



Classification of hazardous materials according to DOT requirements.

Note: This should only be used as a guide. Consult DOT regulations to ensure that all items are reviewed before you complete your material classification.

1. Determine whether the material is hazardous.
 - 1a. Type of hazard – hazard classes 1-9
 - 1b. Degree of hazard – packing group

Check 173 for hazard class definitions. Check 173.2a for primary hazard information when your material has multiple hazards.

2. If the material is not specifically listed in the 172.101 table, then follow this order:
 - 2a. Specific name as listed in the 172.101 table
 - 2b. Generic entries for groups of similar substances (ie – adhesives, n.o.s.)
 - 2c. Specific n.o.s. with similar chemical or technical properties (ie – ketones, n.o.s.)
 - 2d. General n.o.s (flammable liquid, toxic n.o.s.)
3. IF you material has a “+” mark in the column, then you must ship the material with the hazard class information DOT lists. Check the regulations if you think your material does not meet the definitions.
4. Check the Appendix listings to see if the material is a hazardous substance, marine pollutant, or elevated temperature. If material is a hazardous waste, add “hazardous waste,” to the proper shipping name.

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