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Administrator
National Highway Traffic Safety Adm.
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Attention: VIN Coordinator

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find a chart explaining the deciphering system for the 17 digit serial numbers we will be implementing at our plant in the near future.

We custom manufacture trailers designed to suit individual needs which results in a lot of variation. As a result, we have found this new system of assigning coded serial numbers to be difficult to say the least.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

OTTERBACHER MFG. INC.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kim Lindsey".

Kim Lindsey,
Sales Secretary

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Enclosure



MANUFACTURING INC.

DIGIT PLACES:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17

1 M 9 * * * * * - F 1 2 1 9 * * *

Assigned by S.A.E.

Type Code

Series Code

Trailer Length

Number of Axles

CHECK DIGIT

Model Year Code

Plant of Mfg.

Assigned by S.A.E.

Sequential by Production

TYPE CODES:

- M .. Multi-Unit
- T .. Ticket Box
- G .. Game
- F .. Food
- S .. Special Event
- Y .. Carrier
- B .. Bumper Car
- W .. Ballwalk
- C .. Cargo

SERIES CODES:

- G .. Gooseneck
- A .. A-Frame

AXLE CODES:

- 1 .. Single
- 2 .. Tandem
- 3 .. Triple

PLANT OF MFG.:

- 1 .. Crestline, OH