

BODY TYPE MODEL (BTM) CODES

AUTOMOBILE	
Description	BTM
Agricultural Water Well Boring Rig	BR
Ambulance	*AM
Amphibian	AP
Armored (CHP VV Req.)	*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	*F0
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 (Int'l)	XT
Utility	*UT
Van Camper	VC
Wagon/Sport Utility 4 DR	4W
Varied-All Other Autos (Must be described)	*VA
* BTM can also be used for commercial vehicles	

COMMERCIAL	
Description	BTM
Ambulance	*AM
Armored (CHP VV Req.)	*AR
Auto Carrier	AC
Bale Wagon	BA
Box/Cargo Cutaway	CY
Bus	*BU
Cab and Chassis	CB
3 DR Extended (Ext.) Cab and Chassis	3B
3 DR Ext. Cab Pickup	3C
4 DR Ext. Cab/Chassis	4B
4 DR Ext. Cab Pickup	4C
4 DR Wagon/Sport Utility	*4W
Carnival Equipment	CE
Carrier	CA
Concrete/Transit Mix	CM
Conventional Cab	CC
Crane	*CR
Dromedary	DR
Dump	DP
Extended Cargo Van	EC
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
Sports Pickup	SP
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
Varied-All Other Comm. (Must be described)	*VA
* BTM can also be used for automobiles	

MOTORCYCLE	
Description	BTM
Enduro	EN
Mini Road/Trail	MR
Motor Scooter (Not the same as a motorized scooter which cannot be registered)	MS
Road/Street	RS
Road/Trail	RT
All Other Motorcycles	MC

OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE	
Description	BTM
All Terrain Vehicle	AT
Amphibian	AP
Dir	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
Recreational Off-Road	RO
Road/Street	RS
Road/Trail	RT
Snowmobile	SM
Trail	TR
All Other Motorcycles	MC

TRAILER	
Description	BTM
Amphibian	AMPH
Camp	CMP
Carnival Equip.	CARN
Carrier (No Human Habitation, except Horse)	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-All Others (Must be described)	VARIED

IMPORTANT NOTES

Instructions - Refer to *Vehicle Verifiers License Handbook* (OL 301), available at dmv.ca.gov. Additional verification forms are available at dmv.ca.gov and at all DMV offices. The most current version of this form must be used.

Permitted verifications for vehicle verifiers: (1) Nonresident vehicles, (2) any vehicle or trailer, excluding used motorcycles, with supporting ownership documents for which there is no California (CA) record. The VIN must appear okay. The supporting ownership document must be a Certificate of Title, Manufacturer's Certificate or Statement of Origin (MCO/MSO), US Government Standard Form (SF) 97-1, or Registration Card. All other vehicle verifications or verifications with no supporting ownership document must be referred to the DMV or CHP for inspection.

Prohibited verifications for vehicle verifiers: (1) Vehicles whose US Federal Certification Label (Safety Label) disagrees with the VIN, or is illegible, damaged, tampered, altered, missing, never issued (e.g., direct import-grey market, etc.), or does not match the documents, (2) revived salvage or revived junk vehicles, (3) specially constructed (SPCNS) vehicles, (4) used motorcycles with an unavailable California record (last registered in CA, but record no longer appears on DMV's database), (5) vehicles with documents from a foreign country, (6) motorcycles with engine changes.

VIN/Model Year - Pursuant to federal law, a 17-digit VIN that passes check-digit is required on all 1981 and newer model year motor vehicles, and all 1985 and newer model year trailers. The model year of 1980 and newer vehicles is encoded in the 10th digit of VIN.

Do NOT use the Federal Certification Label as the primary source for the VIN. All 1981 and newer model year vehicles with less than a 17-digit VIN must be referred to CHP for verification. When inspection of a VIN reveals evidence of tampering, alteration or obliteration of the number, immediately notify the nearest DMV, Investigations Section.

Specially Constructed Vehicles (SPCNS) (CVC §580) - Enter "0000" for the model year; SPCNS vehicles are not manufactured vehicles and do not have a model year. Replica vehicles (such as a Cobra, Mustang, or Corvette) built from a kit and assembled or built for private use and not for resale, must be registered as a SPCNS vehicle. If the kit vehicle was built by a licensed manufacturer (CVC §672) or remanufacturer (CVC §507.8), the kit vehicle must be registered under the name of the manufacturer or remanufacturer, not the make of the vehicle it replicates.

Trailers (except Horse) with Human Habitation (i.e., Fifth Wheel, Travel, and Toy Hauler) are Coach (CCH) or Camp (CMP). Fifth Wheel CCHs do not exceed 48' (576") (L) or 8 1/2' (102") (W). All other CCHs do not exceed 40' (480") (L) or 8 1/2' (102") (W). CMPs do not exceed 16' (192") (L) or 8' (96") (W). *(overall L)

Motorhomes do not exceed 45' (540") (L) or 8 1/2' (102") (W).

Truck Tractors with living quarters are BTM "DS" or "TR", unless the living quarters permanently prevent the truck tractor from towing or drawing other vehicles (CCR §150.08).

Pickups (PKs) - The Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) is found on the US Federal Certification Label. NOTE: GVAR is Gross Vehicle Axle Rating, not GVWR. PKs under 11,499 GVWR have the following BTMs: 3C, 4C, PK, and SP. PKs over 11,499 GVWR are BTM "VA".

The following multi-designed vehicles are PKs: Cadillac Escalade EXT, Chevrolet Avalanche, Ford Explorer Sport Trac, Hummer H2 SUT, and Nissan Frontier (CCR §150.04).

Pickups-Mounted (CVC §§243, 362, 661) - To have BTM "PM", the pickup must have a permanently attached camper shell, canopy, or similar mounted structure, and provide facilities for human habitation or camping purposes.

Advise owner that removal of the structure will require commercial registration and weight fees to be due.

Motorcycles - 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 OHV or titled with type license "C2" (title only).

Used motorcycles (including motorcycles manufactured for on-highway use being registered off-highway [OHV]) with unavailable records, or documents from a foreign country must be inspected by CHP.

OHVs - A 2003 and newer model year OHV with a "3" or "C" in the eighth position of the VIN are non-complying OHVs (red sticker).

Any motorcycle or vehicle originally manufactured and registered for OHV use cannot be converted for on-highway use, unless it is manufactured for dual purposes.

Golf Carts (CVC §345) are motor vehicles designed to carry golf equipment, and carry no more than 2 persons, including the driver, and have at least 3 wheels in contact with the ground, and weigh no more than 1,300 lbs. unladen, and not exceed a speed of 15 MPH.

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

A - 1980, 2010	F - 1985, 2015	L - 1990, 2020	S - 1995, 2025	Y - 2000, 2030	5 - 2005, 2035
B - 1981, 2011	G - 1986, 2016	M - 1991, 2021	T - 1996, 2026	1 - 2001, 2031	6 - 2006, 2036
C - 1982, 2012	H - 1987, 2017	N - 1992, 2022	V - 1997, 2027	2 - 2002, 2032	7 - 2007, 2037
D - 1983, 2013	J - 1988, 2018	P - 1993, 2023	W - 1998, 2028	3 - 2003, 2033	8 - 2008, 2038
E - 1984, 2014	K - 1989, 2019	R - 1994, 2024	X - 1999, 2029	4 - 2004, 2034	9 - 2009, 2039

MOTIVE POWER (FUEL) CODES

B - Butane	G - Gasoline	P - Propane
D - Diesel	M - Methanol	Q - Hybrid
E - Electric	N - Natural Gas	R - Hydrogen
F - Flex Fuel		