

A. Personal Property is generally defined as property not permanently affixed to or part of the realty. Generally everything that is not real estate is personal property. To differentiate between realty and personal property, the tax official must consider the manner in which the property is attached or secured at the location, the purpose for which the property is used, and whether it is to remain permanently affixed to the realty. There are two classes of personal property: tangible and intangible.

1. Tangible personal property is the actual physical property. All business property, other than structured components, contained in or attached to a building. This property includes, but is not limited to: machinery, equipment, tools, furniture, fixtures, computers, and other similar items.
2. Intangible personal property is property that has no mass or substance and is the representation of property rights. This property includes but is not limited to: money, shares of stock, annuities, patents, stocks, bonds, notes receivable, insurance policies, money market certificates, and similar items.

#### IV. SUBJECTS OF TAXATION

Title 40-11-1, Code of Alabama, 1975, list the subjects of taxation. This listing is very comprehensive and Title 40 should be referenced when any questions arise as to the taxability of specific pieces of equipment. Below is a quick reference list of several categories of personal property subject to taxation.

1. Construction machinery and equipment;
2. Implements and tools of mechanics;
3. Office machines, cash registers, safes, office and store furniture and fixtures, computers, book keeping machines, teletypes, dictaphones and other recording or sending apparatus;
4. Machinery and equipment used in mines, quarries, manufacturing processing or compounding;
5. Printing presses, equipment and materials;
6. Steamboats, barges, wharf-boats, ferries and other vessels and watercraft of every name and kind;
7. Outboard motors;
8. Airplanes, airships, hot air balloons and other aircraft;
9. Radios, sending and receiving sets and appliances, television sets, video cassette recorders, DVD players and equipment;
10. Medical equipment and instruments;
11. Gasoline, oil and other tanks, pumps, filters, etc.;
12. All other personal property not hereinbefore specified.