Road/Trail	MR
Motor Scooter (Not the same as a motorized scooter which cannot be registered)	MS
Racer	RC
Road/Street	RS
Road/Trail	RT
Trail	TR
All Other Motorcycles	MC

OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE	
Description	BTM
All Terrain Vehicle	AT
Amphibian	AP
Dirt	T
Dune/Sand Buggy	DB
Enduro	EN
3-Wheel Vehicle	3W
4-Wheel Vehicle	4W
Golf Cart	GC
Minibike	MK
Mini Cycle	MY
Mini Road/Trail	MR
Moto Cross	MX
Motor Scooter (Not the same as a motorized scooter which cannot be registered)	MS
Racer	RC
Road/Street	RS
Road/Trail	RT
Snowmobile	SM
Trail	TR
All Other Motorcycles	MC

TRAILER	
Description	BTM
Amphibian	AMPH
Camp	CMP
Carnival Equipment	CARN
Carrier	CARRIER
Cement Mixer	MIXER
Coach	CCH
Coach Boat	CCHBT
Dolly	DLY
Dump	DMP
Fire	FIRE
Flatbed/Platform	FB
Modular Mobile	MMETLR
Multiple Bodies	MULT
Park Trailer	CCHPT
Park Trailer Boat	CCHPTBT
Refrigerated	REF
Tank	TANK
Transit Mix	TRMX
Utility	UTIL
Van	VAN
Varied	VARIED

Additional forms are available at dmv.ca.gov and at all DMV offices. Refer to Vehicle Verifiers Handbook (OL 31), available at dmv.ca.gov , for instructions.
When inspection of a VIN reveals evidence of tampering, alteration or obliteration of the number, immediately notify the nearest DMV, Investigations Section.
For Specially Constructed Vehicles (SPCNS), enter "0000" for the year model. SPCNS vehicles are not manufactured vehicles and do not have a year model.
The Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) is found on the US Federal Certification Label. NOTE: GVWR is Gross Vehicle Axle Rating, not GVW/R. Pickups over 11,499 GVWR are BTM "VA". Pickups under 11,499 GVWR have the following BTMs: 3C, 4C, PC and PK.
Pursuant to federal law, a 17-digit VIN that passes check-digit is required on all 1983 and newer year model motor vehicles, and all 1985 and newer year model trailers. The model year of 1983 and newer vehicles is encoded in the 10th digit of VIN.
Trailer Coaches do not exceed 40' (480") (L) or 8 1/2' (102") (W). Camp Trailers do not exceed 16" (192") (L) or 8' (96") (W). Motorhomes do not exceed 45' (540") (L) or 8 1/2' (102") (W). *(overall length (L))
A 2003 and newer year model OHV with a "3" or "C" in the eighth position of the VIN are non-complying OHVs and are issued a red OHV sticker.
DO NOT use the Federal Certification Label as the primary source for the VIN. If any damage has been done to the label or it cannot be read, you must go to another source for secondary verification, such as: Under the hood, Firewall/Manufacturer's label.
For large commercial vehicles, the emissions label on the doorpost is often the noise emissions label and is not the EPA acceptable label. The emissions label is often under the giant hood in the engine compartment.
The following multi-designed vehicles are pickups (PK): Chevrolet Avalanche, Cadillac Escalade EXT, Hummer H2 SUT, Nissan Frontier, and Ford Explorer Sport Trac.
Pickups with a permanently attached camper shell must also meet the definition of facilities for human habitation or camping purposes to have BTM "PM".
Licensed vehicle verifiers cannot perform the VIN inspection for certain vehicles including, revived junk, revived salvage, specially constructed (SPCNS), motorcycles with an unavailable California record (last registered in CA, but record no longer appears on DMV's database) or with documents from a foreign country, motorcycles with engine changes.
Only a verification form completed by an authorized DMV employee is acceptable on an application for on-highway (street) motorcycle registration of any motor vehicle currently registered as an OHV or titled with type license "C2" (title only).
Golf Carts are motor vehicles designed to carry golf equipment, and carry no more than two persons, including the driver, and have at least three wheels in contact with the ground, and weigh no more than 1,300 pounds unladen, and not exceed a speed of 15 miles per hour (MPH).
Optional digital photographs are not required, but may be attached by licensed vehicle verifiers to further substantiate this verification. State number of photos and briefly describe photos in the REMARKS section.

VEHICLE MODEL YEAR (Identified through the 10th digit of the VIN)

1980 - A	1984 - E	1988 - J	1992 - N	1996 - T	2000 - Y	2004 - 4	2008 - 8	2012 - C
1981 - B	1985 - F	1989 - K	1993 - P	1997 - V	2001 - 1	2005 - 5	2009 - 9	2013 - D
1982 - C	1986 - G	1990 - L	1994 - R	1998 - W	2002 - 2	2006 - 6	2010 - A	2014 - E
1983 - D	1987 - H	1991 - M	1995 - S	1999 - X	2003 - 3	2007 - 7	2011 - B	2015 - F

MOTIVE POWER CODES

B - Butane	G - Gasoline	P - Propane
D - Diesel	M - Methanol	Q - Hybrid
E - Electric	N - Natural Gas	