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Table 1. Summary of Quantity and Value of Shipments of Principal Types of Complete Truck

Trailers: 1997 to 1999

[Quantity in units. Value in thousands of dollars]

Month and year	Quantity				Value			
	Total	Van	Platform	Tank	Total	Van	Platform	Tank
1999								
October.....	23,434	18,600	1,774	544	438,493	323,443	30,914	22,601
September.....	23,589	18,771	1,738	495	443,805	328,775	29,391	20,751
August.....	23,652	18,638	1,872	493	472,712	344,487	32,500	20,470
July.....	23,054	18,290	1,673	490	414,187	304,262	27,317	20,283
June.....	23,708	18,655	1,919	509	481,820	350,276	31,042	21,064
May.....	22,985	17,994	1,934	503	446,379	323,974	32,777	20,357
April.....	23,423	18,678	1,767	507	448,328	332,892	28,552	20,756
March.....	23,905	19,209	1,817	522	510,591	386,008	31,943	21,811
February.....	23,230	18,410	1,771	513	424,151	305,520	30,677	21,669
January.....	22,893	18,145	1,730	493	415,915	308,730	29,627	20,526
1998								
December.....	29,269	24,436	1,747	474	495,400	381,568	28,651	20,340
November.....	29,495	24,616	1,727	437	501,123	388,346	28,264	18,670
October.....	31,228	26,165	1,877	491	535,260	418,253	31,668	20,454
September.....	31,570	26,560	1,816	509	538,018	422,259	29,528	21,571
August.....	30,731	25,657	1,889	511	526,187	409,119	30,048	21,320
July.....	28,139	23,054	1,873	507	467,940	350,357	29,782	21,487
June.....	27,854	22,719	1,900	530	522,014	398,937	33,113	21,912
May.....	28,045	23,038	1,761	507	524,331	405,648	28,621	21,035
April.....	27,668	22,387	1,866	536	518,724	397,081	31,036	22,093
March.....	29,238	24,113	1,638	541	542,065	424,262	27,928	22,685
February.....	26,720	21,770	1,716	521	488,312	374,526	28,152	21,413
January.....	24,355	19,608	1,692	498	448,972	339,060	27,749	20,537
1997								
December.....	26,839	21,801	1,892	473	495,477	378,465	31,352	19,419
November.....	23,455	19,005	1,824	428	437,675	332,976	30,144	18,215
October.....	25,178	20,066	2,087	437	463,294	345,759	33,826	18,488
September.....	25,083	20,221	1,970	404	464,630	346,333	30,892	17,655
August.....	24,793	19,888	1,955	384	450,922	338,415	31,921	16,511
July.....	20,818	15,977	1,638	394	385,404	274,564	26,324	16,987
June.....	22,493	17,090	2,106	387	413,114	294,589	31,285	16,764
May.....	23,425	17,756	2,090	396	431,392	308,591	32,184	17,402
April.....	22,158	16,612	1,828	374	411,096	289,481	29,478	15,490
March.....	20,944	15,969	1,752	387	388,323	278,614	27,627	16,737
February.....	18,392	14,019	1,625	347	341,082	242,991	26,315	15,055
January.....	17,961	13,469	1,613	356	335,819	234,954	26,116	15,643

Table 2. Quantity and Value of Shipments of Truck Trailers by Type of Trailer  
 [Quantity in units. Value in thousands of dollars]

Product code	Product description	No. of cos.	October 1999		September 1999	
			Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Complete trailers and chassis (except detachables) .....	132	23,434	438,493	23,589	443,805
	Vans.....	(NA)	18,600	323,443	18,771	328,775
	Closed top:					
	Insulated (refrigerated) 1/.....	(NA) a/	3,139	a/ 71,856	a/ 2,959	a/ 67,155
	Semi-insulated (non-refrigerated) 2/.....	3 (D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
	Drop frame type (12 inches or more drop) 2/.....	3 (D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
	Livestock.....	6 c/	114	c/ 4,548	c/ 127	b/ 5,144
	All other closed-top dry freight vans, including curtain 2/.....	(NA) c/	14,695	c/ 230,332	c/ 14,950	c/ 238,035
	Open tops, including low-side grain, fruit, etc. 3/.....	(NA) c/	652	c/ 16,707	c/ 735	c/ 18,441
	Tank.....	(NA)	544	22,601	495	20,751
3362121029	For flammable liquids (except casing head transport, including aircraft refuelers), all materials.....	9 c/	158	c/ 7,374	c/ 159	c/ 7,154
3362121033	Coded for chemicals and acids, all materials .....	5 a/	195	a/ 8,390	a/ 189	a/ 8,359
3362121031	For asphalt, all materials.....	5 a/	39	a/ 1,388	a/ 46	a/ 1,626
3362121035	All other, including noncoded for chemicals and acids, high pressure, food and milk, sanitary, and cryogenics, all materials .....	11 c/	152	c/ 5,449	c/ 101	c/ 3,612
3362121041	Platform.....	22 a/	1,774	a/ 30,914	a/ 1,738	a/ 29,391
	All other trailers.....	(NA)	2,516	61,535	2,585	64,888
3362121037	Bulk commodity and dry materials, including pneumatic and mechanical discharge, both tank and hopper types (except van) .....	10 c/	157	c/ 5,585	c/ 157	c/ 5,591
3362121039	Pole, logging and pipe.....	10 c/	109	c/ 452	c/ 114	c/ 487
	Low-bed heavy haulers, over 10 ton capacity, excluding tilt-bed trailers.....	32	1,094	30,504	1,177	29,883
3362121043	Under 40-ton capacity.....	27 a/	543	b/ 11,229	b/ 619	b/ 12,994
3362121045	40-ton capacity and over.....	19 c/	551	c/ 19,275	c/ 558	c/ 16,889
	Dump trailers and dump chassis, highway type (rear, side, and bottom dump, including nonpneumatic hoppers).....	33	731	19,527	740	22,629
3362121047	For materials.....	25 c/	501	b/ 14,311	c/ 482	b/ 16,463
3362121049	For other, including demolition and excavation .....	13 a/	230	a/ 5,216	a/ 258	a/ 6,166
3362121051	Automobile transport trailers.....	4 b/	17	b/ 1,250	c/ 19	c/ 1,174
3362121055	All other trailers and chassis (except detachable trailers and detachable trailer chassis) .....	29 c/	408	b/ 4,217	c/ 378	b/ 5,124
3362121057	Detachable trailer bodies (containers), sold separately 4/.....	5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
3362121059	Detachable trailer chassis and running gear, sold separately 4/.....	13 c/	1,458	c/ 14,029	c/ 1,525	c/ 14,377
3362121053	Dollies and converter gear.....	14 c/	194	c/ 3,164	c/ 188	c/ 2,629

D Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual companies. FRP Fiberglass reinforced plastic wood. NA Not available.

1/Includes product codes 3362121001 (Steel), 3362121015 (Aluminum) and 3362121061 (FRP). These product codes are combined to avoid disclosing data for individual companies.

2/Includes product codes for "Semi-insulated (non-refrigerated)": 3362121003 (Steel), 3362121019 (Aluminum) and 3362121063, (FRP), "Drop frame type (12 inches or more drop)": 3362121005 (Steel) 3362121017 (Aluminum) and 336212065 (FRP), and "All other closed-top dry freight vans, including curtain": 3362121009 (Steel, less than 30 ft. long), 3362121011 (Steel, 30 ft. or greater), 3362121023 (Aluminum less than 30 ft. long), 3362121025 (Aluminum 30 ft. or greater), 3362121067 (FRP less than 30 ft. long), and and 3362121069 (FRP 30' or greater). These product codes are combined to avoid disclosing data for individual companies.

3/Includes product codes 3362121013 (Steel), 3362121027 (Aluminum) and 3362121071 (FRP). These product codes are combined to avoid disclosing data for individual companies.

4/Product code 3362121057 is combined with product code 3362121059 to avoid disclosing data for individual companies.

Note: The percent of estimation of each item is indicated as follows: a/10 to 25 percent of this item is estimated. b/26 to 50 percent of this item is estimated. c/Over 50 percent of this item is estimated.

Table 3. Quantity and Value of Shipments of Truck Trailer Vans by Type of Material  
 [Quantity in units. Value in thousands of dollars]

Type of material	October 1999		September 1999	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Vans.....	18,600	323,443	18,771	328,775
Fiberglass reinforced plastic (FRP) plywood .....	501	4,949	522	5,157
Steel.....	84	1,801	72	1,445
Aluminum.....	18,015	316,693	18,177	322,173

FRP Fiberglass reinforced plastic.

Table 4. Quantity and Value of Shipments, Exports, and Imports of Truck Trailers: September 1999  
 [Quantity in units. Value in thousands of dollars]

Product description	Manufacturers' shipments		Exports of domestic merchandise 1/		Imports for consumption 2/	
	Quantity	Value f.o.b. plant	Quantity	Value at port	Quantity	Value
Complete trailers and chassis (except detachables):						
Van type.....	18,771	328,775	865	16,462	601	8,764
Tank type.....	495	20,751	305	5,625	35	1,532
Platform type.....	1,738	29,391	138	1,581	1,662	5,146
Other.....	2,585	64,888	1,344	20,387	5,627	24,739
Detachable trailer bodies (containers).....	(X)	(D)	(X)	9,887	(X)	12,872

D Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual companies. X Not applicable.

1/Source: Census Bureau report EM 545, U.S. Exports.

2/Source: Census Bureau report IM 145, U.S. Imports for Consumption.