



**Colorado Motor Carrier Services**  
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## ***Port of Entry Automation Vehicle Identification***

Colorado has a computer automated clearance system that is designed to make clearing the state's Ports of Entry (POE) easier and faster for the truck driver.

When weighing your vehicle at one of Colorado's fixed facilities, you will find that the scale is connected to a computer which records your vehicle's weight as you drive through.

The port officer will attempt to obtain the vehicle specific information by inserting the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) into the automated system.

If the vehicle's information is accessible, the driver will be required to weigh the vehicle. If there are not any complications with the vehicle's weight, the driver will then be allowed to proceed. However, if for some reason the vehicle's information is not accessible, the driver will be required to park the vehicle and present all valid paperwork to the port officer.

The officer will then enter all pertinent information into the computer system, and if there are not any complications with the vehicle's weight, the driver will then be allowed to proceed.

The success of Colorado's automation system depends on you. If your vehicle is properly marked, then the clearance process should be effortless.

Colorado has two options for correctly marking a vehicle:

### **OPTION 1: VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER**

1. Affix company name or logo to both sides of power unit.
2. Either paint or adhesively place the last eight characters of the VIN on the passenger side of the cab. Trailers do not need to be marked.
3. Use contrasting color with that of the vehicle.
4. Make the characters large enough to be read from a distance of at least 50-feet when the vehicle is not moving (approximately 2" high).

### **OPTION 2: ALPHA IDENTIFIER**

Under Option 2, the company will be assigned a unique "Alpha Identifier". This number should be stenciled directly above or to the left of the company assigned unit number on the passenger side of each vehicle in the company's fleet.

For more information, please contact the Port of Entry at (303) 205-5691.



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