

Search Instructions for the Manufacturers' Information Database at:

<http://www.nhtsa.gov/cars/rules/manufacture/>

To search:

- **Motor Vehicle Manufacturer** (includes Trailer Manufacturers) or
- **Incomplete Vehicle Manufacturer***

In the ***Manufacturer Name*** field, type the percentage sign (%) followed by one word from the company's name. If the company uses two or more names, use the most common key word from the company's names, followed by another percentage sign (%) (For example, %ABC%). Then press the **Enter** key on your keyboard. This search method should produce results for both Parts 565 (VIN Decoding information) and 566 (Manufacturer Identification information).

[Note: If you do not know the company's name but have its WMI code, you may enter the code in the ***WMI*** field without percentage signs in order to retrieve the manufacturer's name(s) (For a six-character WMI code, insert a slash behind the third and fourth characters such as **1X9/123**). Then follow the above instructions. Also note that *intermediate* or *final-stage vehicle manufacturers*, *vehicle alterers*,* and *equipment manufacturers* cannot be searched in the WMI field as they do not assign VINs to the products they manufacture and therefore are not required to have a WMI code. There would be no Part 565-VIN Decoding information for these manufacturers.]

* See 49 CFR 567.3 for definitions of an Incomplete (First-Stage), Intermediate, or Final-Stage Vehicle Manufacturers, and Alterers.