

AM General LLC is a U.S. government contractor which builds High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWVs or Humvees) according to military specifications provided by the U.S. Government.

HMMWVs are designed and built to meet specific military safety standards and during that process, AM General selected to meet a subset, but not all, of the U.S. Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) and Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations (CMVSS). Accordingly, HMMWVs should not be driven on public roads. From 1992 until 2006, AM General produced a civilian version of the Humvee, called the HUMMER, which was built to commercial FMVSS standards. AM General cannot certify that the HUMMER meets the Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations.

Military vehicles are given sequentially assigned six-digit serial numbers, while commercial vehicles were given coded seventeen-digit VIN numbers. Unless the vehicle can be appropriately registered within the state or country it is located, then it is not approved for public road or highway use. Moreover, many states do not allow the registration of military vehicles due to the lack of safety requirements, such as air bags.

AM General does not and cannot endorse, recommend or support the civilian use and operation of the AM General family of military vehicles. It is recommended that local vehicle safety standards and registration requirements always be reviewed before operating AM General military vehicles, including the HMMWV, on public roads and highways.

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