



Builder of the World Famous London Taxi - London Sterling

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May 31, 1985

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

Dear Sir:

References

- (1) LondonCoach letter to Mr Jeffrey R. Miller Chief Counsel dated March 25, 1985.
- (2) NHTSA letter from Mr. Jeffrey R. Miller to Mr. Hayley Alexander, LondonCoach Marketing Consultant dated May 6, 1985.

In accordance with instructions received in reference (2) above and in response to recent telephone conversations with Mr. Kenneth Rutland and Miss Betsy Harrison of NHTSA, we have approached SAE for a WMI code for the London Taxi vehicles to be built in the USA. The code assigned by SAE is 18L.

The V.I.N. numbering system used by LondonCoach Inc. for this vehicle will follow the instructions contained in 49 CFR 571.115 and 49 CFR 565.4 as shown here:

1st Section - 3 characters -

- 1 - assigned by SAE
- 8 - assigned by SAE
- L - assigned by SAE

2nd Section - 5 characters -

- Model Line - T - London Taxi
- Vehicle Series-N - North America

2nd Section con't

Body Type - 4 - Four Door Body
 Engine Type - 4 - Four Cylinder
 Restraint System - B - Manual Seat Belts

3rd Section - 1 character

- X - Check digit (see
 calculation below)

4th Section - 8 characters

Model Year - F - 1985 (From table VI)
 Plant of Mfr. - M - Mt. Clemens, MI
 - 1 - Vehicle serial number
 - 0 - Vehicle serial number
 - 1 - Vehicle serial number

Sample V.I.N.: 18LTN44BXFM100001

The check digit value was determined in the following manner:

V.I.N. Position: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,

Sample V.I.N. : 1,8,L,T,N,4,4,B,- F,M,1,0,0,0,0,1

Assigned Value : 1,8,3,3,5,4,4,2,- 6,4,1,0,0,0,0,1

Multiplier : 8,7,6,5,4,3,2,10,0,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2

Add Products : 8+56+18+15+20+12+8+20+0+54+32+7+0+0+0+0+2=252

Divide Sum of Digits by 11

=252/11 = 22 10/11

Remainder is check digit = 10 = X

Sincerely,



Hayley Alexander
Marketing Consultant

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Ms. B. Harrison (D.O.T. Chief Counsel's Office)
Mr. G. Lockhart (Carbodies)
Mr. G. Pyle (Carbodies)
Mr. P. Horne (Carbodies)

N.B. As requested this letter will replace the letter dated March 13th, 1985 addressed to The Administrator by Mr. Peter Horne of Carbodies Ltd. Coventry, England.

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DIGIT1	1	RUN
DIGIT2	9	RUN
DIGIT3		RUN
L		RUN
DIGIT4		RUN
T		RUN
DIGIT5		RUN
H		RUN
DIGIT6	4	RUN
DIGIT7	4	RUN
DIGIT8		RUN
Z		RUN
DIGIT10		RUN
DIGIT11		RUN
K		RUN
DIGIT12	1	RUN
DIGIT13	0	RUN
DIGIT14	0	RUN
DIGIT15	0	RUN
DIGIT16	0	RUN
DIGIT17	1	RUN