

NAICS REPLACES SIC SYSTEM

The way in which the US government collects economic statistics on industry changed January 1, 1997 under the new **North American Industry Classification System** (NAICS). The NAICS, which replaced the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC), facilitates the collection, tabulation, presentation and analysis of data regarding industrial statistics. It promotes the uniformity and comparability of statistics in the United States, Canada and Mexico as well as the latest revision of the United Nations' International Standard Industrial Classification.

NAICS is organized in a five and six digit hierarchical structure much like the existing three and four digit SIC.

- The first two digits designates a major Economic Sector (formerly Division)
- The third digit designates a Subsector (formerly Major Group)
- The fourth digit designates an Industry Group
- The fifth digit designates the NAICS Industry
- The sixth (where used) identifies subdivision of NAICS Industries to accommodate user needs in individual countries.

Forging Producer Companies are generally covered by two NAICS Codes 332111 & 332112:

The previous SIC Code No. 3462, entitled “**Iron and Steel Forging**” has been changed in the new NAICS to **332111** with the same title, with this description:

“This U.S. Industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in manufacturing iron and steel forgings from purchased iron and steel by hammering mill shapes. Establishments making iron and steel forgings and further manufacturing (e.g., machining, assembling) a specific manufactured product are classified in the industry of the finished product. Iron and steel forging establishments may perform surface finishing operations, such as cleaning and deburring on the forgings they manufacture.”

The previous SIC Code No., 3463, entitled “**Nonferrous Forgings**” has been changed in the new NAICS to **332112** with the same title, with this description:

“This U.S. Industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in manufacturing nonferrous forgings from purchased nonferrous metals by hammering mill shapes. Establishments making nonferrous forgings and further manufacturing (e.g., machining, assembling) a specific manufactured product are classified in the industry of the finished product. Nonferrous forging establishments may perform surface finishing operations, such as cleaning and deburing, on the forgings they manufacture.

End-use Markets served by the Forging Industry:

To see comparison lists of the old SIC codes with the new NAICS Codes which should be used in FIA's 1999 Annual Order and Shipment Questionnaires and Reports beginning in January 2000 to:

- Impression Die (Closed Die) (*please click here*)
- Open Die (*please click here*)
- Rolled Rings (*please click here*)
- All Other Classifications (*please click here*)

For more detailed information on the new system or to order a complete **NAIC** book go to <http://www.census.gov/epcd/www/naics.html>. You also can order a copy of the new NAICS book by calling the NTIS sales desk at 1-800-553-6857.