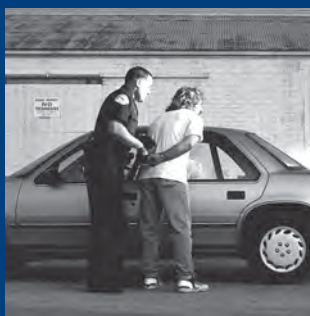
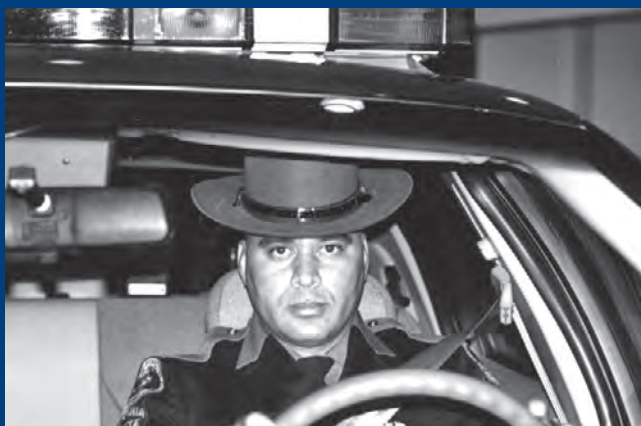


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FOREWORD

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is responsible for establishing and enforcing vehicle antitheft regulations. Motor vehicle theft is a growing problem that results in billions of dollars in losses every year. NHTSA has developed this annual guide to provide the law enforcement community with a concise reference tool to help identify passenger motor vehicles that have been exempted from the parts-marking requirements through model year 2012 and also to assist law enforcement in their prosecution and motor vehicle theft prevention efforts. This new guide provides a quick-reference, comprehensive summary of the vehicles that have been installed with antitheft devices as standard equipment, identifying which vehicles are exempted from the parts-marking requirements, the type of exemption granted (partial or full), and the production year(s) for which the exemption applies.

This and future versions of the *Vehicle Theft Prevention Quick Reference Guide for the Law Enforcement Community* will provide comprehensive information for vehicle lines. The parts-marking requirements have been extended to include:

- all passenger cars,
- all multipurpose passenger vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 6,000 pounds or less,
- all light-duty trucks with a gross vehicle weight rating of 6,000 pounds or less determined to be high-theft, and
- all low-theft, light-duty trucks with a gross vehicle weight rating of 6,000 pounds or less having a majority of their major parts interchangeable with those of a passenger motor vehicle line subject to the theft prevention standard.

As a result of that amendment, this and future publications of the guide will provide updated information to the law enforcement community **only on new truck lines that have become subject to the parts-marking requirements and information on existing and newly exempted vehicle lines.**

On April 6, 2004, NHTSA adopted a phase-in of the parts-marking requirements (69 FR 17960) over a two-year period. Specifically, vehicle lines representing not less than 50 percent of a manufacturer's production of vehicle lines that were not subject to the parts-marking requirements before September 1, 2006, must have been marked by September 1, 2007. Because of the phase-in, this publication lists the vehicle lines reported by manufacturers that were used during the phase-in provision to delay parts-marking until September 1, 2008. It also lists those vehicle lines reported by manufacturers as having an annual vehicle production of 3,500 or less, which are excluded from the parts-marking requirements, and their new 2012 vehicle line introductions.

Comprehensive information on vehicle lines that were determined to be likely high-theft and subject to the parts-marking requirements prior to extension of the rule may be obtained from previous issues of the *Parts-Marking Quick Reference Guide for the Law Enforcement Community* online at www.nhtsa.gov/Vehicle+Safety/Vehicle-Related+Theft.

This guide provides the most reliable and updated information available from the vehicle manufacturers at the time of publication.

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VEHICLE LINES EXEMPTED FROM THE PARTS-MARKING REQUIREMENTS

MAKE/MODEL	EXEMPTION TYPE (FULL/PARTIAL)	PRODUCTION YEARS EXEMPTED FROM PARTS-MARKING	REFERENCE INFORMATION (MY=MODEL YEAR)
AUDI AG			
Audi 100	FULL	1989–1994	Renamed Audi A6 in MY 1995.
Audi 200	FULL	1989–1991	Renamed Audi S4 in MY 1992.
Audi A3	FULL	2010–2012	
Audi A4/A5/S4/S5/RS4	FULL	2007–2012	RS4 not produced in MYs 2009 and 2010.
Audi A6/A7/S6/RS6 ¹	FULL	1995–2012	Replaced the Audi 100 in MY 1995. RS6 not produced in MYs 2009 and 2010.
Audi A8/A8L/S8	FULL	2012	
Audi Q5	FULL	2009–2012	
Audi S4 ²	FULL	1992–1994	Replaced by the Audi S6 in MY 1995. Replaced the Audi 200 in MY 1992. Not produced after MY 1994.
Audi S6	FULL	1995–1998	Replaced the Audi S4 in MY 1995. Not produced after MY 1998.
Audi Allroad (MPV)	FULL	2001–2005	Not produced after MY 2005.
Audi Cabriolet	FULL	1994–1998	Not produced after MY 1998.
AUSTIN ROVER			
Sterling	FULL	1987–1991	Not produced after MY 1991.
BMW			
1 Car Line ³	FULL	2008–2012	
3 Car Line ⁴	FULL	1999–2012	
5 Car Line ⁵	FULL	1997–2012	
6 Car Line ⁶	FULL	2004–2010 2012	Production stopped after MY 1989, but vehicle line was reintroduced in MY 2004. Not produced in MY 2011.
7 Car Line ⁷	FULL	1988 1995–2012	Exemption was discontinued in MY 1989 and resumed with MY 1995.
8 Car Line ⁸	FULL	1992–1997	Not produced after MY 1997.
MINI ⁹	FULL	2002–2012	
X3 ¹⁰	FULL	2007–2012	
X5 (MPV)	FULL	2000–2011	Exemption was not used because X5 is MPV with GVWR over 6,000 lbs.
Z4	FULL	2003–2012	

¹ Audi produced both an S6 vehicle line, and a model carrying the same name plate. The S6 model was added to the A6 vehicle line in MY 2002 and the RS6 model was added in MY 2003. Includes the A7 model.

² For clarification purposes, Audi produced an S4 vehicle line, and a model carrying the same nameplate. The S4 model was added to the A4 vehicle line in MY 2000. The A4 line (produced MY's 2000–2004) is not subject to the parts-marking requirements. However, the S4 line (produced MY's 1992–1994) is subject to the parts-marking requirements.

³ Includes all 128 and 135 models.

⁴ Includes all 318, 323, 325, 328, 330, 335 and M3 models.

⁵ Includes all 524, 525, 528, 530, 533, 535, 540, 545, 550 and M5 models.

⁶ Includes all 633, 635, 645, 650 and M6 models.

⁷ Includes all 733, 735, 740, 745, 750, 760 and B7 models.

⁸ Includes all 840 and 850 models.

⁹ Includes all MINI models.

¹⁰ Includes all X3 models.

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CHRYSLER LLC			
Chrysler 300C	FULL	2006–2012	
Chrysler Conquest	FULL	1987–1989	Not produced after MY 1989.
Chrysler Imperial	FULL	1990–1993	Not produced after MY 1993.
Chrysler Town & Country (MPV)	FULL	2005–2011	Exemption not used. MY 2012 over 6,000 lbs GVWR.
Dodge Challenger	FULL	2008–2012	Replaced the Magnum in MY 2008.
Dodge Charger	FULL	2007–2012	
Dodge Journey	FULL	2010–2012	
Fiat 500	FULL	2012	
Jeep Grand Cherokee (MPV)	FULL	2004–2012	
Jeep Patriot	FULL	2011–2012	
Jeep Wrangler	FULL	2009–2012	
DAIMLER AG/MERCEDES-BENZ			
124 Line¹¹ (E-Class)	FULL	1993–1995	The 124 line (E-Class) was replaced by the 210 line (E-Class) in MY 1996. The 210 line was not subject to the parts-marking requirements.
260E			Not produced after MY 1989.
300D		1993	Not produced after MY 1993. Replaced by the E300 model in MY 1995.
300E		1993	300E, 300CE and 300TE models were renamed the E320 model in MY 1994.
300CE		1993	300E, 300CE and 300TE models were renamed the E320 model in MY 1994.
300TD			Not produced after MY 1987.
300TE		1993	300E, 300CE and 300TE models were renamed the E320 model in MY 1994.
400E		1993	Renamed the E420 model in MY 1994.
500E		1993	Renamed the E500 model in MY 1994.
E300		1995	Replaced the 300D model in MY 1995. The 124 line E300 model was not produced after MY 1995.
E320		1994–1995	Replaced the 300E, 300CE and 300TE models in MY 1994. The 124 line E320 model was not produced after MY 1995.
E420		1994–1995	Replaced the 400E in MY 1994. The 124 line E420 model was not produced after MY 1995.

¹¹ Includes the 260E, 300D, 300E, 300CE, 300TD, 300TE, 400E, 500E, E300, E320, E420 (MYs 1994–1995 only), and E500 models

MAKE/MODEL	EXEMPTION TYPE (FULL/PARTIAL)	PRODUCTION YEARS EXEMPTED FROM PARTS-MARKING	REFERENCE INFORMATION (MY=MODEL YEAR)
DAIMLER AG/MERCEDES-BENZ (continued)			
124 Line¹¹ (continued) (E-Class)	FULL	1993–1995	The 124 line (E-Class) was replaced by the 210 line (E-Class) in MY 1996. The 210 line was not subject to the parts-marking requirements.
E500		1994–1995	Replaced the 500E in MY 1994. The 124 line E500 model was not produced after MY 1995.
129 Line¹² (SL-Class)	FULL	1993–2002	Replaced the 107 line (SL-Class) in MY 1990. The 129 line (SL-Class) was replaced by the 230 line (SL-Class) in MY 2003. The 230 line was not subject to the parts-marking requirements.
300SL		1993	Not produced after MY 1993. Replaced by the SL320 model in MY 1994.
500SL		1993	Renamed the SL500 model in MY 1994.
600SL		1993	Renamed the SL600 model in MY 1994.
SL320		1994–1997	Replaced the 300SL in MY 1994. The 129 line SL320 model was not produced after MY 1997.
SL500		1994–2002	Replaced the 500SL in MY 1994. The 129 line SL500 model was not produced after MY 2002.
SL600		1994–2002	Replaced the 600SL in MY 1994. The 129 line SL600 model was not produced after MY 2002.
202 Line¹³ (C-Class)	FULL	1996–2000	Replaced the 201 line (190-Class) in MY 1994. Replaced by the 203 line (C-Class) in MY 2001.
C220		1996	The 202 line C220 model was not produced after MY 1996.
C230		1997–2000	The 202 line C230 model was not produced after MY 2000.
C280		1996–2000	The 202 line C280 model was not produced after MY 2000.
C36		1996–1997	The 202 line C36 model was not produced after MY 1997.
C43		1998–2000	The 202 line C43 model was not produced after MY 2000.

¹¹ Includes the 260E, 300D, 300E, 300CE, 300TD, 300TE, 400E, 500E, E300, E320, E420 (MYs 1994–1995 only), and E500 models

¹² Includes the 300SL, 500SL, 600SL, SL320, SL500, and SL600 models.

¹³ Includes the C220, C230, C280, C36, and C43 models.

MAKE/MODEL	EXEMPTION TYPE (FULL/PARTIAL)	PRODUCTION YEARS EXEMPTED FROM PARTS-MARKING	REFERENCE INFORMATION (MY=MODEL YEAR)
DAIMLER AG/MERCEDES-BENZ (continued)			
C Line Chassis¹⁴ (C-Class/CLK-Class/GLK-Class)	FULL	2008–2012	The 202 line (C-Class) was replaced by the 203 line in MY 2001. The 203 line was replaced by the 204 line (C-Class) in MY 2008.
(C-Class/CLK-Class)		2008–2012	
(GLK-Class)		2010–2012	The GLK is based on the 204 chassis.
E Line Chassis¹⁵ (E-Class/CLS-Class)	FULL	2006–2012	The 211 line (E-Class) was replaced by the 212 line MY 2010.
(E-Class) ¹⁶		2006–2012	
(CLS-Class) ¹⁷		2006–2012	The CLS is based on the 211 chassis.
S Line Chassis¹⁸ (S-Class/CL-Class)	FULL	2007–2012	The 220 line (S-Class) was replaced by the 221 line in MY 2007.
(S-Class) ¹⁹		2007–2012	
(CL-Class) ²⁰		2007–2012	
SL-Class Line Chassis²¹ (SL-Class)	FULL	2011–2012	
SL550		2011–2012	
SL63 AMG		2011–2012	
SL65 AMG		2011–2012	
SLK Line Chassis²² (SLK-Class)	FULL	2010–2012	
SLK300		2010–2012	
SLK350		2010–2012	
SLK55 AMG		2010–2012	
Smart USA fortwo	FULL	2009–2012	
FORD			
Ford Escape	FULL	2009–2012	
Ford Explorer	FULL	2011–2012	
Ford Five Hundred	FULL	2007	Not produced after MY 2007. Renamed Taurus in MY 2008.
Ford Focus	FULL	2006–2012	
Ford Fusion	FULL	2012	
Ford Mustang	FULL	1999–2012	

¹⁴ The “C Line Chassis” combined the C-Class (204 line) and the CLK-Class (209 line) in MY 2008. The GLK-Class (204) line was added to the C Line Chassis in MY 2010.

¹⁵ The “E Line Chassis” combined the E-Class (211 line) and the CLS-Class (219 line) in MY 2008.

¹⁶ Includes the E55, E320/E320 BLUETECH/E320TD CDi, E63 AMG, E350 and E500, E550.

¹⁷ Includes the CLS 53 AMG, CLS 55, CLS 500, CLS 550 and CLS 55.

¹⁸ The “S Line Chassis” combined the S-Class (221 line) and the CL-Class (216 line) in MY 2007.

¹⁹ The “S-Class” includes the S55, S63 AMG, S65 AMG, S450, S500, S550 and S600 models.

²⁰ The “CL-Class” includes the CL55, CL65 AMG, CL500, CL550 and CL600 models.

²¹ The “SL-Class” includes the SL550, SL63 AMG, and the SL 65 AMG models.

²² The “SLK-Class” includes the SLK300, SLK350, and SLK55 AMG models.

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FORD (continued)			
Ford Taurus	FULL	2000–2006 2008–2012	Not produced in MY 2007.
Ford Taurus X	FULL	2008–2009	Formerly known as Freestyle. Not produced after MY 2009.
Lincoln Town Car	FULL	2003–2011	Not produced after MY 2011.
Mercury Grand Marquis	FULL	2002–2011	Not produced after MY 2011.
Mercury Mariner	FULL	2010–2011	Not produced after MY 2011.
Mercury Sable	FULL	2001–2009	(Original) Sable produced MYs 1997 – 2005. Not produced in MYs 2006 and 2007. Resumed in MY 2008. Not produced after MY 2009.
GENERAL MOTORS			
Buick LaCrosse/Century	FULL	2005–2009	Regal/Century renamed LaCrosse/Century in MY 2005.
Buick LaCrosse	FULL	2010	Formerly named LaCrosse/Century.
Buick LaCrosse/Regal	FULL	2011–2012	Formerly named Buick LaCrosse/Century.
Buick LeSabre	PARTIAL FULL	1993–1999 2000–2005	From MYs 1993–1999, parts-marking was required for the engine and transmission only. Renamed the Lucerne in MY 2006.
Buick Lucerne	FULL	2006–2011	LeSabre renamed Lucerne in MY 2006. Not produced after MY 2011.
Buick Park Avenue	PARTIAL FULL	1992–1996 1997–2005	From MYs 1992–1996, parts-marking was required for the engine and transmission only. Not produced after MY 2005.
Buick Regal	FULL	1996–2004	Renamed LaCrosse in MY 2005.
Buick Regal/Century	FULL	1997–2004	Renamed LaCrosse/Century in MY 2005.
Buick Riviera	FULL	1995–1999	Not produced after MY 1999.
Cadillac Allante	FULL	1988–1993	Not produced after MY 1993.
Cadillac Concours	PARTIAL	1994–2000	Replaced the Cadillac Sixty Special in MY 1994. Required parts-marking for the engine and transmission only. Not produced after MY 2000.
Cadillac CTS	FULL	2011–2012	
Cadillac DeVille	PARTIAL FULL	1991–1999 2000–2005	From MYs 1991–1999, parts-marking was required for the engine and transmission only. Renamed the DTS in MY 2006.
Cadillac DTS	FULL	2006–2012	DeVille renamed the DTS in MY 2006.
Cadillac Eldorado	PARTIAL	1994–2002	From MYs 1994–2002, parts-marking was required for the engine and transmission only. Not produced after MY 2002.

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GENERAL MOTORS (continued)			
Cadillac Fleetwood	PARTIAL	1991–1992	Renamed Sixty Special in MY 1993. From MYs 1991–1992, parts-marking was required for the engine and transmission only.
Cadillac Seville	PARTIAL FULL	1994–1997 1998–2004	From MYs 1994–1997, parts-marking was required for the engine and transmission only. Not produced after MY 2004.
Cadillac Sixty Special	PARTIAL	1993	Replaced the Cadillac Fleetwood in MY 1993. Renamed Concours in MY 1994. For MY 1993, parts-marking was required for the engine and transmission only.
Chevrolet Camaro	PARTIAL FULL	1990–2002 2010–2012	From MYs 1990–2002, parts-marking was required for the engine and transmission only. Not produced for MYs 2003–2009.
Chevrolet Cavalier	FULL	1997–2005	Not produced after MY 2005.
Chevrolet Classic	FULL	2004	Formerly identified as the Chevrolet Malibu which was produced from MY 1997 through 2003.
Chevrolet Cobalt	FULL	2005–2010	Renamed Chevrolet Cruz in MY 2011.
Chevrolet Corvette	FULL	1987–2012	
Chevrolet Cruz	FULL	2011	Replaced the Chevrolet Cobalt in MY 2011.
Chevrolet Equinox	FULL	2009–2012	
Chevrolet Impala/Monte Carlo	FULL	2000–2012	Replaced the Lumina/Monte Carlo in MY 2000.
Chevrolet Lumina/Monte Carlo	FULL	1996–1999	Monte Carlo nameplate was assigned to the 2-door Lumina coupe model in MY 1995. Renamed Impala/Monte Carlo in MY 2000.
Chevrolet Malibu	FULL	2001–2003	Replaced the Corsica beginning with MY 1997. The Chevrolet Malibu produced MY 1997 thru 2003 was renamed the Chevrolet Classic in MY 2004.
Chevrolet Malibu/ Malibu Maxx	FULL	2006–2012	Malibu Maxx not produced after MY 2007.
Chevrolet Uplander (MPV)	FULL	2005–2008	Replaced the Venture in MY 2005. Not produced after MY 2008.
Chevrolet Venture (MPV)	FULL	2002–2004	Renamed Uplander in MY 2005.
GMC Terrain	FULL	2010–2012	
Oldsmobile Alero	FULL	1999–2004	Replaced the Achieva in MY 1999. Not produced after MY 2004.
Oldsmobile Aurora	FULL FULL	1995–1999 2001–2003	Replaced the Oldsmobile Toronado in MY 1995. Not produced in MY 2000. Not produced after MY 2003.
Oldsmobile Eighty-Eight	PARTIAL	1993–1999	From MYs 1993–1999, parts-marking was required for the engine and transmission only. Not produced after MY 1999.

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GENERAL MOTORS (continued)			
Oldsmobile Ninety-Eight	PARTIAL	1991–1999	From MYs 1991–1999, parts-marking was required for the engine and transmission only. Not produced after MY 1999.
Oldsmobile Toronado	Exemption applied beginning with re-introduction of the line as the Oldsmobile Aurora in MY 1995.		Toronado not produced after MY 1992. Reintroduced as Oldsmobile Aurora in MY 1995.
Pontiac Bonneville	PARTIAL FULL	1992–1999 2000–2005	From MYs 1992–1999, parts-marking was required for the engine and transmission only. Not produced after MY 2005.
Pontiac Firebird	PARTIAL	1990–2002	From MYs 1991–2002, parts-marking was required for the engine and transmission only. Not produced after MY 2002.
Pontiac G6	FULL	2007–2010	Not produced after MY 2010.
Pontiac Grand Am	FULL	2000–2005	Not produced after MY 2005.
Pontiac Grand Prix	FULL	2003–2008	Not produced after MY 2008.
Pontiac Sunfire	FULL	1998–2005	Not produced after MY 2005.
Saturn Aura	FULL	2008–2009	Not produced after MY 2009.
HONDA			
Acura CL	FULL	1997–1999; 2001–2003	Not produced in MY 2000. Not produced after MY 2003.
Acura Legend	FULL	1991–1995	Renamed Acura RL in MY 1996.
Acura NSX	FULL	1991–2005	Not produced after MY 2005.
Acura RL	FULL	1996–2012	Replaced the Acura Legend in MY 1996.
Acura SLX (MPV)	FULL	1997	Exemption was not used in MY 1998 and 1999. Not produced after MY 1999.
Acura TL	FULL	1995–2012	Replaced the Acura Vigor in MY 1995.
Acura Vigor	FULL	1992–1994	Renamed the Acura TL in MY 1995.
HYUNDAI			
Azera	FULL	2008–2012	
Equus	FULL	2011–2012	
Genesis	FULL	2009	Exemption was discontinued in MY 2009.
ISUZU			
Axiom (MPV)	FULL	2003–2004	Not produced after MY 2004.
JAGUAR LAND ROVER			
New XJ Series ²³	FULL	2010–2012	
Range Rover Evoque	FULL	2012	
XK ²⁴	FULL	1997–2012	XK Sports not produced after MY 2006.

²³ Includes the XJL, XJ Supercharged, XJL Supercharged, XJ Supersport, and XJL Supersport.

²⁴ MYs 1997–2006 XK Sports includes the XK8 and the XKR models. MYs 2007–2011 XK Series includes the XK Coupe, XK Convertible and XKR models.

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KIA			
Amanti	FULL	2009	Exemption was not used in MY 2009. Not produced after MY 2009.
MAZDA			
Mazda 2	FULL	2011–2012	
Mazda 3	FULL	2006–2012	
Mazda 5	FULL	2009–2012	
Mazda 6	FULL	2003–2012	Replaced the 626 in MY 2003.
929	FULL	1988–1995	Not produced after MY 1995.
CX-7	FULL	2007–2012	Not produced after MY 2012.
CX-9	FULL	2008–2012	
Millenia	FULL	1995–2002	Not produced after MY 2002.
MX-5 Miata	FULL	2005–2012	
RX-7	FULL	1988–1995	Not produced after MY 1995.
Tribute	FULL	2010–2011	Not produced after MY 2011.
MITSUBISHI			
Diamante	FULL	1993–2004	Not produced after MY 2004.
Eclipse	FULL	2007–2012	
Endeavor	FULL	2006–2012	
Galant	FULL	2006–2012	The Galant received a full exemption beginning MY 1987. However, Mitsubishi did not use its exemption from MY 1987 through MY 2005. Therefore, parts-marking was required for the Galant from MY 1987–2005. Exemption was used beginning with MY 2006.
Lancer	FULL	2010–2012	
Outlander	FULL	2011–2012	
Outlander Sport	FULL	2012	
Starion	FULL	1987–1990	Not produced after MY 1990.
NISSAN			
300ZX	FULL	1987–1996	Not produced after MY 1996.
Altima	FULL	2000–2012	
Cube	FULL	2011–2012	
Leaf	FULL	2012	
Maxima	FULL FULL	1987–1994 1999–2012	Exemption was discontinued in MY 1995 and resumed with MY 1999.
Murano	FULL	2010–2012	Not produced in MY 2008.
Pathfinder	FULL	2001–2012	
Quest	FULL	2006–2009, 2011–2012	Not produced for MY 2010.

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NISSAN (continued)			
Rogue	FULL	2009–2012	
Sentra/200SX	FULL	2007–2012	200SX was not produced after MY 1998.
Versa	FULL	2008–2011	Renamed Versa Hatchback in MY 2012. Exemption discontinued in MY 2012.
Infiniti G ²⁵	FULL	2003–2012	G35 (Coupe) renamed Infiniti G37 in MY 2008. Infiniti G35 (Sedan) renamed Infiniti G37 in MY 2009.
Infiniti I30/I35	FULL	1996–2004	I30 not produced after MY 2001. I35 not produced after MY 2004.
Infiniti J30	FULL	1993–1997	Not produced after MY 1997.
Infiniti M30	FULL	1990–1992	Not produced after MY 1992.
Infiniti M ²⁶	FULL	2004, 2006–2012	M35 not produced for MY 2003–2004. M35 and M45 not produced in MY 2005.
Infiniti QX4	FULL	1997–2003	Not produced after MY 2003.
Infiniti Q45	FULL	1990 – 2006	Not produced after MY 2006.
PORSCHE			
911	FULL FULL	1990–1993 1995–2012	Exemption was discontinued in MY 1994 and resumed with MY 1995.
928	FULL	1990–1995	Not produced after MY 1995.
968	FULL	1992–1995	Not produced after MY 1995.
Boxster/Cayman	FULL	1997–2012	The Cayman model was added to the Boxster line in MY 2006.
Panamera	FULL	2010–2012	
SAAB			
Saab 9-3	FULL	1999–2012	Replaced the 900 in MY 1999.
Saab 9-5	FULL	2011–2012	
Saab 900	FULL	1994 – 1998	Not produced after MY 1998. Renamed the 9-3 in MY 1999.
Saab 9000	FULL	1989 – 1998	Not produced after MY 1998. Replaced by the 9-5 in MY 1999. The 9-5 was not subject to the parts-marking requirements until September 1, 2006, unless it was granted a parts-marking exemption or the manufacturer utilized the 2007/2008 phase-in provision.
SUBARU			
B9 Tribeca/Tribeca	FULL	2006–2012	
Forester	FULL	2009–2012	
Impreza	FULL	2008–2012	

²⁵ Infiniti G line includes the G25, G35 and G37 models.

²⁶ Infiniti M line includes the M35, M45, M37, and M56.

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SUBARU (continued)			
Legacy	FULL	2011–2012	
Outback	FULL	2010–2012	
SUZUKI			
New XL7	FULL	2007–2009	The New XL7 became a separate line from the Grand Vitara in MY 2007. Not produced after MY 2009.
Kizashi	FULL	2012	
TESLA			
Model S	FULL	2012	
TOYOTA			
Toyota Camry	FULL	2011–2012	
Toyota Corolla	FULL	2012	
Toyota Cressida	FULL	1987–1992	Not produced after MY 1992.
Toyota Supra	FULL	1987–1998	Not produced after MY 1998.
Lexus ES	FULL	1990–2012	
Lexus GS	FULL	1993 – 2011	Not produced in MY 2012.
Lexus LS	FULL	1990–2012	
Lexus SC	FULL FULL	1992-2000 2002-2010	Not produced in MY 2001. Not produced in MY 2010.
VOLKSWAGEN			
Volkswagen Beetle/Beetle Convertible	FULL	2012	
Volkswagen Cabrio	FULL	1995–2002	Replaced the VW Cabriolet in MY 1995. Not produced after MY 2002.
Volkswagen Cabriolet	Exemption applied beginning with re-introduction of the line as the Volkswagen Cabrio in MY 1995.		The “original” VW Cabriolet was not produced after MY 1993. Reintroduced as the VW Cabrio in MY 1995.
Volkswagen Corrado	FULL	1995	Not produced after MY 1995.
Volkswagen Golf/GTI/Golf R	FULL	2010–2012	Rabbit renamed Golf in MY 2010.
Volkswagen Golf/GTI/R32	FULL	1996–2005	Golf renamed Rabbit in MY 2006. R32 produced in MYs 2004 only.
Volkswagen Jetta/Jetta III/Jetta Sportwagen/Jetta GLI	FULL	1994–2012	
Volkswagen New Beetle/New Beetle Convertible	FULL	2008–2011	Renamed Volkswagen Beetle/Beetle Convertible in MY 2012.
Volkswagen Passat/CC	FULL	1997–2012	The CC model was added to the Passat line in MY 2009.
Volkswagen Rabbit/GTI/R32	FULL	2006 – 2009	Replaced the Golf in MY 2006. R32 produced in MY 2008 only.
Volkswagen Tiguan	FULL	2011–2012	

PHASED-IN VEHICLES NOT PARTS-MARKED IN MY 2007

Chrysler Pacifica
Chrysler Crossfire
Chrysler PT Cruiser
Dodge Magnum
Cadillac CTS
Cadillac STS
Cadillac XLR
Chevrolet Equinox
Chevrolet Aveo
Pontiac Torrent
Pontiac Solstice
Pontiac G5
Pontiac G8
Saturn Sky
Saturn Astra

Saturn Aura
Saab 9-5
Mazda 5
Mazda RX-8
Mazda CX-9
Nissan 350Z
Infiniti FX35/FX45
Audi A3
VW New Beetle/Beetle Convertible
Volvo C70
Volvo S40
Volvo V50
Volvo V70
Volvo XC70

LOW VOLUME VEHICLE LINES (3,500 OR FEWER UNITS)

MY 2009	MY 2010	MY 2011	MY 2012
Audi R8	Audi R8	Audi R8	Audi R8
Aston Martin DB9	Aston Martin DB9	Aston Martin DB9	Aston Martin DB9
Aston Martin DBS	Aston Martin DBS	Aston Martin DBS	Aston Martin DBS
Aston Martin V8 Vantage	Aston Martin Vantage	Aston Martin Vantage	Aston Martin Vantage
Bentley Arnage R/T/RL	Aston Martin Rapide	Aston Martin Rapide	Aston Martin Rapide
Bentley Azure	Bentley Azure	Aston Martin Virage	Aston Martin Virage
Bentley Brooklands	Bentley Brooklands	Bentley Continental GTC	Bentley Continental Flying Spur
Bentley Continental GT	Bentley Continental GT	Bentley Continental Flying Spur	Bentley Continental GT
Bentley Continental GTC	Bentley Continental GTC	Bentley Mulsanne	Bentley Continental GTC
Bentley Continental Flying Spur	Bentley Continental Flying Spur	Ferrari 458 Italia	Bentley Mulsanne
Cadillac XLR	Bentley Mulsanne	Ferrari 599 GTB Fiorano	Ferrari California
Dodge Viper	Ferrari 458 Italia	Ferrari 599 GTO	Ferrari FF
Ferrari 430 Scuderia	Ferrari 599 GTB Fiorano	Ferrari 599 SA Aperta	Ferrari 458 Italia
Ferrari 599 GTB Fiorano	Ferrari 612 Scaglietti	Ferrari 612 Scaglietti	Ferrari 458 Spider
Ferrari 612 Scaglietti	Ferrari California	Ferrari California	Lexus HS 250h
Ferrari California	Lamborghini Gallardo	Lexus HS 250h	Lexus IS F
Ferrari F430/F430 Spider	Lamborghini Murcielago	Lexus IS F	Lexus LFA
Ferrari Scudferia Spider 16M	Lexus IS F	Maserati Granturismo	Maserati Granturismo Convertible
Lamborghini Gallardo	Maserati Granturismo	Maserati Granturismo S	Maserati Granturismo Convertible Sport
Lamborghini Murcielago	Maserati Granturismo S	Maserati Granturismo S Automatic	Maserati Granturismo MC
Maserati Granturismo	Maserati Granturismo S Automatic	Maserati Granturismo Convertible	Maserati Granturismo S Automatic
Maserati Granturismo S	Maserati Granturismo Convertible	Maserati Quattroporte	Maserati Quattroporte S
Maserati Granturismo S Automatic	Maserati Quattroporte	Maserati Quattroporte S	Maserati Quattroporte Sport GT S
Maserati Quattroporte	Maserati Quattroporte S	Maserati Quattroporte Sport GT S	
Maserati Quattroporte S	Maserati Quattroporte Sport GT S	Spyker C8	
Maserati Quattroporte Sport GT S	Saab 9-5	Tesla Roadster	
Mercedes-Benz SLR-Class	Spyker C8		
Rolls-Royce Phantom	Tesla Roadster		
Saab 9-5			
Spyker C8			
Tesla Roadster			

NEW VEHICLE LINES BY MODEL YEAR

MY 2009	MY 2010	MY 2011	MY 2012
Audi TTS	Acura ZDX	Chevrolet Caprice PPV ²⁷	Coda Automotive Coda
Audi Q5	BMW X6	Chevrolet Cruz	Ferrari 458 Italia Spider
Dodge Journey	Cadillac SRX SUV	Chevrolet Volt	Ferrari FF
Ford Flex	Ferrari 458 Italia	Ferrari 599 GTO	Fiat 500
Hyundai Accent	Ferrari California	Ferrari 599 SA Aperta	Honda Crosstour
Hyundai Genesis	Ford Transit Connect	Ford Fiesta	Lexus LFA
Infiniti FX50	GMC Terrain	Honda CR-Z	Nissan Juke
Jaguar XF	Honda Accord Crosstour	Honda Acura TSX Sportwagon	Nissan Leaf
Kia Amanti	Kia Borrego	Lexus CT 200h	Tesla Model S
Kia XF	Kia Forte	Volvo S60	Toyota Prius C
Lincoln MKS	Kia Soul		Toyota Prius Plug-in Hybrid
Maserati Granturismo S	Lexus Evora		Toyota Prius v
Maserati Granturismo S Automatic	Lexus HS 250h		Toyota Scion iQ
Maserati Quattroporte S	Lexus IS C		
Maserati Quattroporte Sport GT S	Lincoln MKT		
Mini John Cooper Works	Maserati Granturismo Convertible		
Nissan Cube	Mercedes-Benz E-Class Coupe		
Nissan GT-R	Mercedes-Benz GLK Class MPV		
Pontiac G-3	Jaguar XJ Series		
Rolls-Royce Phantom	Porsche Panamera		
Suzuki Equator	Rolls Royce Ghost		
Toyota Venza	Suzuki Kizashi		
Volkswagen CC	Volkswagen Golf/GTI		
Volkswagen Routan	Volvo XC60		
Volkswagen Tiquan			
Volvo C30			

²⁷ PPV - Police Patrol Vehicle

BACKGROUND

In 1984, the Motor Vehicle Theft Law Enforcement Act was created. It added Title VI to the Motor Vehicle and Information Cost Savings Act (recodified as Chapter 331 of Title 49, United States Code). As a means to prevent the theft of motor vehicles for their parts, the 1984 Theft Act required passenger cars and the major replacement parts for those cars to have vehicle identification numbers. This act required the Secretary of Transportation to complete a number of rulemaking actions targeted to reduce and deter motor vehicle theft. These rulemaking actions established standards for selecting high-theft cars and for identifying which parts of these high-theft cars should be marked with the vehicle identification number. Future rulemakings required compilation of theft rates for passenger cars, and for insurance companies to provide the Federal Government with data on their theft and recovery experience.

On October 24, 1985, NHTSA published the Federal Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard, 49 CFR Part 541. The purpose of this standard is to reduce motor vehicle theft by assisting law enforcement authorities trace and recover the parts from stolen vehicles. The standard requires manufacturers to inscribe or attach the vehicle identification number (VIN) onto major parts of vehicles identified by the agency as likely high-theft car lines. This standard became effective beginning with the 1987 model year and required that selected high-theft car lines have 12 (two-door models) or 14 (four-door models) of its major component parts-marked with the VIN. Each vehicle in a high-theft line must have its major parts and major replacement parts marked unless the vehicle line is granted an exemption from the parts-marking requirements. The vehicle can be exempted if an antitheft device has been installed as standard equipment on the entire line.

As a result of an increase in motor vehicle thefts and associated crimes, the Anti Car Theft Act of 1992 (the 1992 Theft Act) was created. The 1992 Theft Act identified carjackings and owning or operating a “chop shop” as Federal crimes carrying with them stiff

criminal penalties. The 1992 Theft Act amended the Theft Prevention Standard by extending the Federal parts-marking requirements to include light-duty trucks and multipurpose passenger vehicles (with a gross vehicle weight rating of 6,000 pounds or less). On December 13, 1994, the final rule amending the Theft Prevention Standard was published. This December 1994 rulemaking extended the parts-marking requirements as follows: (a) included multipurpose passenger vehicles and light-duty trucks; (b) listed the major component parts and replacement parts to be marked for each of the classes of vehicles such as the engine, transmission, front/rear bumper, right/left front fender, hood, right/left front door, right/left rear door, sliding or cargo door(s), right/left quarter panel (passenger cars), right/left-side assembly (MPVs), pickup box, and/or cargo box (light-duty trucks), rear doors, decklid or hatchback and tailgate; and (c) established a new median theft rate (3.5826) for all passenger motor vehicles. This amendment became effective beginning with MY 1997 vehicles.

On August 28, 1985, NHTSA published the Procedures for Selecting Lines to Be Covered by the Theft Prevention Standard, 49 CFR Part 542. This August 1985 regulation established procedures to determine which passenger motor vehicle lines (passenger cars only) are covered by the Theft Prevention Standard. These procedures require automobile manufacturers to provide NHTSA with information necessary to select whether a new vehicle introduced for sale into the United States is likely to be a high-theft line and subject to the parts-marking requirements. On April 26, 1994, this regulation was amended to apply to all passenger cars, multipurpose passenger vehicles, and light-duty trucks (rated at 6,000 pounds gross vehicle weight or less).

On September 8, 1987, NHTSA published the regulation titled Exemption from the Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard, 49 CFR Part 543. This regulation encourages the installation of antitheft devices as standard equipment in factory-delivered motor vehicles. This rule allows for exemption

from the parts-marking requirements of the Theft Prevention Standard. A manufacturer may petition for exemption of a high-theft vehicle line when it plans to install a standard equipment antitheft device on the entire line. The agency must determine that the antitheft device to be installed on the line is “likely to be as effective in reducing and deterring motor vehicle theft as parts marking.” On March 8, 1994, this regulation was amended to limit the number of high-theft lines that could be exempted per model year.

On April 6, 2004, NHTSA published a Final Rule extending the anti-theft parts-marking requirements of the Federal Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard, CFR Part 541. This regulation expands NHTSA’s current anti-theft parts-marking requirement to include: (1) all below-median-theft-rate passenger cars and multipurpose passenger vehicles (with a gross vehicle weight rating of 6,000 pounds or less), and (2) below-median-theft-rate light-duty trucks with major parts that are interchangeable with passenger motor vehicles subject to parts-marking. This final rule became effective September 1, 2006.

On May 19, 2005, NHTSA published a Final Rule responding to petitions for reconsideration of the new rule extending the anti-theft parts-marking requirements. This Final Rule made the following changes and clarifications to the agency’s expanded parts-marking requirements: (1) manufacturers are no longer required to submit “likely theft rate determinations” for vehicle lines introduced prior to the September 1, 2006, effective date if the manufacturers choose to voluntarily mark the new vehicle lines immediately after their introduction; (2) manufacturers are permitted to petition the agency to exempt low-theft vehicle lines equipped with antitheft devices from the parts-marking requirements beginning with model year 2006; and (3) vehicle lines with annual production of not more than 3,500 vehicles are excluded from the parts-marking requirements.

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