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**SUBJECT: Consolidation of EPA Standardized Naming Conventions for Engine Family, Test Group, Evaporative/Refueling Family, Permeation Family, Emission Family, and Durability Group**

Dear Manufacturer:

The purpose of this letter is to consolidate several previous EPA communications regarding family group naming conventions. A complete description of all 12 characters of Engine Family, Test Group, Evaporative/Refueling Family, Permeation Family, Emission Family, and Durability Group names for all industries is included with this letter for your reference. Please note the Portable Fuel Container naming convention has been revised.

If you have any questions, please contact your certification team representative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Byron J. Bunker".

Byron J. Bunker, Director  
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Office of Transportation and Air Quality

Enclosure

**Table 1: Family/Group Naming Convention Overview**

<b>Family Name Position</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	Model Year Code
2-4	Manufacturer Code
5	Industry Sector Code
6-9	Engine Displacement or Family Type Descriptor <sup>1</sup>
10-12	Industry Specific Assigned Code or Manufacturer-assigned characters used to create a unique family name <sup>2</sup>

**Table 2: Family Name Position 1 - Model Year**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	2001	M	2021
2	2002	N	2022
3	2003	P	2023
4	2004	R	2024
5	2005	S	2025
6	2006	T	2026
7	2007	V	2027
8	2008	W	2028
9	2009	X	2029
A	2010	Y	2030
B	2011	1	2031
C	2012	2	2032
D	2013	3	2033
E	2014	4	2034
F	2015	5	2035
G	2016	6	2036
H	2017	7	2037
J	2018	8	2038
K	2019	9	2039
L	2020		

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<sup>1</sup> For dual or variable displacement families, enter the maximum displacement. If the displacement is given in liters, the decimal point counts as a digit. In all cases the displacement will be read in liters if a decimal point is included and it will be read in cubic inches or cubic centimeters if there is no decimal point.

<sup>2</sup> Enter any combination of valid characters in positions 10 through 12 (or 11 through 12 as applicable) in order to provide a unique identification for an engine family name. It is recommended that numbers and letters be selected that minimize possible confusion.

**Table 3: Family Name Positions 2-4 - EPA Manufacturer Code**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
***	Insert the 3-character alphanumeric EPA manufacturer code assigned to your company in positions two through four of the family name.

**Table 4: Family Name Position 5 - Industry Sector**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
A	California-Only Medium-Duty Vehicles
B	Large Nonroad Spark-Ignition Engines (>19 kiloWatts)
C	Highway Motorcycles
D	Complete Heavy-Duty Highway Vehicles (8,500 to 14,000 pounds GVWR; tested on chassis dynamometer)
E	Heavy-Duty Highway Gasoline (otto-cycle/spark ignition) Engines (>8500 pounds GVWR)
F	Heavy-Duty Evaporative Families
G	Locomotives (freshly manufactured)
H	Heavy-Duty Highway Diesel (compression ignition) Engines (>8,500 pounds GVWR)
I	(Reserved)
J	Light-Duty Vehicles and Light-Duty Trucks/Medium-Duty Passenger Vehicles
K	Locomotives (remanufacture system)
L	Nonroad Compression-Ignition Engines
M	Marine Spark-Ignition Engines
N	Marine Compression-Ignition Engines (including IMO)
O	(Reserved)
P	Permeation Families
Q	(Reserved)
R	Light-Duty Evaporative/Refueling Families
S	Small Nonroad Spark-Ignition Engines (<19 kiloWatts)
T	Light-Duty Trucks / Medium-Duty Passenger Vehicles
U	(Reserved for California ARB)
V	Light-Duty Vehicles
W	(Reserved)
X	Off-Highway Motorcycles / All-Terrain Vehicles / Utility Vehicles
Y	Snowmobiles
Z	(Reserved)
0	(Reserved for California ARB)
1	(Reserved for California ARB)

Code	Description
2	Complete Heavy-Duty Highway Vehicles (tractors and vocational vehicles >14,000 pounds GVWR) <sup>3</sup>
3	(Reserved)
4	(Reserved)
5	(Reserved)
6	(Reserved)
7	(Reserved)
8	(Reserved)
9	(Reserved)

**Table 5: Family Name Positions 6-9 - Engine Displacement or Family Type Descriptor**

Industry Code	Industry Description	Code/Value	Description
A	California-Only Medium-Duty Vehicles	XX.X or .XXX	Engine displacement units in liters
B	Large Nonroad Spark-Ignition Engines (>19 kiloWatts)	XX.X or .XXX	Engine displacement units in liters
C	Highway Motorcycles	XX.X or .XXX	Engine displacement units in liters
		XXXX	Engine displacement units in cubic centimeters
D	Complete Heavy-Duty Highway Vehicles (8,500 to 14,000 pounds GVWR; tested on chassis dynamometer)	XX.X or .XXX	Engine displacement units in liters
E	Heavy-Duty Highway Gasoline Engines (otto-cycle/spark ignition >8500 pounds GVWR)	XX.X or .XXX	Engine displacement units in liters
		XXXX	Engine displacement units in cubic inches
F	Heavy-Duty Evaporative Families	XXXX	Total capacity in grams of all canisters

<sup>3</sup> This also Includes heavy-duty highway vehicles at or below 14,000 pounds GVWR that are not tested on a chassis-dynamometer for certification under 40 CFR Part 1037 (i.e., certified to the requirements and standards of §1037.105, per §1037.104(f)).

G	Locomotives (freshly manufactured)	XX.X or .XXX	Engine displacement units in liters (engine total)
		XXXX	Engine displacement units in cubic inches (per cylinder)
		IDLE	Idle Control System
		COMP	Non-OEM Component
H	Heavy-Duty Highway Diesel (compression ignition) Engines (>8,500 pounds GVWR)	XX.X or .XXX	Engine displacement units in liters
		XXXX	Engine displacement units in cubic inches
J	Light-Duty Vehicles and Light-Duty Trucks/Medium-Duty Passenger Vehicles	XX.X or .XXX	Engine displacement units in liters
K	Locomotives (remanufacture system)	XX.X or .XXX	Engine displacement units in liters (engine total)
		XXXX	Engine displacement units in cubic inches (per cylinder)
		IDLE	Idle Control System
		COMP	Non-OEM Component
L	Nonroad Compression-Ignition Engines	XX.X or .XXX	Engine displacement units in liters
		XXXX	Engine displacement units in cubic inches
M	Marine Spark-Ignition Engines	XX.X or .XXX	Engine displacement units in liters
		XXXX	Engine displacement units in cubic inches
N	Marine Compression-Ignition Engines (including IMO)	XX.X or .XXX	Engine displacement units in liters
P	Permeation Families (Small Spark-Ignition, Large Spark-Ignition, Marine Spark-Ignition or Portable Fuel Containers)	TANK	Fuel Tank Permeation
		PFCS	Portable Fuel Container Permeation
		CAPS	Fuel Cap Permeation
		LINE	Fuel Line Permeation
		MDRN	Marine Diurnal
		LDRN	Large SI Diurnal
		VSSL	Vessel
		HHEQ	Handheld Equipment
NHEQ	Nonhandheld Equipment		
R	Light-Duty Evaporative/Refueling Families	XXXX	Total capacity in grams of all canisters

S	Small Nonroad Spark-Ignition Engines (<19 kiloWatts)	XX.X or .XXX	Engine displacement units in liters
		XXXX	Engine displacement units in cubic centimeters
T	Light-Duty Trucks / Medium-Duty Passenger Vehicles	XX.X or .XXX	Engine displacement units in liters
V	Light-Duty Vehicles	XX.X or .XXX	Engine displacement units in liters
X	Off-Highway Motorcycles / All-Terrain Vehicles / Utility Vehicles	XX.X or .XXX	Engine displacement units in liters
		XXXX	Engine displacement units in cubic centimeters
Y	Snowmobiles	XX.X or .XXX	Engine displacement units in liters
2	Complete Heavy-Duty Highway Vehicles (>14,000 pounds GVWR) <sup>4</sup>	VOCV	Vocational Vehicle
		TRAC	Tractor

**Table 6: Family Name Positions 6-12 - Off-Highway Motorcycles / All-Terrain Vehicles/Utility Vehicles Permeation Families (Only for Industry Sector “P”)**

Position	Code/Value	Description
6-10	METAL	Metal Fuel Tank
6	P	Plastic
	F	Fiberglass
7	0	No Barrier
	1	Inherently Low/Zero Permeation Material
	2	Continuous Multi-Layer with Permeation Barrier
	3	Non-Continuous Barrier Platelets
	4	Barrier Surface Treatment (e.g. fluorination, sulfonation)
	5	Other Permeation Control Technology
8-9	XX	For tanks with no barrier (i.e., values of 0, 1, 4, or 5 for Position 7: Control Strategy), enter the least nominal tank wall thickness, rounded to the nearest millimeter (mm)
	XX	For tanks with a barrier (i.e., values of 2 or 3 for Position 7: Control Strategy), enter the least weight percentage (wt.%) of barrier material within the group of fuel tanks
10	B	Blow-Molded Tank

<sup>4</sup> Vocational tractors subject to the provisions of 40 CFR §1037.630 remain part of the vocational regulatory subcategory. Family names for these vehicles should reflect the vehicle type “Vocational Vehicle”.

Position	Code/Value	Description
	T	Thermoformed Tank
	R	Rotational Molded Tank
	J	Injection Molded Tank
	O	Other Production Method
11-12	**	Manufacturer-assigned characters used to create a unique family name

**Table 7: Family Name Positions 6-12 - Small Nonroad Spark-Ignition Engines (<19 kiloWatts) (Only for Industry Sector “S”)**

Position	Code/Value	Description
6-9	XX.X or .XXX	Engine displacement units in liters
	XXXX	Engine displacement units in cubic centimeters
10	1	Class I: Nonhandheld equipment engines greater than or equal to 100 cc and less than 225 cc in displacement
	2	Class II: Nonhandheld equipment engines greater than or equal to 225 cc in displacement
	3	Class III: Handheld equipment engines less than 20 cc in displacement
	4	Class IV: Handheld equipment engines greater than or equal to 20 cc but less than 50 cc in displacement
	5	Class V: Hand held equipment engines greater than or equal to 50 cc in displacement
11-12	**	Manufacturer-assigned characters used to create a unique family name

**Table 8: Family Name Positions 10-12 - Manufacturer-Assigned Characters**

Position	Code/Value	Description
10-12	***	Manufacturer-assigned characters used to create a unique family name

**Table 9: Light-Duty Durability Group Name**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Code/Value</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>1</b>	See Table 1 for codes	Model Year
<b>2-4</b>	Manufacturer Code	Three character code assigned by EPA for each Manufacturer
<b>5</b>	<b>Combustion Cycle Code</b>	
	2	Otto Cycle - two stroke
	G	Otto Cycle - four stroke
	A	Diesel Cycle - two stroke
	D	Diesel Cycle - four stroke
	E	Dedicated Electric
	H	Hybrid Electric with Otto cycle - 4 stroke engine (includes PHEV vehicles)
	J	Hybrid Electric with Diesel cycle 4 stroke engine (includes PHEV vehicles)
	C	Fuel Cell
<b>6</b>	<b>Engine Type Code</b>	
	P	Piston
	R	Rotary
	E	Electric (including fuel cell)
	H	Hybrid Electric (including PHEV)
<b>7-9</b>	<b>Fuels Used (8 and 9 are for second and third fuels used)</b>	
	G	Gasoline
	D	Diesel
	M	Methanol
	E	Ethanol
	C	CNG
	L	LNG
	P	LPG
	V	Electric (Power Grid Electricity)
	I	Hydrogen
	N	Not Applicable (for second and third fuels)
<b>10</b>	*	Manufacturer-Assigned Character used to create a unique group name or Manufacturer-Assigned Battery Code if applicable
<b>11-12</b>	**	Manufacturer-Assigned Characters used to create a unique group name including Manufacturer-Assigned Catalyst Code if applicable