



Carrier Types Guide

The Carrier Type field reflects whether a motor carrier is registered with FMCSA for interstate or intrastate commerce. Use this chart as a guide for entering carrier data in SafeSpect.

Type	Conduct Carrier Search?	Field Used in SSDQ Accuracy Measure?	Field Used in the SMS?	Should Carrier Have USDOT#?	Enter Carrier Data in SafeSpect	Notes
Interstate	✓	✓	✓	✓	Carrier Name: Legal/DBA name Carrier Address: Physical/mailling address City: Physical/mailling city State: Physical/mailling State Zip Code: Physical/zip code	Improve carrier results by using a USDOT Number. Can use a physical or mailing address.
Intrastate HM	✓	✓	✓	✓	Carrier Name: Legal/DBA name Carrier Address: Physical/mailling address City: Physical/mailling city State: Physical/mailling State Zip Code: Physical/zip code	Set the "HM Placard?" field to yes.
Intrastate Non-HM	✓	✗	✗	?	Carrier Name: Legal/DBA name Carrier Address: Physical/mailling address City: Physical/mailling city State: Physical/mailling State Zip Code: Physical/zip code	Most Intrastate carriers do not have a USDOT Number. Intrastate carriers are not presented as a match/non-match.
Not in Commerce– Gov't	✗	✗	✗	✗	Carrier Name: Gov't entity Carrier Address: Address City: Entity's city State: Entity's State Zip Code: Entity's zip code	Some government entities have a USDOT Number. See Interstate or Intrastate.
Not in Commerce– Other Trucks	✗	✗	✗	✗	Carrier Name: Individual Carrier Address: Unknown City: Unknown State: Unknown Zip Code: 99999	If vehicle has been leased, or if the carrier is the leasing company, see Interstate or Intrastate.
Other Operation/ Not Specified	✗	✗	✗	✗	Carrier Name: Unknown Carrier Address: Unknown City: Unknown State: Unknown Zip Code: 99999	To be used in special cases only (i.e., hit and run).