



# FONTAINE TRAILER COMPANY

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Subject: VIN structure for Fontaine Trailer Company as of 1/1/2007.

The Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) is a DOT mandated process for vehicle manufactures. It is intended to provide traceability and information for each individual vehicle manufactured and put into service on the Federal Highway System in the USA. In order to register a VIN with the DOT, a company first needs a World Manufacturer Identification (WMI) Number from SAE.

Historically, Fontaine Trailer Company holds the following WMI Numbers:

- Haleyville 1A1, 13N
- Kent 1R1 (Ravens), 13N (Fontaine)
- Springville 4LF (Specialized), 13N (Fontaine)
- Princeton 5SV
- Jasper 5TR (established 2006)

Up until January 7, 1985 Fontaine Trailer Company used only 1A1.

Effective January 1, 2007 all dealer trailers will use 13N and all fleet trailers will use 5TR.

The VIN is comprised of seventeen digits.

- The first three designate the WMI.
- The fourth digit identifies trailer type. 1 = platform; 2 = Drop deck; 4 = telescopic, etc.
- The fifth and sixth digits identify trailer length in feet (48 and 53 are most common)
- The seventh digit identifies number of axles (two is most common).
- The eighth digit is an option feature code.
- The ninth digit is the Check Digit using a formula prescribed by DOT.
- The tenth digit is the model year code. E.g. 6 designates 2006. Model years roll over April 1.
- The eleventh and twelfth digits designate the plant identifier. Fontaine uses the following plant identifiers:

•	Haleyville	15
•	Kent	K, 14=Dealer, 10=Fleet
•	Springville	35
•	Princeton	59
•	Jasper	20
- Effective January 1, 2007 the Kent Dealer plant identifier will be 14 instead of K.
- The last five digits designate the unique serial number in sequential order of build. This serial number is also permanently stamped into the trailer frame in an undisclosed location.



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