

Chapter 4

Vehicle Identification Requirements

All Commercial Motor Vehicle must be marked as follows [49 CFR 390.21](#)

All commercial motor vehicle must be marked as specified below:

Markings must display:

- The legal name or a single trade name of the motor carrier.
- The identification number issued by the FMCSA, preceded by the letters "USDOT."
- 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 information required above and preceded by the words "operated by."
- Vehicles with a Utah base plate must also display the gross registered weight if registered by gross laden weight and exceeding 12,000 pounds (UCA 41-1a-229)

Markings must:

- Appear on both sides of the vehicle;
- Be in letters that contrast sharply in color;
- Be readily legible, during daylight, from a distance of 50 feet; and
- Be maintained to ensure readability.
- Lettering shall be free from obstruction.

INTRASTATE OPERATIONS

[UCA 72-9-105](#) and [UCA 41-1a-229](#)

- An intrastate motor carrier shall have lettered on both sides of any vehicle used for transportation of persons or property:
 - the name of the motor carrier company; and
 - the location of domicile by city and state for an intrastate commercial **vehicle**
- The lettering shall be free from obstruction and legible from a distance of at least 50 feet.
- In addition to the lettering required under Subsection (1), the department may require an identification number assigned by the department to be displayed in accordance with this section.
 - The number may be used to assist the department in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Transportation to develop a program to improve motor carrier safety enforcement.
 - An intrastate commercial vehicle primarily used by a farmer for the production of agricultural products is exempt from the provisions of this section.
- Farm Operation Exemption: A commercial vehicle primarily used by a farmer for the production of agricultural product is exempt from the provisions of this section. [UCA 72-9-105\(4\)](#). However, they are not required to have the gross registered weight displayed if they are based in Utah.

(Refer to 72-9-105)