What is a USDOT Number?
The USDOT Number serves as a unique identifier when collecting and monitoring a company’s safety information acquired during audits, compliance reviews, crash investigations, and inspections.

Who should have a USDOT Number?
Companies that operate commercial vehicles exceeding 10,001 pounds which are used for transporting passengers or hauling cargo for interstate commerce must be registered with the FMCSA (Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration) and must have a USDOT Number. Also, vehicles transporting material found by the Secretary of Transportation to be hazardous and transported in a quantity requiring placarding require a USDOT Number.

USDOT Decal Requirements
USDOT (United States Department of Transportation) requires that a USDOT Number be applied to both sides of the vehicle. The numbers must be legible from 50 feet away during daylight hours, which means you must use an easily readable font and the letters should contrast sharply in color with the background on which the letters are placed. Many states have size requirements between 2” and 4” for the lettering. The decal or sticker must be applied directly to the vehicle (not on trailers, fuel tank covers, or other removable parts) and must be permanently attached.

Other Requirements
If your vehicle will be traveling in Colorado or California, we highly recommend including the last 8 numbers/letters of your VIN. Other states may require you to include a state abbreviation following the USDOT Number. Check your state requirements.

Quick Checklist
- Decal includes company name or operator name (may be a company logo with name).
- Decal includes “US DOT” followed by the assigned number.
- State abbreviation follows the number (if required).
- Decal includes GVW or GVWR.
- Font is legible from 50 feet away during daylight hours.
- Color of decal contrasts with background color.
- Decal is permanently affixed to the vehicle and not to a removable part attached to the vehicle.