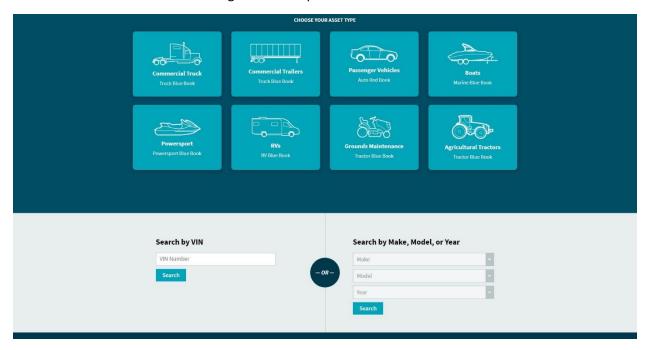
# Verification

#### Introduction to Verification

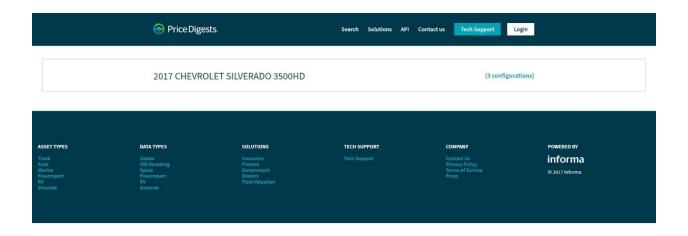
Vehicle Identification Numbers (VINs) are important in identifying a number of details specific to a vehicle including the model year, make and model. Accurately decoding a vehicle's VIN ensures the correct specifications are collected and the proper market values are assessed. Price Digests' verification tool provides an efficient way to verify a VIN is valid, gather a number of important details about a vehicle and value the vehicle with a great deal of precision.

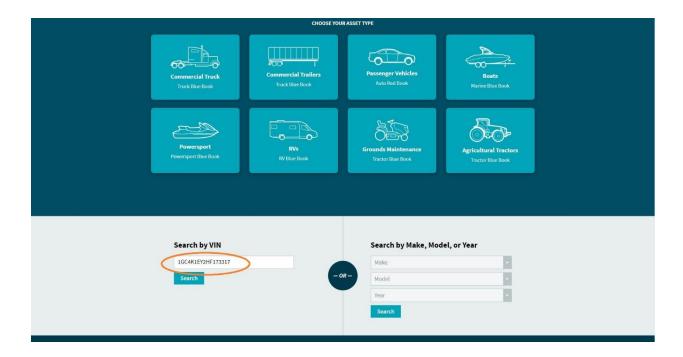


Price Digests decodes VINs of passenger vehicles, commercial trucks, commercial trailers and motorcycles. Coverage is limited to all major manufacturers registered with NHTSA in the U.S. with qualifying production limits beginning in 1981. VINs belonging to vehicles produced prior to 1981 were not required to meet NHTSA standards and thus will not decode within Price Digests data.

#### Entering a VIN for verification

To determine if a VIN is valid and review the year, make and model associated with the valid VIN, enter the 17-digit VIN in the box below "Search by VIN" and click "Search". The VIN will be compared to Price Digests data and results will be shown on the next page.



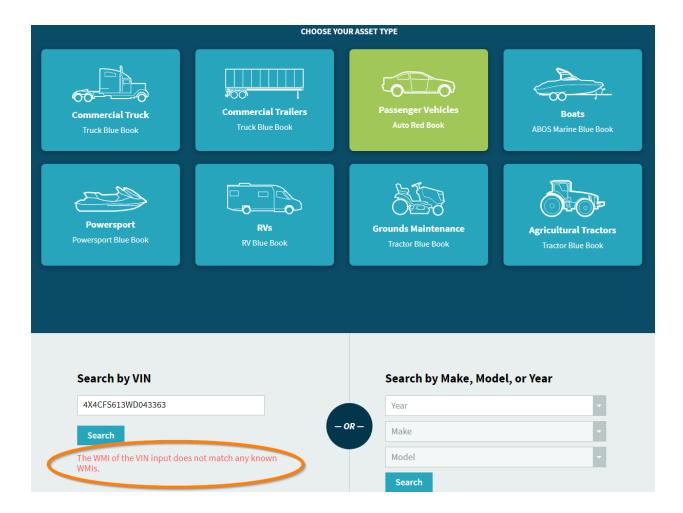


#### Possible VIN Error Codes

There are times when you might receive an error code, the codes will tell you the specific reason it could not be searched. Listed below are seven codes you might receive.

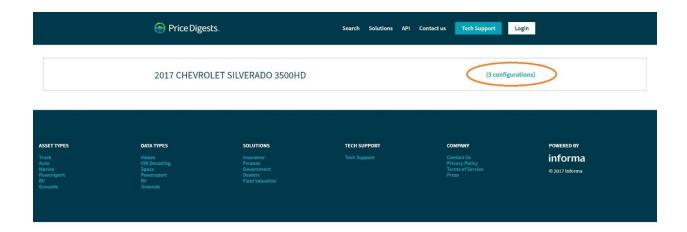
- The VIN input has fewer than 17 characters.
- The VIN input contains characters which invalidate the VIN.
- Inputs U, Z, and 0 are not allowed in the 10th position.
- The WMI of the VIN input does not match any known WMIs.

- VIN input does not pass the check digit algorithm.
- VIN entered passes the check digit algorithm but the WMI or model may not be covered within PRD data.
- This model year is outside the scope of this product.

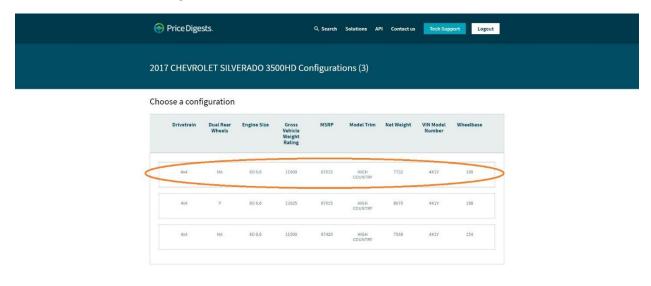


### Selecting the Correct Trim

VINs frequently decode to multiple sub models better known as trims. Though multiple trims may result in the verification process, the VIN used is still unique to the vehicle it belongs. In the event you are unsure which trim to choose, refer to the vehicle's registration paperwork or the decals at the rear of the vehicle as differences in trim render a difference in values as well as some specifications. To view and select a list of trims that decode to the VIN, click "(3 configurations)" to the right of the screen.



Display specifications will be listed describing key details and differences of each trim. To select the trim that best fits, click on the set of display specifications that best represent the vehicle. For this example we will select the first configuration.



## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- My VIN didn't validate. Why?
  - VINs fail to validate for a number of reasons. One of the most common is human error. Review the VIN to ensure all digits were correctly entered keeping in mind some characters will never be in a VIN such as the letters 'I', 'O' and 'Q'. VINs that come back valid but do not return any detail are not covered by PriceDigests at the time and will be added in a later revision if deemed within scope of PriceDigests data.

- My VIN has 18 digits. Is this correct?
  - Some manufacturers like Mercedes-Benz include an 18<sup>th</sup> digit as an internal reference on some VINs. If you have an 18 digit VIN, input the first 17 digits.
- Where can I find my VIN?
  - o VINs are commonly found on the driver side of the windshield or on the driver door.
- I didn't download or save my lookup, what can I do to retrieve it?
  - o If you paid for a single lookup you will always be able to access that lookup anytime in the future without having to pay for a repeat lookup.
- How far back do you validate VINs?
  - We validate VINs from 1981 to current
- Can I search by serial number on the Grounds Maintenance/Tractor Blue Book?
  - We currently only validate 17 digit VINs for automobiles, commercial trucks, motorcycles, and commercial trailers.
- Why don't you decode RV VINs?
  - RVs are highly customized vehicles that are nearly impossible to value based on the original VIN. Pricedigests will provide whether the VIN is valid but will not provide model information, specifications or values to support a validated RV VIN.