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Vehicle Theft Prevention Quick Reference Guide

FOR THE
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COMMUNITY



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 2010 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 version and future versions of the *Vehicle Theft Prevention Quick Reference Guide for the Law Enforcement Community* will continue to provide comprehensive information for vehicle lines through MY 2010. Since 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 its major parts interchangeable with those of a passenger motor vehicle line subject to the theft prevention standard, this and future publications of the guide will provide updated information to the law enforcement community on **only 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 provides a list of the vehicle lines for which manufacturers used the phase-in provision to delay parts-marking until September 1, 2008. It also provides a list of 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 2009/2010 vehicle line introductions.**

Prior to extending the parts-marking requirements, each vehicle in a high-theft line must have its major component parts and major replacement parts marked in accordance with Federal parts-marking legislation unless the vehicle line is granted an exemption from the parts-marking requirements. **Comprehensive information on vehicle lines that were determined to be likely high-theft and subject to the parts-marking requirements may be obtained from previous issues of the Vehicle Theft Prevention Quick Reference Guide for the Law Enforcement Community online at <http://www.nhtsa.gov/Vehicle+Safety/Vehicle-Related+Theft>.**

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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	
Audi A4/A5/S4/S5/RS4	FULL	2007–2010	RS4 not produced in MYs 2009 and 2010.
Audi A6/A7/S6/RS6 ¹	FULL	1995–2006	Replaced the Audi 100 in MY 1995. RS6 not produced in MYs 2009 and 2010.
Audi Q5	FULL	2009–2010	
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	2001–2010	
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	2008–2010	
3 Car Line ⁴	FULL	1999–2010	
5 Car Line ⁵	FULL	1997–2010	
6 Car Line ⁶	FULL	2004–2010	Production stopped after MY 1989, but vehicle line was reintroduced in MY 2004.
7 Car Line ⁷	FULL	1988 1995–2010	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	2002–2010	
X3 ¹⁰	FULL	2007–2010	
X5 (MPV)	FULL	2000–2010	Exemption was not used because X5 is MPV with GVWR over 6,000 lbs.
Z4	FULL	2003-2010	

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.

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.

MAKE/MODEL	EXEMPTION TYPE (FULL/PARTIAL)	PRODUCTION YEARS EXEMPTED FROM PARTS-MARKING	REFERENCE INFORMATION (MY=MODEL YEAR)
CHRYSLER LLC			
Chrysler 300C	FULL	2006–2010	
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	2005–2010	
Dodge Challenger	FULL	2008–2010	Replaced the Magnum in MY 2008.
Dodge Charger	FULL	2007–2010	
Dodge Journey	FULL	2010	
Jeep Grand Cherokee (MPV)	FULL	2004–2010	
Jeep Wrangler	FULL	2009–2010	
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.
E500		1994–1995	Replaced the 500E in MY 1994. The 124 line E500 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

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DAIMLER AG/MERCEDES-BENZ (continued)			
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.
C Line Chassis¹⁴ (C-Class/CLK-Class/GLK-Class)	FULL	2008–2010	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)		2008–2010	
(GLK-Class)		2010	

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

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

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.

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DAIMLER AG/MERCEDES-BENZ (continued)			
E Line Chassis¹⁵ (E-Class/CLS-Class)	FULL	2006–2010	
(E-Class) ¹⁶		2006–2010	
(CLS-Class) ¹⁷		2006–2010	
S Line Chassis¹⁸ (S-Class/CL-Class)	FULL	2007–2010	
(S-Class) ¹⁹		2007–2010	
(CL-Class) ²⁰		2007–2010	
SLK Line Chassis²¹ (SLK-Class)	FULL	2010	
SLK300		2010	
SLK350		2010	
SLK55 AMG		2010	
Smart USA fortwo	FULL	2009–2010	
FORD			
Ford Five Hundred	FULL	2007	Renamed Taurus in MY 2008.
Ford Focus	FULL	2006–2010	
Ford Mustang	FULL	1999–2010	
Ford Taurus	FULL	2000–2006 2008–2010	Not produced in MY 2007.
Ford Taurus X	FULL	2008–2009	Not produced after MY 2009.
Lincoln Town Car	FULL	2003–2010	
Mercury Grand Marquis	FULL	2002–2010	
Mercury Mariner	FULL	2010	
Mercury Sable	FULL	2001–2009	(Original) Sable produced MYs 1997 – 2005. Not produced in MYs 2006 and 2007. Montego renamed Sable in MY 2008. Not produced after MY 2009.

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/E320DT 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 “SLK-Class” includes the SLK300, SLK350, and SLK55 AMG models.

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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 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	2006–2010	LeSabre renamed Lucerne in MY 2006.
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 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	2006–2010	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.
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	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.

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GENERAL MOTORS (continued)			
Chevrolet Classic	FULL	2004	Formerly identified as the Chevrolet Malibu which was produced from MY 1997 through 2003.
Chevrolet Cobalt	FULL	2005–2010	
Chevrolet Corvette	FULL	1987–2010	
Chevrolet Equinox	FULL	2009–2010	
Chevrolet Impala/Monte Carlo	FULL	2000–2010	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	2006–2010	
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	
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.
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.

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GENERAL MOTORS (continued)			
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	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	1996–2002	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	1995–2010	Replaced the Acura Vigor in MY 1995.
Acura Vigor	FULL	1992–1994	Renamed the Acura TL in MY 1995.
HYUNDAI			
Azera	FULL	2008–2010	
Genesis	FULL	2009–2010	
ISUZU			
Axiom (MPV)	FULL	2003–2004	Not produced after MY 2004.
JAGUAR			
New XJ Series	FULL	2010	
XK ²¹	FULL	1997–2010	
KIA			
Amanti	FULL	2009–2010	
MAZDA			
Mazda 3	FULL	2006–2010	
Mazda 5	FULL	2009–2010	
Mazda 6	FULL	2003–2010	Replaced the 626 in MY 2003.
929	FULL	1988–1995	Not produced after MY 1995.
CX-7	FULL	2007–2010	
CX-9	FULL	2008–2010	
Millenia	FULL	1995–2002	Not produced after MY 2002.
MX-5 Miata	FULL	2005–2010	
RX-7	FULL	1988–1995	Not produced after MY 1995.
Tribute	FULL	2010	

²¹ Includes the XJ6, XJ8, SJ12, XJR, XJS and Vanden Plas Models

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MITSUBISHI			
Diamante	FULL	1993–2004	Not produced after MY 2004.
Eclipse	FULL	2007–2010	
Endeavor	FULL	2006–2010	
Galant	FULL	2006–2010	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	
Starion	FULL	1987–1990	Not produced after MY 1990.
NISSAN			
300ZX	FULL	1987–1996	Not produced after MY 1996.
Altima	FULL	2000–2010	
Maxima	FULL FULL	1987–1994; 1999–2010	Exemption was discontinued in MY 1995 and resumed with MY 1999.
Murano	FULL	2010	Not produced in MY 2008.
Pathfinder	FULL	2001–2010	
Quest	FULL	2006–2009	Not produced for MY 2010.
Rogue	FULL	2009–2010	
Sentra/200SX	FULL	2007–2010	200SX was not produced after MY 1998.
Versa	FULL	2008–2010	
Infiniti G ²²	FULL	2003–2010	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 ²³	FULL	2004, 2006–2010	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.

²² Infiniti G line includes the G25, G35 and G37 models.

²³ Infiniti M line includes the M35, M45, M37, and M56.

MAKE/MODEL	EXEMPTION TYPE (FULL/PARTIAL)	PRODUCTION YEARS EXEMPTED FROM PARTS-MARKING	REFERENCE INFORMATION (MY=MODEL YEAR)
PORSCHE			
911	FULL FULL	1990–1993 1995–2010	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	1997–2010	The Cayman model was added to the Boxster line in MY 2006.
Panamera	FULL	2010	
SAAB			
Saab 9-3	FULL	1999–2010	Replaced the 900 in MY 1999.
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 (MPV)	FULL	2006–2010	
Forester	FULL	2009–2010	
Impreza	FULL	2008–2010	
Outback	FULL	2010	
SUZUKI			
New XL-7	FULL	2007–2010	The New XL-7 became a separate line from the Grand Vitara in MY 2007.
TOYOTA			
Toyota Cressida	FULL	1987–1992	Not produced after MY 1992.
Toyota Supra	FULL	1987–1998	Not produced after MY 1998.
Lexus ES	FULL	1990–2010	
Lexus GS	FULL	1993 – 2010	
Lexus LS	FULL	1990–2010	
Lexus SC	FULL FULL	1992-2000 2002-2010	Not produced in MY 2001.

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VOLKSWAGEN			
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/R32	FULL	1996–2005	Golf renamed Rabbit in MY 2006. R32 produced in MYs 2004 only.
Volkswagen Rabbit/GTI/R32	FULL	2006 – 2009	Replaced the Golf in MY 2006. R32 produced in MY 2008 only.
Volkswagen Golf/GTI	FULL	2010	Rabbit renamed Golf in MY 2010.
Volkswagen New Beetle/New Beetle Convertible	FULL	2008–2010	
Volkswagen Passat/CC	FULL	1997–2010	The CC model was added to the Passat line in MY 2009.
Volkswagen Jetta/Jetta III	FULL	1994–2010	

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

Legacy Outback

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 2007	MY 2008	MY 2009	MY 2010
Chrysler Crossfire	Chevrolet Crossfire	Aston Martin DB9	Aston Martin DB9
Dodge Viper	Dodge Viper	Aston Martin DBS	Aston Martin DBS
Ferrari F430/F430 Spider	Ferrari F430/F430 Spider	Aston Martin V8 Vantage	Aston Martin V8 Vantage
Ferrari 430 Scuderia	Ferrari 430 Scuderia	Dodge Viper	Aston Martin V12 Rapide
Ferrari 599 GTB Fiorano	Ferrari 599 GTB Fiorano	Saab 9-5	Dodge Viper
Ferrari 612 Scaglietti	Ferrari 612 Scaglietti	Ferrari F430/F430 Spider	Saab 9-5
Audi R8	Maserati Quattroporte	Ferrari 430 Scuderia	Ferrari 599 GTB Fiorano
Telsa Motors Roadster	Maserati Granturismo	Ferrari Scudferia Spider 16M	Ferrari 612 Scaglietti
Maserati Quattroporte	Audi R8	Ferrari 599 GTB Fiorano	Ferrari California
Mercedes-Benz SLR-Class	Lamborghini Gallardo	Ferrari 612 Scaglietti	Maserati Quattroporte
Spyker C8	Lamborghini Murcielago	Ferrari California	Maserati Quattroporte S
	Mercedes-Benz SLR-Class	Cadillac XLR	Maserati Quattroporte Sport GT S
	Spyker C8	Maserati Quattroporte	Maserati Granturismo
		Maserati Quattroporte S	Maserati Granturismo S
		Maserati Quattroporte Sport GT S	Maserati Granturismo S Automatic
		Maserati Granturismo	Maserati Granturismo
		Maserati Granturismo S	Convertible
		Maserati Granturismo S Automatic	Audi R8
		Audi R8	Lamborghini Gallardo
		Lamborghini Gallardo	Lamborghini Murcielago
		Lamborghini Murcielago	Spyker C8
		Mercedes-Benz SLR-Class	
		Spyker C8	

NEW VEHICLE LINES BY MODEL YEAR

MY 2008	MY 2009	MY 2010
Audi A3	Audi TTS	Acura ZDX
Audi TT/TT3 coupe & roadster	Audi Q5	BMW X6
Nissan Rogue	Ferrari California	Ferrari California
Infiniti EX35	Chevrolet Traverse SUV	Ford Transit Connect
Nissan 350z/370z	Dodge Journey	GMC Terrain
Volkswagen C30/S40/V50/C70/V70/XC70	Ford Flex	Kia Borrego
Toyota Scion XD	Hyundai Accent	Kia Forte
Mazda 5	Hyundai Genesis	Kia Soul
Mazda Tribute	Infiniti FX50	Land Rover LR4
Jaguar XF	Jaguar XF	Lexus HS 250h
Chevrolet Equinox	Kia XF	Lexus LFA
Ford Taurus X	Lincoln MKS	Lincoln MKT
BMW 1 carline	Mini John Cooper Works	Lexus Evora
Chrysler PT Cruiser	Nissan Cube	Porsche Panamera
Pontiac G8	Nissan GT-R	Rolls Royce Ghost
Saturn Astra	Pontiac G-3	Suzuki Kizashi
	Suzuki Equator	"New" Jaguar XJ Series
	Toyota Venza	Cadillac SRX SUV
	Volkswagen CC	Maserati Granturismo Convertible
	Volkswagen Routan	Mercedes-Benz E-Class Coupe
	Volkswagen Tiquan	Mercedes-Benz GLK Class MPV
	Volvo C30	
	Volvo XC60	
	Lexus HS250h	
	Kia Amanti	
	Maserati Quattroporte S	
	Maserati Quattroporte Sport GT S	
	Maserati Granturismo S	
	Maserati Granturismo S Automatic	

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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