



# HOW TO FIND THE CORRECT U.S. DOT/ICC # AND CARRIER NAME



## SIDE OF VEHICLE

This is good in 90% of the cases for name and number. Look for a number preceded by the letters: USDOT----- MC-----



## DON'T STOP

Keep on moving - the information on the side of the truck may not be the U.S. DOT/ICC#, name or address of the responsible motor carrier.



## DRIVER INTERVIEW

1. Who do you work for?
2. Is the vehicle leased or rented?
3. Who is the motor carrier responsible for this load?
4. Who is directing & controlling the movement of this vehicle?
5. Where is the motor carrier's



## LEASE AGREEMENT

Identifies the name of the lessee.



## DRIVER'S LOG

Contains the name of the motor carrier, city, and state for the principal place of business.



## SHIPPING PAPERS

Provide the name of the motor carrier responsible for the load.



## VEHICLE REGISTRATION

Generally good for identifying the carrier and/or registrant. Note: This may not be the responsible carrier.

**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

All roadside inspection and accident reports are uploaded to FHWA's SAFETYNET which monitors motor carrier's Out-of-Service and Accident rates.

By properly identifying the motor carrier on this report, YOU will provide the important data needed to determine the motor carrier's US DOT Safety Rating.

**IMPORTANT:** The more items that "match" or agree, the better the chance of properly identifying the motor carrier!

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This sheet has been designed as a quick reference to aid any inspector or state officer in correctly identifying the motor carrier and/or U.S. DOT number for purposes of reporting accidents or inspections.

It was created so that when a commercial motor vehicle inspection report and/or accident report is filled out, the correct motor carrier will receive credit (good or bad) for the inspection and/or accident. The Federal Highway Administration and States use the inspection and/or accident reports in determining safety fitness ratings of motor carriers and targeting unsafe motor carriers for in-depth investigations. To avoid improperly identifying the name and address of a motor carrier, you should rely on more than a single document or item when identifying the motor carrier. You should review as many of the following items as possible to determine the name and address of the motor carrier.

- **Side of the Vehicle** - The correct name, address and US DOT#/MC# of the motor carrier may or may not be marked on the side of the vehicle. If the marking on the side of the vehicle matches the name on the other items, you've probably identified the correct motor carrier.
- **Driver Interview** - As questions such as:
  - Is the vehicle leased or rented?
  - Who is the motor carrier that is responsible for this load?
  - Who is directing & controlling the movement of this vehicle?
  - Where is the motor carrier's principal place of business? (generally the corporate headquarters)
- **Lease Agreement** - This document is excellent for identifying the name of the lessee.
- **Driver's Log** - When logs are required, they will contain the name of the motor carrier and the city and state where the motor carrier's principal place of business is located.
- **Shipping Papers (Bill of Lading)** - Generally this document will provide you with the name of the motor carrier who is responsible for the load. The shipping papers are the written transportation contract between the shipper and the carrier. They identify the freight, who is to receive it, and the place of delivery and give the terms of the agreement.
- **Vehicle Registration** - These documents are good for identifying the owner and/or registrant who may or may not be the responsible motor carrier. Even when the registration identifies the responsible motor carrier, it may or may not show the address of the motor carrier's principal place of business because carriers with terminals in multiple states generally register their vehicles in the state of domicile. Therefore, the address may be a terminal address.

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