

Data Quality Finding Missing Information

Use these charts to learn how you can find the information needed to complete inspection and crash reports. Once you've identified the missing data, use the tools listed or the Internet to locate any additional information.

DRIVER

Missing/Invalid	Data Available	Tools to Use	Notes
Last Name	License Number	DIR, DSMS, Nlets, Query Central	Use past crash and/or inspection records to find missing information
First Name	License Number	DIR, DSMS, Nlets, Query Central	Use past crash and/or inspection records to find missing information
License Number	Driver's Name	DIR, DSMS, Nlets, Query Central	Use past crash and/or inspection records to find missing information
Date of Birth	Driver's Name or License Number	DIR, DSMS, Nlets, Query Central	Use past crash and/or inspection records to find missing information
License Class	Driver's Name or License Number	DIR, Nlets, Query Central	Use past crash and/or inspection records to find missing information. Inspection records do not have the License Class field.
Any	U.S. DOT Number	DIR, DSMS, MCMIS, SAFER, SMS	Use the U.S. DOT Number to find all crash and/or inspection records for the carrier. You can then review the records to find additional missing information.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Data Missing	Data Available	Use these Tools	Notes
HM Materials	4-Digit ID Number	Internet search	Type in UN+4 digit ID number (i.e. UN1203) and hit enter to find additional information. This will only work with the 4-digit ID number. It does not work well with Product Name, and it will not work with Hazard Class.

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VEHICLE

Data Missing	Data Available	Tools to Use	Notes
Vehicle Configuration	Driver's Name, License Number, or VIN	DIR, DSMS, Nlets, Query Central, VIN Decoder	Use driver information to find past crash and inspection records, then check to see if the same vehicles were involved. The VIN Decoder can validate the VIN and provide possible Vehicle Configurations.
Cargo Body Type	Driver's Name or License Number	DIR, DSMS, Nlets, Query Central	Use driver information to find past crash and inspection records, then check to see if the same vehicles were involved.
GCWR	Driver's Name, License Number, or VIN	DIR, DSMS, Nlets, Query Central, VIN Decoder	Use driver information to find past crash and inspection records, then check to see if the same vehicles were involved. The VIN Decoder can validate the VIN and provide the GCWR.
License Plate Number	Driver's Name or License Number	DIR, DSMS, Nlets, Query Central	Use driver information to find past crash and inspection records, then check to see if the same vehicles were involved.
VIN	Driver's Name or License Number	DIR, DSMS, Nlets, Query Central	Use driver information to find past crash and inspection records, then check to see if the same vehicles were involved.

CARRIER

Data Missing	Data Available	Tools to Use	Notes
U.S. DOT Number	Carrier's Name or Carrier's Address	Internet search, MCMIS Carrier Search, Query Central, SAFER Carrier Search, SAFETYNET Carrier Search	If a match is found, SAFETYNET's Carrier Search will provide an U.S. DOT Number. Use MCMIS/SAFER's Carrier Search, along with wildcards, to verify the correctness of the carrier name and address. An Internet search may help verify a carrier's name and address, if provided on the carrier's website.
Carrier's Name or Carrier's Address	U.S. DOT Number or Carrier's Address	DIR, Internet search, MCMIS Carrier Search, Query Central, SAFER Carrier Search, SAFETYNET Carrier Search	If a match is found, a carrier search in SAFETYNET, MCMIS, or SAFER will provide an U.S. DOT Number. If using the carrier's name only, enter all 9's in the U.S. Dot Number field. An Internet search may help verify the carrier's name and address, if provided on the carrier's website.