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LIGHTING IDENTIFICATION CODE

1. **DEFINITION:** A lighting identification code is a series of standardized markings for lighting devices which a manufacturer or a supplier may use to mark his product to indicate the SAE Lighting Specification or Specifications to which the device is designed. The code is not intended to limit the manufacturer or supplier in applying other markings to the devices.

SAE DOES NOT APPROVE PRODUCTS; HENCE, THE USE OF MARKINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS CODE SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED TO MEAN THAT A DEVICE SO MARKED HAS SAE APPROVAL.

2. **REQUIREMENTS:**

- 2.1 **Code Location:** The identification code should be permanently marked on the lens or body where it can be observed with the device mounted in its normal position on the vehicle, except that headlamps, turn signal switches, hazard warning switches, and flashers may have the markings located where they can be observed by removing other parts. This exception is granted because many of these devices are not visible as installed on the vehicle. However, when these same devices are externally mounted, the markings must be visible. The manufacturer's identification and model designation (or part number) is required on both the housing and lens of separable devices.
- 2.2 **Size of Markings:** Identification numerals and letters shall be at least 3 mm high, except that raised molded markings 2 mm high may be used on lenses containing less than 12.5 cm² of area. The smaller markings are permitted when they are raised, molded markings (not stamped, etched, or lettered in indelible ink).

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