

LETTERS USED IN FEDERAL SPECIFICATION NUMBERING SYSTEM

The first group of letters of a Federal specification indicates the commodity group of The items covered by the specification as follows:

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| A - Aircraft, Boats and Ships | JJ - Knit Goods, Netting & Webbing |
| B - Animals | KK - Leather & Leather Goods |
| C - Animals Products | LL - Livestock, Poultry & Materials |
| D - Arms (Small) | MM - Lumber & Timber |
| E - Artillery | NN - Lumber Products |
| F - Boilers, Engines & Tanks | OO - Machinery |
| G - Books & Printed Matter | PP - Meats & Sea Foods |
| H - Brooms & Brushes | QQ - Metals |
| I - Not Used | RR - Metal Products |
| J - Cable & Wire (insulated) | SS - Minerals & Products (nonmetallic) |
| K - Canvas Articles | TT - Paints, Pigments, Varnishes & Products |
| L - Cellulose Products & Synthetic Resins | UU - Paper & Products |
| M - Ceramics | VV - Petroleum & Products |
| N - Cereals and Products | WW - Pipe, Pipe Fittings, Plumbing Fixtures, Tubes & Tubing (metallic) |
| O - Chemicals | XX - Pumps |
| P - Cleaning & Polishing Materials | YY - Recreational Articles |
| Q - Coal & Products | ZZ - Rubber and Rubber Goods |
| R - Coal Tar & Products | AAA - Scales |
| S - Cooking & Heating Apparatus, Furnaces & Ovens | BBB - Suits & Uniforms |
| T - Cordage, Twine & Products | CCC - Textiles |
| U - Drugs & Medicines | DDD - Textile Products |
| V - Dry Goods & Notions | EEE - Tobacco & Products |
| W - Electric Apparatus | FFF - Toilet Articles |
| X - Explosives | GGG - Tools |
| Y - Fruits | HHH - Vegetables |
| Z - Fruit Products | III - Not Used |
| AA - Furniture | JJJ - Vegetable Products |
| BB - Gases | KKK - Vehicles |
| CC - Generators & Motors | LLL - Wood Products |
| DD - Glass & Glassware | MMM - Adhesives |
| EE - Groceries | NNN - Laboratory Equipment |
| FF - Hardware | OOO - Reserved |
| GG - Instruments | PPP - Packaging & Packing |
| HH - Insulating Materials | SSS - Sealing Compound (8030) |
| II - Not Used | |

The "middle" letter between the hyphens of the Federal specification number can be, but is not necessarily the first letter of the title. This letter will remain the same if the specification title is changed.

The numerical part of the Federal specification number is assigned by the Engineering Policy Branch.