

TRUCK CLASSIFICATIONS

In the U.S., trucks are classified into eight categories based on their weight.

Class 1 trucks, the lightest category, have gross vehicle weight ranges from 0 to 6,000 lbs. Examples of Class 1 trucks are the Ford Ranger and Dodge Dakota.

Class 8 trucks, the heaviest category have gross vehicle weights above 33,000 lbs. All tractor trailer trucks are included in the Class 8 category.

LIGHT TRUCK



CLASS 1

0 - 6,000 lbs.

Examples: Dodge Dakota, Chevrolet Colorado/GMC Canyon, Toyota Tacoma, Nissan Frontier, Ford Ranger

CLASS 2

6,001 - 10,000 lbs.

Examples: Ram 1500, Chevrolet Silverado 1500, Ford F-150

CLASS 3

10,001 - 14,000 lbs.

Examples: Ram 3500, GMC Sierra 3500, Ford E-350, Ford F-350, Hummer H1

MEDIUM TRUCK



CLASS 4

14,001 - 16,000 lbs.

Examples: Ram 4500, GMC 4500, Ford E-450, Ford F-450

CLASS 5

16,001 - 19,500 lbs.

Examples: Ram 5500, GMC 5500, Ford F-550, International TerraStar

CLASS 6

19,501 - 26,000 lbs.

Examples: Chevrolet Kodiak/GMC TopKick C6500, Ford F-650, International Durastar

HEAVY TRUCK



CLASS 7

26,001 - 33,000 lbs.

Examples: Autocar ACMD, GMC C7500, Ford F-750

CLASS 8

Over 33,001 lbs.

Examples: Autocar ACX, International WorkStar, Kenworth T600, Kenworth T660, Kenworth T680 - Semi-trailer trucks fall into this category

CLASS 9

Super-heavy/special duty truck
Over 33,001 lbs.

Examples: Usually class 8 truck with special duty characteristics, e.g. - Autocar ACX 12x6, International WorkStar, Western Star 6900 (6900XD or 6900TS)