

# COMPLIANCE BASICS



## VEHICLE MARKINGS Part 390

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations are applicable to all motor carriers, drivers and vehicles that transport property or passengers in commerce when the vehicle meets the definition: A commercial motor vehicle (CMV) means any self-propelled or towed motor vehicle used on a highway in interstate commerce to transport passengers or property when the vehicle:

- Has gross vehicle weight rating, or gross combination weight rating, or gross vehicle weight, or gross combination weight, of 10,001 pounds or more or
- Is designed or used to transport more than 8 passengers (including the driver) for compensation; or
- Is designed or used to transport more than 15 passengers (including the driver) and is not used to transport passengers for compensation; or
- Is used in transporting materials found by the Secretary of Transportation to be hazardous under 49 U.S.C. 5103 and transported in a quantity requiring placarding.

If your vehicle meets one or more of the above, you would need to comply with the federal vehicle marking requirements

### Part 391.21 Nature of marking:

- Legal name or single trade name of the motor carrier operating the CMV
- The identification number issued by FMCSA preceded by the letters "USDOT" and then the number
- If the name of any person other than the operating carrier appears on the CMV, the name of the operating carrier must be followed by the words "operated by"
  - This information must be on both sides of the power unit
  - Be in be in contrasting color with the background on which the letters are placed
  - Be readily legible during daylight hours from a distance of 50 feet while the CMV is stationary
  - Must be kept in a manner that retains the legibility of the markings

### Part 390.19 Updating your DOT information (form MCS 150)

Must be done every 24 months

Updating goes off your DOT number

If the next to last number of your DOT number is even, update every even year

If the next to last number of your DOT number is odd, update every odd year

The last number of your DOT number tells you what month to update the information

If your DOT number is 1234567 you update your information in "July" of every "even" year