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Definitions

Specially Constructed Vehicle. A vehicle that is built for private use, not for resale, and is not constructed by a licensed manufacturer or remanufacturer. These vehicles may be built from a kit, new or used parts, a combination of new and used parts, or a vehicle reported for dismantling (junked) that, when reconstructed, does not resemble the original make of the vehicle that was dismantled.

Street Rod Vehicle. A motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, manufactured in, or prior to, 1948 that is individually modified in its body style or design, including through the use of nonoriginal or reproduction components, and may include additional modifications to other components, including, but not limited to, the engine, drivetrain, suspension, and brakes in a manner that does not adversely affect its safe performance as a motor vehicle or render it unlawful for highway use.

Remanufactured Vehicle. A vehicle constructed by a licensed remanufacturer that consists of any used or reconditioned integral parts, including but not limited to the frame, engine, transmission, axles, brakes, or suspension. An existing vehicle which is incidentally repaired, restored, or modified by replacing or adding parts or accessories is not a remanufactured vehicle. Remanufactured vehicles may be sold under a distinctive trade name.

Horseless Carriage. A motor vehicle with an engine of 16 or more cylinders manufactured prior to 1965 and any motor vehicle manufactured in the year 1922 and prior thereto. The special identification plates assigned to these vehicles shall run in a separate numerical series, commencing with "Horseless Carriage No. 1".

Historical Vehicle. A vehicle which was manufactured after 1922, is at least 25 years old, and is of historic interest. The special identification plates assigned to these vehicles shall run in a separate numerical series, commencing with "Historical Vehicle No. 1".

Essential parts. All integral and body parts of a vehicle of a type required to be registered under this code, the removal, alteration, or substitution of which would tend to conceal the identity of the vehicle or substantially alter its appearance.

Bonded Title. A motor vehicle bond is required when proof of ownership cannot be obtained for parts valued a \$5,000 or more.

Vehicle Verification. A vehicle verification by the California Highway Patrol (CHP) must be obtained before the California DMV can title and register a specially constructed vehicle, however, the application process must be started at the DMV before the CHP will do a vehicle verification.

Statement of Construction. A form required by the DMV for titling and registration of a specially constructed, home-made, or kit vehicle which is used to provide information on the major component parts used in these vehicles. Proof of ownership, including invoices, receipts, manufacturers' certificates of origin, bills of sale, or junk receipts for the major component parts (engine, frame, transmission, and body) used in the construction of the vehicle must also be presented to the DMV.

Official brake and light adjustment certification. A certificate issued by an official brake and light station certifying that a specially constructed, home-made, or kit vehicle has brakes and lights that are in proper working order. When an official brake and light station is not located within a reasonable distance, DMV will accept a Statement of Facts form from a repair shop attesting that the brakes and lights are in proper working order.

SPCNS Certificates of Sequence. Specially constructed, home-made, and kit vehicles must undergo an emissions process at a Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) referee station before they can be titled and registered. A SPCNS certificate of sequence identifies a vehicle as one for which the owner may choose the emission control inspection to be based on the model-year of the vehicle's engine or the model-year of that the vehicle's body most closely resembles. The certificate is issued by DMV Headquarters and is mailed 7-10 working days after the application is accepted by the local DMV at which the application is submitted. The certificate must be presented to the BAR Referee Station at the time of inspection. Only 500 certificates are issued per year. Once the yearly allotment has been issued, vehicles will be assigned a year model matching the calendar year in which the application is submitted or applicants must wait until the following year to apply for a certificate.

California DMV Guidance

Specially Constructed Vehicles Emission Control

What is the Specially Constructed Vehicle Emission Control Program?

Existing law requires most 1976 and newer model year vehicles to pass an emissions control inspection (smog check) prior to original registration, transfer of ownership, and every second annual renewal. Since specially constructed vehicles (SPCNS) are homemade and do not have a manufacturer-assigned year model of the vehicle or they must be taken to a Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) Referee Station for the original inspection. Upon completion of the inspection, the referee will affix a tamper-resistant label to the vehicle and issue a certificate that establishes the year model for future inspection purposes.

What is an SPCNS Certificate of Sequence?

An SPCNS certificate of sequence identifies a vehicle as one for which the owner may choose an emission control inspection based on the year model of the vehicle or the engine used in the vehicle (If the vehicle or engine does not resemble one previously manufactured, the referee will assign 1960 as the year model). The certificate is issued by DMV headquarters and will be mailed 7-10 working days after the application is accepted by your local DMV. The certificate must be presented to the BAR Referee Station at the time of inspection.

Per California Vehicle Code §4750.1, only 500 certificates can be issued in a calendar year. Once the yearly allotment has been issued, vehicles will be assigned a year model matching the calendar year in which the application is submitted or applicants must wait until the following year to apply for a certificate.

Note: Due to the limited number of SPCNS certificates of sequence available, you may wish to submit your application for registration in person at a local DMV office.

Previously registered vehicles may be included as one of the first 500 applicants in a calendar year and apply for a different year model determination.

An SPCNS certificate of sequence **cannot** be transferred to a different vehicle or reissued in someone else's name. If the vehicle is sold before the application complete, the seller of the vehicle must provide the buyer with the SPCNS certificate of sequence along with the bill of sale and any additional registration documents. In addition, fees deposited in one calendar year cannot be held over for the next year's allocation of certificates.

An SPCNS certificate of sequence **cannot** be reissued if the record shows a smog exempt status and the original State of California Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) Vehicle Information Label is not affixed to the vehicle for:

- SPCNS nonresident vehicles with a vehicle record showing a smog exempt status.

- Buyers registering a vehicle as SPCNS with smog exempt status on the record.
- In these cases, the owner must take the vehicle to BAR.

Registration Requirements for Home Made Specially Constructed or Kit Vehicles

A "home-made, specially constructed, or kit vehicle" is a vehicle that is built for private use, **not** for resale, and is **not** constructed by a licensed manufacturer or remanufacturer. These vehicles may be built from a kit, new or used parts, a combination of new and used parts, or a vehicle reported for dismantling (junked) that, when reconstructed, does not resemble the original make of the vehicle that was dismantled.

A specially constructed (SPCNS) vehicle **does not** include a vehicle that has been repaired or restored to its original design by replacing parts or a vehicle modified from its original design.

Example: A Volkswagen "Beetle" with modified fenders, engine compartment lid, and front end, but still recognizable as a Volkswagen is not considered a specially constructed vehicle.

NOTE: The registration requirements for kit commercial vehicles are the same as for specially constructed vehicles.

The Registration Requirements are:

- A completed Application for Title or Registration (REG 343).
- A vehicle verification done by the California Highway Patrol (CHP). You must start your application process with the DMV prior to contacting the CHP for a vehicle verification. DMV verifies trailers with an unladen weight of 6,000 pounds or less.
- A completed Statement of Construction (REG 5036).
- Proof of ownership, such as invoices, receipts, manufacturers' certificates of origin, bills of sale, or junk receipts for the major component parts (engine, frame, transmission, and body).

NOTE: A motor vehicle bond is required when proof of ownership cannot be obtained for parts valued a \$5,000 or more.

- Official brake and light adjustment certificates. When an official brake and light station that inspects specific vehicles such as motorcycles and large commercial vehicles is not located within a reasonable distance, DMV will accept a Statement of Facts (REG 256) from a repair shop attesting that the brakes and lights are in proper working order. Brake and light certificates are not required for off-highway vehicles or trailers weighing **less than** 3,000 pounds gross vehicle weight.
- A weight certificate for commercial vehicles weighing 10,000 pounds or less.
- An emission control inspection (smog check) by a Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) Referee Station. Click here for information on SPCNS Certificates of Sequence . To make an appointment at a BAR Referee Station, call 1-800-622-7733.

- All fees due.
- Visit your local DMV to begin the application process, make an Appointment(s) for faster service.

California Laws

From California Administrative Code:

13 CCR § 152.00. Motor Vehicle Bond Requirements.

(a) A motor vehicle owner applying for a California certificate of title without the required supporting evidence of ownership may submit a bond as authorized under Vehicle Code section 4157. The bond shall be executed by an admitted surety insurer on a Motor Vehicle Ownership Surety Bond, form REG 5057 (REV. 12/2004), which is hereby incorporated by reference. The bond shall be subject to chapter 2 (commencing with Section 995.010), title 14, of part 2 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

(b) The penal sum of the bond shall be in the amount of the fair market value of the motor vehicle.

(1) The fair market value shall be determined by either:

(A) A written appraisal provided by a California licensed or other state licensed motor vehicle dealer or motor vehicle insurance representative; or

(B) Identification of the motor vehicle and its price variations based on information provided in a recognized industry motor vehicle valuation and pricing handbook, such as the Kelly Blue Book. The highest and lowest price variations shall be added together and then divided by two; the result is the average price of the vehicle. The average price shall be the fair market value.

(c) A motor vehicle owner applying for a California certificate of title without the required supporting evidence of ownership may submit a deposit equal to the monetary amount appraised in Section 152.00(b)(1)(A) or calculated in Section 152.00(b)(1)(B) in lieu of the bond as provided in Section 995.710 of the Code of Civil Procedure. The deposit in lieu of a surety bond shall be executed on a Vehicle, Vessel or Off-Highway Vehicle Title Deposit Agreement and Assignment, form REG 5059 (Rev. 1/2010), which is hereby incorporated by reference. The form shall meet the guidelines identified in the Code of Civil Procedure section 995.710. The form shall also identify the deposit method authorized by the Code of Civil Procedure section 995.710 that is chosen by the depositor.

From California Vehicle Code:

West's Ann. Cal. Vehicle Code § 580. Specially constructed vehicle

A "specially constructed vehicle" is a vehicle which is built for private use, not for resale, and is not constructed by a licensed manufacturer or remanufacturer. A specially constructed vehicle may be built from (1) a kit; (2) new or used, or a combination of new and used, parts; or (3) a vehicle reported for dismantling, as required by Section 5500 or 11520, which, when reconstructed, does not resemble the original make of the vehicle dismantled. A specially

constructed vehicle is not a vehicle which has been repaired or restored to its original design by replacing parts.

West's Ann. Cal. Vehicle Code § 4750.1. Application for registration of specialty constructed passenger vehicle or pickup truck; assignment of model-year; amnesty program participation fee

(a) If the department receives an application for registration of a specially constructed passenger vehicle or pickup truck after it has registered 500 specially constructed vehicles during that calendar year pursuant to Section 44017.4 of the Health and Safety Code, and the vehicle has not been previously registered, the vehicle shall be assigned the same model-year as the calendar year in which the application is submitted, for purposes of determining emissions inspection requirements for the vehicle.

(b)(1) If the department receives an application for registration of a specially constructed passenger vehicle or pickup truck that has been previously registered after it has registered 500 specially constructed vehicles during that calendar year pursuant to Section 44017.4 of the Health and Safety Code, and the application requests a model-year determination different from the model-year assigned in the previous registration, the application for registration shall be denied and the vehicle owner is subject to the emission control and inspection requirements applicable to the model-year assigned in the previous registration.

(2) For a vehicle participating in the amnesty program in effect from July 1, 2011, to June 30, 2012, pursuant to Section 9565, the model-year of the previous registration shall be the calendar year of the year in which the vehicle owner applied for amnesty. However, a denial of an application for registration issued pursuant to this paragraph does not preclude the vehicle owner from applying for a different model-year determination and application for registration under Section 44017.4 of the Health and Safety Code in a subsequent calendar year.

(c)(1) The Bureau of Automotive Repair may charge the vehicle owner who applies to participate in the amnesty program a fee for each referee station inspection conducted pursuant to Section 9565. The fee shall be one hundred sixty dollars (\$160) and shall be collected by the referee station performing the inspection.

(2) A contract to perform referee services may authorize direct compensation to the referee contractor from the inspection fees collected pursuant to paragraph (1). The referee contractor shall deposit the inspection fees collected from the vehicle owner into a separate trust account that the referee contractor shall account for and manage in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards and principles. Where the department conducts the inspections pursuant to Section 9565, the inspection fees collected by the department shall be deposited into the Vehicle Inspection and Repair Fund.

West's Ann. Cal. Vehicle Code § 4153. Special vehicles

If the vehicle to be registered is a specially constructed or remanufactured vehicle, the application shall also state that fact and contain additional information as may reasonably be required by the department to enable it properly to register the vehicle.

West's Ann. Cal. Vehicle Code § 5004. Vehicles of historic value

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, any owner of a vehicle described in paragraph (1), (2), or (3) which is operated or moved over the highway primarily for the purpose of historical exhibition or other similar purpose shall, upon application in the manner and at the time prescribed by the department, be issued special identification plates for the vehicle:

- (1) A motor vehicle with an engine of 16 or more cylinders manufactured prior to 1965.
- (2) A motor vehicle manufactured in the year 1922 or prior thereto.
- (3) A vehicle which was manufactured after 1922, is at least 25 years old, and is of historic interest.

(b) The special identification plates assigned to motor vehicles with an engine of 16 or more cylinders manufactured prior to 1965 and to any motor vehicle manufactured in the year 1922 and prior thereto shall run in a separate numerical series, commencing with "Horseless Carriage No. 1".

The special identification plates assigned to vehicles specified in paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) shall run in a separate numerical series, commencing with "Historical Vehicle No. 1".

Each series of plates shall have different and distinguishing colors.

(c) A fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) shall be charged for the initial issuance of the special identification plates. Such plates shall be permanent and shall not be required to be replaced. If such special identification plates become damaged or unserviceable in any manner, replacement for the plates may be obtained from the department upon proper application and upon payment of such fee as is provided for in Section 9265.

(d) All funds received by the department in payment for such identification plates or the replacement thereof shall be deposited in the California Environmental License Plate Fund.

(e) These vehicles shall not be exempt from the equipment provisions of Sections 26709, 27150, and 27600.

(f) As used in this section, a vehicle is of historic interest if it is collected, restored, maintained, and operated by a collector or hobbyist principally for purposes of exhibition and historic vehicle club activities.

West's Ann. Cal. Vehicle Code § 9401. Vehicles manufactured in or prior to 1936

(a) Motor vehicles manufactured in or prior to 1936, are exempted from the payment of the weight fees provided for in Section 9400.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), any person who owns and operates a commercial vehicle manufactured in or prior to 1936 which is registered to such person, may pay the appropriate weight fees, and the department shall issue license plates of the same type as are issued to vehicles which are required to pay weight fees for such vehicles.

West's Ann. Cal. Vehicle Code § 5004.1. License plate corresponding to model year date of licensed historical vehicle

(a)(1) An owner of a vehicle that is a 1980 or older model-year vehicle may, after the requirements for the registration of the vehicle are complied with and with the approval of the department, utilize license plates of this state with the date of year corresponding to the model-year date when the vehicle was manufactured, if the model-year date license plate is legible and serviceable, as determined by the department, in lieu of the license plates otherwise required by this code.

(2) The department may consult with an organization of old car hobbyists in determining whether the date of year of the license plate corresponds to the model-year date when the vehicle was manufactured.

(b) A fee of forty-five dollars (\$45) shall be charged for the application for the use of the special plates.

(c) In addition to the regular renewal fee for the vehicle for which the plates are authorized, the applicant for a renewal of the plates shall be charged an additional fee of ten dollars (\$10). If payment of a regular vehicle renewal fee is not required by this code, the holder of license plates with a date corresponding to the model-year may retain the plates upon payment of an annual fee of twenty dollars (\$20) that shall be due at the expiration of the registration year of the vehicle to which the plates were last assigned under this section.

(d) If a person who is authorized to utilize the special license plates applies to the department for transfer of the plates to another vehicle, a transfer fee of twelve dollars (\$12) shall be charged in addition to all other appropriate fees.

West's Ann. Cal. Vehicle Code § 9563. Rebuilt and restored passenger vehicle; registration application and fees

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this code, when a vehicle is rebuilt and restored to operation after it has been reported to be dismantled pursuant to Section 11520, the application shall be deemed to be an application for original registration of a new vehicle for determination of fees.

West's Ann. Cal. Vehicle Code § 5505. Total loss salvage vehicles and dismantled vehicles; application to register; inspections; proof of ownership; definitions

(a) This section applies to any vehicle reported to be a total loss salvage vehicle pursuant to Section 11515 and to any vehicle reported for dismantling pursuant to Section 5500 or 11520.

(b) Whenever an application is made to the Department of Motor Vehicles to register a vehicle described in subdivision (a), that department shall inspect the vehicle to determine its proper identity or request that the inspection be performed by the Department of the California Highway Patrol. An inspection by the Department of Motor Vehicles shall not preclude that department from referring the vehicle to the Department of the California Highway Patrol for an additional inspection if deemed necessary.

(c) The Department of the California Highway Patrol shall inspect, on a random basis, those vehicles described in subdivision (a) that have been presented to the Department of Motor Vehicles for registration after completion of the reconstruction process to determine the proper identity of those vehicles. The vehicle being presented for inspection shall be a complete vehicle, in legal operating condition. If the vehicle was originally manufactured with a "supplemental restraint system" as defined in Section 593, the reconstructed vehicle shall also be equipped with a supplemental restraint system in good working order that meets applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards and conforms to the manufacturer's specifications for that vehicle. The inspection conducted pursuant to this subdivision shall be a comprehensive, vehicle identification number inspection.

(d) A salvage vehicle rebuilder, as defined in Section 543.5, or other individual in possession of a vehicle described in subdivision (a), who is submitting the vehicle for registration as described in subdivision (b), shall have available, and shall present upon demand of the Department of the California Highway Patrol, bills of sale, invoices, or other acceptable proof of ownership of component parts, and invoices for minor component parts. Additionally, bills of sale and invoices shall include the year, make, model, and the vehicle identification number of the vehicle from which the parts were removed or sold, the name and signature of the person from whom the parts were acquired, and his or her address, and telephone number. To assist in the identification of the seller of new or used parts, the number of the seller's driver's license, identification card, social security card, or Federal Employer Identification Number shall be provided by the seller to the buyer on the bills of sale and invoice. The seller of a salvage vehicle, or the agent of the seller, shall inform the purchaser of the vehicle that ownership documentation for certain replacement parts used in the repair of the vehicle will be required in the inspection required under this section.

(e) As used in this section, the term "component parts for passenger motor vehicles" includes supplemental restraint systems, the cowl or firewall, front-end assembly, rear clip, including the roof panel, the roof panel when installed separately, and the frame or any portion thereof, or in the case of a unitized body, the supporting structure that serves as the frame, each door, the

hood, each fender or quarter panel, deck lid or hatchback, each bumper, both T-tops, replacement transmissions or transaxles, and a replacement motor.

(1) As used in this subdivision, "front-end assembly" includes all of the following: hood, fenders, bumper, and radiator supporting members for these items. For vehicles with a unitized body, the front-end assembly also includes the frame support members.

(2) As used in this subdivision, "rear clip" includes the roof, quarter panels, trunk lid, floor pan, and the support members for each item.

(f) As used in this section, "major component parts for trucks, truck-type or bus-type vehicles" includes the cab, the frame or any portion thereof, and, in the case of a unitized body, the supporting structure which serves as a frame, the cargo compartment floor panel or passenger compartment floor pan, roof panel, and replacement transmissions or transaxles, and replacement motors, each door, hood, each fender or quarter panel, each bumper, and the tailgate. All component parts identified in subdivision (e), common to a truck, truck-type or bus-type vehicle, not listed in this section, shall be considered as included in this section if the part is replaced.

(1) "Major component parts for motorcycles" includes the engine or motor, transmission or transaxle, frame, front fork, and crankcase.

(2) "Minor component parts for motorcycles" includes the fairing and any other body molding.

(g) If the vehicle identification number, year, make, or model required under subdivision (d) cannot be determined, the Department of the California Highway Patrol may accept, in lieu of that information, a certification on a form provided by that department, signed by the person submitting the vehicle for inspection, that the part was not obtained by means of theft or fraud.

West's Ann. Cal. Vehicle Code § 10750. Altering or changing vehicle numbers

(a) No person shall intentionally deface, destroy, or alter the motor number, other distinguishing number, or identification mark of a vehicle required or employed for registration purposes without written authorization from the department, nor shall any person place or stamp any serial, motor, or other number or mark upon a vehicle, except one assigned thereto by the department.

(b) This section does not prohibit the restoration by an owner of the original vehicle identification number when the restoration is authorized by the department, nor prevent any manufacturer from placing in the ordinary course of business numbers or marks upon new motor vehicles or new parts thereof.

West's Ann. Cal. Vehicle Code § 10751. Manufacturer's serial or identification numbers; disposition; hearing; notice; application of section

(a) No person shall knowingly buy, sell, offer for sale, receive, or have in his or her possession, any vehicle, or component part thereof, from which any serial or identification number, including, but not limited to, any number used for registration purposes, that is affixed by the manufacturer to the vehicle or component part, in whatever manner deemed proper by the manufacturer, has been removed, defaced, altered, or destroyed, unless the vehicle or component part has attached thereto an identification number assigned or approved by the department in lieu of the manufacturer's number.

(b) Whenever a vehicle described in subdivision (a), including a vehicle assembled with any component part which is in violation of subdivision (a), comes into the custody of a peace officer, it shall be destroyed, sold, or otherwise disposed of under the conditions as provided in an order by the court having jurisdiction. No court order providing for disposition shall be issued unless the person from whom the property was seized, and all claimants to the property whose interest or title is on registration records in the Department of Motor Vehicles, are provided a postseizure hearing by the court having jurisdiction within 90 days after the seizure. This subdivision shall not apply with respect to a seized vehicle or component part used as evidence in any criminal action or proceeding. Nothing in this section shall, however, preclude the return of a seized vehicle or a component part to the owner by the seizing agency following presentation of satisfactory evidence of ownership and, if determined necessary, upon the assignment of an identification number to the vehicle or component part by the department.

(c) Whenever a vehicle described in subdivision (a) comes into the custody of a peace officer, the person from whom the property was seized, and all claimants to the property whose interest or title is on registration records in the Department of Motor Vehicles, shall be notified within five days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, after the seizure, of the date, time, and place of the hearing required in subdivision (b). The notice shall contain the information specified in subdivision (d).

(d) Whenever a peace officer seizes a vehicle described in subdivision (a), the person from whom the property was seized shall be provided a notice of impoundment of the vehicle which shall serve as a receipt and contain the following information:

(1) Name and address of person from whom the property was seized.

(2) A statement that the vehicle seized has been impounded for investigation of a violation of Section 10751 of the California Vehicle Code and that the property will be released upon a determination that the serial or identification number has not been removed, defaced, altered, or destroyed, or upon the presentation of satisfactory evidence of ownership of the vehicle or a component part, if no other person claims an interest in the property; otherwise, a hearing regarding the disposition of the vehicle shall take place in the proper court.

(3) A statement that the person from whom the property was seized, and all claimants to the property whose interest or title is on registration records in the Department of

Motor Vehicles, will receive written notification of the date, time, and place of the hearing within five days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, after the seizure.

(4) Name and address of the law enforcement agency where evidence of ownership of the vehicle or component part may be presented.

(5) A statement of the contents of Section 10751 of the Vehicle Code.

(e) A hearing on the disposition of the property shall be held by the superior court within 90 days after the seizure. The hearing shall be before the court without a jury. A proceeding under this section is a limited civil case.

(1) If the evidence reveals either that the serial or identification number has not been removed, defaced, altered, or destroyed or that the number has been removed, defaced, altered, or destroyed but satisfactory evidence of ownership has been presented to the seizing agency or court, the property shall be released to the person entitled thereto. Nothing in this section precludes the return of the vehicle or a component part to a good faith purchaser following presentation of satisfactory evidence of ownership thereof upon the assignment of an identification number to the vehicle or component part by the department.

(2) If the evidence reveals that the identification number has been removed, defaced, altered, or destroyed, and satisfactory evidence of ownership has not been presented, the vehicle shall be destroyed, sold, or otherwise disposed of as provided by court order.

(3) At the hearing, the seizing agency has the burden of establishing that the serial or identification number has been removed, defaced, altered, or destroyed and that no satisfactory evidence of ownership has been presented.

(f) This section does not apply to a scrap metal processor engaged primarily in the acquisition, processing, and shipment of ferrous and nonferrous scrap, and who receives dismantled vehicles from licensed dismantlers, licensed junk collectors, or licensed junk dealers as scrap metal for the purpose of recycling the dismantled vehicles for their metallic content, the end product of which is the production of material for recycling and remelting purposes for steel mills, foundries, smelters, and refiners.

West's Ann. Cal. Vehicle Code § 10752. Manufacturer's or governmental serial or identification numbers; possession or sale; penalties

(a) No person shall, with intent to prejudice, damage, injure, or defraud, acquire, possess, sell, or offer for sale any genuine or counterfeit manufacturer's serial or identification number from or for, or purporting to be from or for, a vehicle or component part thereof.

(b) No person shall, with intent to prejudice, damage, injure, or defraud, acquire, possess, sell, or offer for sale any genuine or counterfeit serial or identification number issued by the

department, the Department of the California Highway Patrol, or the vehicle registration and titling agency of any foreign jurisdiction which is from or for, or purports to be from or for, a vehicle or component part thereof.

(c) Every person convicted of a violation of subdivision (a) or (b) shall be punished by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170 of the Penal Code, or in the county jail for not less than 90 days nor more than one year, and by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) nor more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

West's Ann. Cal. Vehicle Code § 4453. Contents of registration card

(a) The registration card shall contain upon its face, the date issued, the name and residence or business address or mailing address of the owner and of the legal owner, if any, the registration number assigned to the vehicle, and a description of the vehicle as complete as that required in the application for registration of the vehicle.

(b) The following motor vehicles shall be identified as such on the face of the registration card whenever the department is able to ascertain that fact at the time application is made for initial registration or transfer of ownership of the vehicle:

(1) A motor vehicle rebuilt and restored to operation that was previously declared to be a total loss salvage vehicle because the cost of repairs exceeds the retail value of the vehicle.

(2) A motor vehicle rebuilt and restored to operation that was previously reported to be dismantled pursuant to Section 11520.

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West's Ann. Cal. Vehicle Code § 4161. Engine and motor change notification; distinguishing vehicle identification number; replacement engine case for motorcycles

(a) Whenever a motor vehicle engine or motor is installed, except temporarily, in a motor vehicle which is identified on the ownership and registration certificates by motor or engine number or by both the motor and frame numbers and subject to registration under this code, the owner of the motor vehicle shall, within 10 days thereafter, give notice to the department upon a form furnished by it containing a description of the motor vehicle engine or motor installed, including any identifying number thereon and the date of the installation. The owner of the motor vehicle shall also submit to the department with the notice the certificate of ownership and registration card covering the motor vehicle in which the motor vehicle engine or motor is installed and evidence of ownership covering the new or used motor vehicle engine or motor installed and such other documents as may be required by the department.

(b) Upon receipt of motor vehicle engine or motor change notification and other required documents, the department shall assign a distinguishing vehicle identification number to motor vehicles, other than motorcycles or motor-driven cycles registered under a motor number or

motor and frame numbers. When the distinguishing vehicle identification number is placed on the vehicle as authorized, the vehicle shall thereafter be identified by the distinguishing identification number assigned.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or any other provision of law, whenever an application is made to the department to register a replacement engine case for any motorcycle, the department shall request the Department of the California Highway Patrol to inspect the motorcycle to determine its proper identity. If the replacement engine case bears the same identifying numbers as the engine case being replaced, the original engine case shall be destroyed. A determination verifying proof of destruction shall be made by the Department of the California Highway Patrol.

West's Ann. Cal. Rev. & T. Code § 10753.5. Vehicles of historic value

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this part, the annual amount of the license fee for a vehicle that has been assigned a special identification plate or plates as described in Section 5004 of the Vehicle Code shall be two dollars (\$2).

West's Ann. Cal .Ins. Code § 671. Refusal to issue policy based solely on age of automobile if market value exceeds \$2,500; prohibited; exceptions

No insurer issuing an automobile collision policy, as defined in Section 660, or a policy for comprehensive coverage for an automobile, as defined in Section 11580.07, shall refuse to issue the policy of insurance, or the policy in combination with other coverages, when the refusal is based solely on the age of the automobile to be insured, if the market value of the automobile exceeds two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500).

This section does not apply to any policy which includes coverage for losses resulting from wear and tear or from normal deterioration of an automobile or its component parts, nor to any policy which provides coverage for an **antique or classic automobile**.

California Equipment Exemptions

West's Ann. Cal. Vehicle Code § 25804. Historical vehicles' lighting equipment

Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, original lighting equipment installed on a **vehicle manufactured prior to January 1, 1946**, need not meet the requirements established by the department when the vehicle is used primarily for the purpose of historical exhibition.

West's Ann. Cal. Health & Safety Code § 43002. Exemptions; motor vehicles of historic value; exceptions

No motor vehicle of historic interest shall be required to have any motor vehicle pollution control device, except for such devices that were required by this part for such vehicles prior to the time that special identification plates were issued for that vehicle pursuant to Section 5004 of the Vehicle Code.

West's Ann. Cal. Vehicle Code § 24410. Single beams

Headlamps arranged to provide a single distribution of light not supplemented by auxiliary driving lamps are permitted on **motor vehicles manufactured and sold prior to September 19, 1940**, in lieu of multiple-beam road lighting equipment if the single distribution of light complies with the following requirements and limitations:

- (a) The headlamps shall be so aimed that when the vehicle is not loaded none of the high-intensity portion of the light shall at a distance of 25 feet ahead project higher than a level of five inches below the level of the center of the lamp from which it comes, and in no case higher than 42 inches above the level on which the vehicle stands at a distance of 75 feet ahead.
- (b) The intensity shall be sufficient to reveal persons and vehicles at a distance of at least 200 feet.

West's Ann. Cal. Vehicle Code § 25100. Clearance and side-marker lamps

(a) Except as provided in subdivisions (b) and (d), every vehicle 80 inches or more in overall width shall be equipped during darkness as follows:

- (1) At least one amber clearance lamp on each side mounted on a forward-facing portion of the vehicle and visible from the front and at least one red clearance lamp on each side mounted on a rearward-facing portion of the vehicle and visible from the rear.
- (2) At least one amber side-marker lamp on each side near the front and at least one red side-marker lamp on each side near the rear.
- (3) At least one amber side-marker lamp on each side at or near the center on trailers and semitrailers 30 feet or more in length and which are manufactured and first registered after January 1, 1962. Any such vehicle manufactured and first registered prior to January 1, 1962, may be so equipped.

(4) At least one amber side-marker lamp mounted at approximate midpoint of housecars, motortrucks, and buses 30 or more feet in length and manufactured on or after January 1, 1969. Any such vehicle manufactured prior to January 1, 1969, may be so equipped.

(5) Combination clearance and side-marker lamps mounted as side-marker lamps and meeting the visibility requirements for both types of lamps may be used in lieu of required individual clearance or side-marker lamps.

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West's Ann. Cal. Vehicle Code § 24603. Stoplamps

Every motor vehicle that is not in combination with any other vehicle and every vehicle at the end of a combination of vehicles shall at all times be equipped with stoplamps mounted on the rear as follows:

(a) Each vehicle shall be equipped with one or more stoplamps.

(b) Each vehicle, other than a motorcycle, manufactured and first registered on or after January 1, 1958, shall be equipped with two stoplamps, except that trailers and semitrailers manufactured after July 23, 1973, which are less than 30 inches wide, may be equipped with one stoplamp which shall be mounted at or near the vertical centerline of the trailer. If such vehicle is equipped with two stoplamps, they shall be mounted as specified in subdivision (d).

(c) Except as provided in subdivision (h), stoplamps on vehicles manufactured on or after January 1, 1969, shall be mounted not lower than 15 inches nor higher than 72 inches, except that a tow truck or a reposessor's tow vehicle, in addition to being equipped with the required stoplamps, may also be equipped with two stoplamps which may be mounted not lower than 15 inches nor higher than the maximum allowable vehicle height and as far forward as the rearmost portion of the driver's seat in the rearmost position.

(d) When two stoplamps are required, at least one shall be mounted at the left and one at the right side, respectively, at the same level.

(e)(1) Stoplamps on vehicles manufactured on or after January 1, 1979, shall emit a red light. Stoplamps **on vehicles manufactured before January 1, 1979**, shall emit a red or yellow light.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to commercial motor vehicles, as defined in Section 15210 or 34500. Stoplamps on a commercial motor vehicle shall emit red light. A commercial motor vehicle shall not be equipped with an amber stoplamp, amber taillamp, or other amber lamp that is optically combined with a stoplamp or taillamp.

West's Ann. Cal. Vehicle Code § 25950. Color of lamps and reflectors; infrared region of electromagnetic spectrum

This section applies to the color of lamps and to any reflector exhibiting or reflecting perceptible light of 0.05 candela or more per foot-candle of incident illumination. Unless provided otherwise, the color of lamps and reflectors upon a vehicle shall be as follows:

(a) The emitted light from all lamps and the reflected light from all reflectors, visible from in front of a vehicle, shall be white or yellow, except as follows:

(1) Rear side marker lamps required by Section 25100 may show red to the front.

(2) The color of foglamps described in Section 24403 may be in the color spectrum from white to yellow.

(3) An illuminating device, as permitted under Section 24255, shall emit radiation predominantly in the infrared region of the electromagnetic spectrum. Any incidental visible light projecting to the front of the vehicle shall be predominantly yellow to white. Any incidental visible light projecting to the rear of the vehicle shall be predominantly red. Any incidental visible light from an illuminating device, as permitted under Section 24255, shall not resemble any other required or permitted lighting device or official traffic control device.

(b) The emitted light from all lamps and the reflected light from all reflectors, visible from the rear of a vehicle, shall be red except as follows:

(1) Stoplamps on **vehicles manufactured before January 1, 1979**, may show yellow to the rear.

(2) Turn signal lamps may show yellow to the rear.

(3) Front side marker lamps required by Section 25100 may show yellow to the rear.

(4) Backup lamps shall show white to the rear.

(5) The rearward facing portion of a front-mounted double-faced turn signal lamp may show amber to the rear while the headlamps or parking lamps are lighted, if the intensity of the light emitted is not greater than the parking lamps and the turn signal function is not impaired.

(6) A reflector meeting the requirements of, and installed in accordance with, Section 24611 shall be red or white, or both.

(c) All lamps and reflectors visible from the front, sides, or rear of a vehicle, except headlamps, may have any unlighted color, provided the emitted light from all lamps or reflected light from all reflectors complies with the required color. Except for backup lamps, the entire effective projected luminous area of lamps visible from the rear or mounted on the sides near the rear of a vehicle shall be covered by an inner lens of the required color when the unlighted color differs from the required emitted light color. Taillamps, stoplamps, and turn signal lamps that are

visible to the rear may be white when unlighted on **vehicles manufactured before January 1, 1974.**

West's Ann. Cal. Vehicle Code § 26311. Service brakes on all wheels; exceptions

(a) Every motor vehicle shall be equipped with service brakes on all wheels in contact with the roadway, except as follows:

(1) Trucks and truck tractors manufactured before July 25, 1980, having three or more axles need not have brakes on the front wheels, except when such vehicles are equipped with at least two steerable axles, the wheels of one such axle need not be equipped with brakes.

(2) The final towed vehicle in a triple saddle-mount driveaway-towaway operation.

(3) **Any vehicle manufactured prior to 1930.**

(4) Any two-axle truck tractor manufactured prior to 1964.

(5) Any sidecar attached to a motorcycle.

(6) Any motorcycle manufactured prior to 1966. Such motorcycle shall be equipped with brakes on at least one wheel.

(b) Any bus, truck, or truck tractor may be equipped with a manual or automatic means for reducing the braking effort on the front wheels. The manual means shall be used only when operating under adverse road conditions, such as wet, snowy, or icy roads.

(c) Vehicles and combinations of vehicles exempted in subdivisions (a) and (b) from the requirements of brakes on all wheels shall comply with the stopping distance requirements of Section 26454.

West's Ann. Cal. Vehicle Code § 26521. Warning device

Motor vehicles required to be equipped with power brakes and equipped with vacuum or vacuum-assisted brakes and motor vehicles used to tow vehicles equipped with vacuum brakes or vacuum-assisted brakes shall be equipped with either an audible or visible warning signal to indicate readily to the driver when the vacuum drops to eight inches of mercury and less. A vacuum gauge shall not be deemed to meet this requirement.

This section shall not apply to a two-axle motor truck operated singly nor to **any motor vehicle manufactured prior to 1964.**

West's Ann. Cal. Vehicle Code § 26700. Windshields; exceptions

(a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), a passenger vehicle, other than a motorcycle, and every bus, motortruck or truck tractor, and every firetruck, fire engine or other fire apparatus, whether publicly or privately owned, shall be equipped with an adequate windshield.

(b) Subdivision (a) does not apply to any **vehicle issued identification plates pursuant to Section 5004 which was not required to be equipped with a windshield at the time it was first sold or registered under the laws of this state, another state, or foreign jurisdiction.**

West's Ann. Cal. Vehicle Code § 26701. Safety glazing material

(a) No person shall sell, offer for sale, or operate any motor vehicle, except a motorcycle, **manufactured after January 1, 1936**, unless it is equipped with safety glazing material wherever glazing materials are used in interior partitions, doors, windows, windshields, auxiliary wind deflectors or openings in the roof.

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(d) No person shall sell, offer for sale, or operate any motor vehicle equipped with red, blue, or amber translucent aftermarket material in any partitions, windows, windshields, or wind deflectors.

(e) No person shall sell, offer for sale, or operate any trailer coach **manufactured after January 1, 1977**, that is capable of being towed with a fifth-wheel device unless the trailer coach is equipped with safety glazing materials wherever glazing materials are used in windows or doors, interior partitions, and openings in the roof.

West's Ann. Cal. Vehicle Code § 34715. Energy-absorption system

No new passenger vehicle, except a passenger vehicle certified by its manufacturer as having been **manufactured prior to September 1, 1973**, shall be sold or registered on and after September 1, 1973, unless it has a manufacturer's warranty that it is equipped with an appropriate energy-absorption system that meets the requirement for energy absorption systems set by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

West's Ann. Cal. Vehicle Code § 35101. Pneumatic tires

When any vehicle is equipped with pneumatic tires, the maximum width from the outside of one wheel and tire to the outside of the opposite outer wheel and tire shall not exceed 108 inches, but the outside width of the body of the vehicle or the load thereon shall not exceed 102 inches.

Vehicles manufactured, reconstructed, or modified after the effective date of amendments to this section enacted during the 1983 portion of the 1983-84 Regular Session of the Legislature, to utilize the 102 inch maximum width dimension, shall be equipped with axles, tires, and wheels of sufficient width to adequately and safely stabilize the vehicle. The Department of the California Highway Patrol shall conduct tests relating to the dynamic stability of vehicles utilizing body widths over 96 inches, up to and including 102 inches, to determine the necessity for establishing performance standards under the authority of Section 34500. Such standards if established shall be consistent with width standards established by or under the authority of the United States Department of Transportation.



SPECIAL RECOGNITION LICENSE PLATE APPLICATION

ORIGINAL
Complete Sections 1, 2, 5

REPLACEMENT
Complete Sections 1, 2, 4, 5

REASSIGN, RETAIN, RELEASE
Complete Sections 1, 3, 5

Special License Plates must be assigned to a vehicle currently registered in California. The department will not honor a change of choice, spacing or a request for refund after the reservation is made.

SECTION 1 — PLATE OWNER (Please print true full name of plate owner or purchaser)

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME
MAILING ADDRESS (STREET OR P. O. BOX)	CITY	STATE ZIP CODE

SECTION 2 — PLATE SELECTION:

Will be assigned to: Auto Truck Trailer Motorcycle (Motorcycle plates are available in Amateur Radio License, Purple Heart, POW, or Antique Motorcycle. Gold Star Family and Firefighter Motorcycle: Decals are applied to a white plate.)

Plates to be placed on this vehicle, if known:	LICENSE PLATE NUMBER	VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (VIN)
Documentation Required*	California Firefighter Only First Choice _____ Meaning (Required)	Certification Required*
<input type="checkbox"/> Amateur Radio License _____ (PROVIDE CALL LETTERS)	Second Choice _____ Meaning (Required)	<input type="checkbox"/> Pearl Harbor Survivor <input type="checkbox"/> Horseless Carriage <input type="checkbox"/> Press Photographer
<input type="checkbox"/> Legion of Valor _____ (TYPE OF MEDAL OR CROSS)	Third Choice _____ Meaning (Required)	*Certify in Sections B, C, or E. See reverse for explanation.
<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Heart Recipient		Documentation AND Certification Required*
<input type="checkbox"/> Antique Motorcycle		<input type="checkbox"/> Congressional Medal of Honor
<input type="checkbox"/> Gold Star Family		<input type="checkbox"/> Honorary Consul
<input type="checkbox"/> Ex-Prisoner of War (POW) _____ (REQUESTED FOUR DIGITS)		<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Vehicle
<input type="checkbox"/> California Firefighter		<input type="checkbox"/> California Firefighter (Surviving Family Member)
For an Environmental License Plate (ELP) use boxes to the right. ELP'S ARE SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND APPROVAL. Indicate a half space by marking a "/" between the boxes where requested. Indicate a full space by placing an "*" in the box where you want the space.		*Attach Copy of Documentation. Certify in Sections A, D, E or F. See reverse for explanation.

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A. CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT CERTIFICATION

I certify that I am a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient. This vehicle is the only vehicle for which the exemption is requested; it will not be used for transportation for hire, compensation, or profit.

SIGNATURE X	DATE
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B. PEARL HARBOR SURVIVOR CERTIFICATION

The applicant was a member of the United States Armed Forces and stationed at Pearl Harbor, the island of Oahu, or offshore within a distance of three miles, on December 7, 1941, during the hours of 7:55 a.m. to 9:45 a.m., Hawaii time; and received an honorable discharge from military service. Signature of an authorized employee of the California Veterans Service Office (CVSO) is required.

AUTHORIZED CVSO EMPLOYEE SIGNATURE X	TITLE	DATE	DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER ()
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C. PRESS PHOTOGRAPHER CERTIFICATION — MUST BE SIGNED BY EMPLOYER

The applicant is regularly employed or engaged as a press photographer or camera person for a:

Newspaper News Magazine News Gathering Newsreel Company Television Company

EMPLOYER'S SIGNATURE X	TITLE	DATE	DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER ()
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NAME OF COMPANY

STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
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D. HONORARY CONSUL CERTIFICATION

I certify that I am a citizen and/or permanent resident of the United States appointed as an honorary consul or similar official by the country listed below for the purpose of facilitating and promoting the interest of that country. I understand that these may be placed only on a vehicle owned or leased by me, and that this application is subject to review and approval by an authorized Department of Motor Vehicles employee.

SIGNATURE X	NAME OF FOREIGN COUNTRY REPRESENTED	DATE
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E. HISTORICAL VEHICLE AND HORSELESS CARRIAGE CERTIFICATION

Historical Vehicle License Plates

I certify that I understand these plates may only be placed on a motor vehicle manufactured after 1922, which is at least 25 years old and is of historic interest. I also certify that I understand that the vehicle for which these plates are issued is primarily driven in historical exhibitions, parades, or historic club activities.

SIGNATURE X	DATE
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Horseless Carriage License Plates

I certify that I understand these plates may only be placed on a motor vehicle manufactured in 1922 or prior, or manufactured with 16 or more cylinders before 1965. I also certify that I understand that the vehicle for which these plates are issued is primarily driven in historical exhibitions, parades, or historic club activities.

SIGNATURE X	DATE
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SUBMIT ORDER AND FEES TO: DMV, SPU – MS D238, P.O. BOX 932345, SACRAMENTO, CA 94232-3450

SECTION 2 — PLATE SELECTION: (Continued)**F. CALIFORNIA FIREFIGHTER (Surviving Family Member)**

I certify that I am a surviving family member (spouse, domestic partner, adopted child, stepchild, recognized natural child) of a deceased firefighter, retired firefighter, or volunteer firefighter. **NOTE:** Former spouse does not qualify.

SIGNATURE X	RELATIONSHIP	DATE
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SECTION 3 — REASSIGNMENT (Antique Motorcycle, Historical Vehicle, Horseless Carriage Plates cannot be reassigned or retained)

SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE/DISABLED PERSON LICENSE PLATE NUMBER	WERE REMOVED FROM (VIN)
PLACED ON (CURRENT LICENSE PLATE)	WITH (VIN)

RETAIN INTEREST <input type="checkbox"/> Retain for future use (Annual Fee Required for Honorary Consul) <input type="checkbox"/> Fee enclosed	RELEASE INTEREST <input type="checkbox"/> Release
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SECTION 4 — REPLACEMENT ONLY (To replace disabled person license plates, use form REG 156)

I NEED: <input type="checkbox"/> One Plate <input type="checkbox"/> Two Plates	PLATE(S) WERE: <input type="checkbox"/> Lost/Stolen <input type="checkbox"/> Mutilated <input type="checkbox"/> Surrendered
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SECTION 5 — SIGNATURE REQUIRED FOR ALL APPLICANTS

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing is true and correct.

SIGNATURE X	DATE	DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER ()
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SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE REQUIREMENTS

Fees can be located at https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/detail/pubs/brochures/fast_facts/ffvr11

Amateur Radio Station	Issued to a person licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). A copy of the valid FCC license must accompany the application. The plate configuration will be the call letters. Licensee may obtain only one set of plates.
Antique Motorcycle	Issued to a motorcycle manufactured in 1942 or before. A copy of the vehicle registration, manufacturer's Certificate of Origin, or other documentation acceptable to the department indicating the manufacture date of the motorcycle must accompany the application.
California Firefighter and California Firefighter (Surviving Family Member)	Issued to a vehicle owned by a firefighter, retired firefighter, or volunteer firefighter or to a surviving family member (spouse, domestic partner, adopted child, stepchild, or recognized natural child, former spouse does not qualify) of a deceased firefighter, retired firefighter, or volunteer firefighter. Documentation submitted must be presented and verified as proof of eligibility. Acceptable proof of eligibility are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire Department identification (ID) • International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) membership card • California Professional Firefighters Callback Association membership card
Congressional Medal of Honor	Recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor receives plates at no additional cost. Certification on the application must be completed. A copy of the service record, or a copy of the letter which was given to the recipient awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, must accompany the application.
Ex-Prisoner of War (POW)	Issued to a vehicle owned by an applicable person held prisoner of war by forces hostile to the United States during a period of conflict. Documentation submitted must be one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A letter of verification from the National Personnel Records Center • An official document marked former American POW • Discharge papers declaring the bearer to be a former American POW
Gold Star Family	Issued to family members of an active duty member of the Armed Forces killed in the line of duty; "Family Members" as defined in Section 5156 of the California Vehicle Code. The Report of Casualty (DD 1300) form from the Department of Defense, and the Project: Gold Star License Plate Application (VSD 5-1918) from the California Department of Veterans Affairs must accompany the application.
Historical Vehicle	Issued to a motor vehicle manufactured after 1922, which is at least 25 years old and of historic interest. Vehicle is primarily driven in historical exhibitions, parades, or historic vehicle club activities. For commercial vehicles only: The Certificate of Title must be submitted with the application.
Honorary Consul	Issued to a vehicle owned or leased by an honorary consular officer. A photo copy of the Consular Identification Card issued by the US Department of State denoting the applicant's Honorary Consular status is required.
Horseless Carriage	Issued to a motor vehicle manufactured in 1922 or prior, or manufactured with 16 or more cylinders before 1965. Vehicle is primarily driven in historical exhibitions, parades, or historic vehicle club activities.
Legion of Valor	Issued to a vehicle, except motorcycles, owned by an Army, Navy, or Air Force Medal of Honor, or an Army Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, or Air Force Cross recipient. A copy of the service record or Department of Defense Form 214 must accompany application.
Pearl Harbor Survivor	Issued to a vehicle, except motorcycles, owned by a member of the US Armed Forces stationed at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, with an honorable discharge from military service. Certification by an authorized employee of the California Veterans Service Office is required.
Press Photographer	One set of plates issued to a vehicle owned by anyone regularly employed or engaged as a newspaper, newsreel, or television photographer. Certification by employer must be completed on the application.
Purple Heart	Issued to a vehicle owned by a Purple Heart recipient. Copy of orders, service record, or discharge papers reflecting the Purple Heart Award is required with application.

NOTE: All fees and procedures for original and renewal issuance are in addition to regular registration fees pursuant to Vehicle Code Section 4000.



YEAR OF MANUFACTURE (YOM) LICENSE PLATE APPLICATION
(California Vehicle Code §5004.1 and California Code of Regulations Title 13, Article 3.3)

Select One:

- Original YOM Assignment
- Reassignment (to an eligible vehicle)
- Retention
- Release of Interest

For a current list of fees see FFVR 11 at www.dmv.ca.gov

CA YOM LICENSE PLATE NUMBER

By initialing here, I certify the plates submitted are original issued license plates from the Department of Motor Vehicles. _____

SECTION 1 — PLATE OWNER (Please print full legal name of plate owner.)

PLATE OWNER NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)		DRIVER LICENSE NUMBER	
MAILING ADDRESS (STREET OR P.O. BOX)	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE

SECTION 2 — VEHICLE INFORMATION

VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (VIN)		
MAKE	YEAR MODEL	ENGINE NUMBER FOR MOTORCYCLES

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT

Approval of this application is subject to the following conditions:

1. The YOM plates described in this application must be authentic as originally issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). The plates must be serviceable and have the approval of DMV Headquarters. Plates may be restored but not replicated.
2. The YOM program extends only to 1980 and older year model auto, commercial, motorcycle or trailer vehicles.
3. Two YOM plates are required for qualifying auto and commercial vehicles.
NOTE: In 1945 and 1946, the department issued only one plate for all types of vehicles, therefore only one plate is required for 1945 and 1946 vehicles.
4. The YOM plate number cannot conflict with any license plate configuration currently in use.
5. Configuration of letters and numbers **cannot** carry any connotations offensive to good taste and decency.
6. 1963 and newer YOM plates must be compatible to the vehicle they are being assigned to (auto plates to autos, commercial plates to commercial vehicles, trailer plates to trailers, motorcycle plates to motorcycles).
7. 1963 to 1969 year model autos, commercial, trailers, and motorcycles must utilize black base plates with 6 yellow characters **only**. 1964 to 1969 year model vehicles must have a 1963 base plate with the corresponding year sticker. (e.g. a 1965 auto must have a 1963 auto base plate with a 1965 year sticker.)
8. 1970 to 1974 year model commercial vehicles must utilize blue plates with 6 yellow characters. A 1963 base plate with any 1970's year sticker is **not** acceptable for YOM registration.
9. 1975 to 1980 year model commercial vehicles may utilize blue plates with 6 yellow characters **or** blue plates with 7 yellow characters.
10. 1970 to 1979 year model noncommercial vehicles must use blue plates with 6 yellow characters.
11. 1980 year model noncommercial vehicles may use blue plates with 6 yellow characters **or** blue plates with 7 yellow characters.
12. If you wish to retain YOM plates that are assigned to a vehicle in which the vehicle is **not** currently registered, a retention fee is due each year.

SECTION 3 — CERTIFICATION

I have read the conditions under which YOM plates may be assigned, reassigned, or retained by me when not assigned to a vehicle. I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

SIGNATURE X	DATE	TELEPHONE NUMBER ()
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FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY
(Authentication of YOM plates must be made by an authorized DMV employee only.)

NOTE: Any plate request outside these guidelines will follow the "Retain Old Plates" procedures as described in Chapter 4 of the Registration Manual.

REWRITE ACCEPTABLE YOM PLATE CONFIGURATION		VEHICLE YEAR MODEL
YEAR OF BASE PLATE	YEAR OF TAB OR STICKER	VERIFY VALID PLATE COMPATIBILITY: <input type="checkbox"/> Auto <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle <input type="checkbox"/> Trailer
COLOR OF BASE PLATE BACKGROUND AND CHARACTERS:		TAB OR STICKER COLOR AND NUMBER
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:		

AUTHORIZED DMV EMPLOYEE SIGNATURE X	TITLE OR EMPLOYEE ID NUMBER
LINE DATE STAMP	OFFICE NAME AND ID NUMBER



APPLICATION FOR TITLE OR REGISTRATION

FOR ACCURACY, PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY. COMPLETE BOTH SIDES.

SECTION 1 — VEHICLE INFORMATION

VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER						VEHICLE MAKE		YEAR MODEL		FUEL TYPE	
CALIFORNIA LICENSE NUMBER		MODEL OR SERIES		BODY TYPE MODEL		MOTORCYCLE ENGINE NUMBER					

TYPE OF VEHICLE (CHECK ONE BOX) <input type="checkbox"/> Auto <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial (includes truck or pickup) <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle <input type="checkbox"/> Off Highway <input type="checkbox"/> Trailer Coach						FOR TRAILER COACHES ONLY LENGTH _____ IN. WIDTH _____ IN.					
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Will this vehicle be used for the transportation of persons for hire, compensation, or profit (e.g. limousine, taxi, bus, etc.)? Yes No
 Is this a commercial vehicle that operates at 10,001 lbs. or more (or is a pickup exceeding 8,001 lbs. unladen and/or 11,499 lbs. Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR)? Yes No

IMPORTANT: If yes, a Declaration of Gross Vehicle Weight/Combined Gross Vehicle Weight (REG 4008) form must be completed.
 If yes, a Motor Carrier Permit may be required. Refer to www.dmv.ca.gov for more information.

FOR COMMERCIAL VEHICLES ONLY						<input type="checkbox"/> Actual					
Number of axles: _____ Unladen weight: _____						<input type="checkbox"/> Estimated (Vehicles over 10,001 lbs. only)					

SECTION 2 — OWNER INFORMATION *Each owner must sign on reverse side.*

Once registered, upon transfer of ownership, co-owners joined by "AND" require the signature of each owner; co-owners joined by "OR" require the signature of only one owner.

TRUE FULL NAME OF OWNER (LAST, FIRST MIDDLE, SUFFIX), BUSINESS NAME, OR LESSOR						DRIVER LICENSE/ID CARD NUMBER				STATE			
TRUE FULL NAME OF CO-OWNER OR LESSEE (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE, SUFFIX) <input type="checkbox"/> AND <input type="checkbox"/> OR						DRIVER LICENSE/ID CARD NUMBER				STATE			
TRUE FULL NAME OF CO-OWNER OR LESSEE (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE, SUFFIX) <input type="checkbox"/> AND <input type="checkbox"/> OR						DRIVER LICENSE/ID CARD NUMBER				STATE			
PHYSICAL RESIDENCE OR BUSINESS ADDRESS (INCLUDE ST., AVE., CT., ETC.)						APT./SPACE/STE. NO.		CITY		STATE		ZIP CODE	

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OR COUNTY WHERE VEHICLE/VESSEL IS PRINCIPALLY GARAGED						EQUIPMENT NUMBER (OPTIONAL)					
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MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM PHYSICAL ADDRESS ABOVE)						APT./SPACE/STE. NO.		CITY		STATE		ZIP CODE	
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LESSEE ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)						APT./SPACE/STE. NO.		CITY		STATE		ZIP CODE	
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TRAILER COACH ONLY - ADDRESS WHERE LOCATED (IF DIFFERENT FROM PHYSICAL ABOVE)						CITY		STATE		ZIP CODE			
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SECTION 3 — LEGAL OWNER (LIEN HOLDER/TITLE HOLDER) *If None, must write "None"*

Attention ELT Legal Owners: The ELT name and address and ELT number MUST be entered exactly as shown on the ELT listing.

TRUE FULL NAME OF BANK/FINANCE COMPANY OR INDIVIDUAL (DO NOT RE-ENTER NAME OF NEW REGISTERED OWNER(S) ABOVE)						ELECTRONIC LIENHOLDER ID NO. ELT							
PHYSICAL RESIDENCE OR BUSINESS ADDRESS (INCLUDE ST., AVE., CT., ETC.)						APT./SPACE/STE. NO.		CITY		STATE		ZIP CODE	
MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM PHYSICAL ADDRESS ABOVE)						APT./SPACE/STE. NO.		CITY		STATE		ZIP CODE	

SECTION 4 — ODOMETER INFORMATION

The odometer reading: upon date of purchase in California was _____ (no tenths) If kilometers miles, check this box:
 as of this date is (if no change in ownership) _____ and to the best of my knowledge reflects the ACTUAL mileage unless one of the following statements is checked.

WARNING — ODOMETER DISCREPANCY

Odometer reading is NOT the actual mileage Mileage EXCEEDS the odometer mechanical limits

Explain odometer discrepancy: _____

MUST COMPLETE VEHICLE INFORMATION BELOW:

VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	VEHICLE MAKE	YEAR MODEL

SECTION 5 — DATE INFORMATION

DATE VEHICLE ENTERED OR WILL ENTER CALIFORNIA (CA): *If vehicle was previously registered in CA, then registered or located out-of-state and has now returned to CA, enter most recent date vehicle entered CA. If you did not own vehicle at time of entry, check this box:*

Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

DATE VEHICLE FIRST OPERATED IN CALIFORNIA: *Or enter date vehicle will be operated, if it has not been operated yet.*

Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

DATE YOU WENT TO WORK IN CALIFORNIA, OBTAINED A CA DRIVER LICENSE, OR BECAME A RESIDENT: *Enter the date whichever occurred first. If you have been a resident since birth, enter date of birth. If you are not a CA resident, check this box:*

Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

DATE VEHICLE WAS PURCHASED OR ACQUIRED: AND WAS (CHECK BOX): AND WAS PURCHASED (CHECK BOX):

Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ New Used Inside CA Outside CA

SECTION 6 — COST INFORMATION

NOTE: The total cost or value of the vehicle must include the cost of the basic vehicle, value of any trade-in, and all accessories and leased equipment permanently attached. Cost does not include sales tax, insurance, finance charges, or warranty.

MUST CHECK ONE BOX ONLY, AND ENTER REQUIRED INFORMATION FOR THAT ONE BOX:

<input type="checkbox"/> PURCHASE – I purchased the vehicle for the price of \$ _____. <input type="checkbox"/> GIFT – I acquired the vehicle as a gift. Its current market value is \$ _____. <i>A Statement of Facts (REG 256) form must be completed.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> TRADE – I acquired the vehicle as a trade. Its value when I acquired it was \$ _____.	VEHICLE WAS PURCHASED OR ACQUIRED FROM: <input type="checkbox"/> Dealer <input type="checkbox"/> Private Party <input type="checkbox"/> Dismantler <input type="checkbox"/> Immediate Family Member – State Relationship: _____
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FOR ALL VEHICLES:
 Since purchasing or acquiring this vehicle, were any body type modifications, additions and/or alterations (e.g., changing from pickup to utility, etc.) made to this vehicle? *If yes, a Statement of Construction (REG 5036) form must be completed.* Yes No

FOR REVIVED JUNK OR REVIVED SALVAGE VEHICLES:
 The cost of the vehicle must include the labor cost, whether or not the labor was provided or done by you. The total cost of the vehicle including labor is \$ _____.

SECTION 7 — FOR OUT-OF-STATE OR OUT-OF-COUNTRY VEHICLES

For vehicles which enter the state within 1 year of purchase, was Sales Tax paid to another state? N/A Yes No
 If yes, enter amount of tax paid \$ _____ (this amount will be credited toward any Use Tax in CA). If your vehicle was last registered in another state, you may be eligible for a Use Tax exemption. For more information, contact the Board of Equalization (www.boe.ca.gov).
 For commercial vehicles (including pickups), this vehicle was last registered as a: Commercial Vehicle Non-commercial Automobile in the last state of registration.

DISPOSITION OF OUT-OF-STATE PLATES:
 The plates will not be affixed to any vehicle at any time, unless the vehicle is "Dual Registered" in both states. The plates are:
 Expired, or will be or were:
 Surrendered to CA DMV Destroyed Retained Returned to the motor vehicle department of the state of issuance.

SECTION 8 — MILITARY SERVICE INFORMATION

Are you or your spouse on active duty as a member of the U.S. Uniformed Services? Yes No
 If yes, you may qualify for an exemption. Refer to Nonresident Military Exemption (REG 5045) form.
 When this vehicle was last licensed, were you or your spouse on active duty as a member of the U.S. Uniformed Services? ... Yes No
 If yes, in what state or country were you or your spouse stationed? _____

SECTION 9 — CERTIFICATIONS *Signatures required.*

The signature for a company or business MUST include the printed name of the company/business and an authorized representative's countersignature on the signature line (e.g., ABC CO. by JOHN SMITH or JOHN SMITH for ABC CO.).

The registered owner mailing address is valid, existing, and an accurate mailing address. I consent to receive service of process at this mailing address pursuant to CVC §1808.21.

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

PRINTED NAME	OWNER'S SIGNATURE X	DATE	DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER ()
PRINTED NAME	CO-OWNER'S SIGNATURE X	DATE	DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER ()
PRINTED NAME	CO-OWNER'S SIGNATURE X	DATE	DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER ()



SPECIAL INTEREST LICENSE PLATE APPLICATION

For more information, or to order online or check configuration availability, visit www.dmv.ca.gov.

- ORIGINAL** Complete 1, 2, 5, 6 **REPLACEMENT*** Complete 1, 3, 5, 6 **REASSIGN, RETAIN, RELEASE INTEREST** Complete 1, 4, 5, 6 **EXCHANGE** (from your existing personalized plate) Complete 1, 2, 5, 6

Special Interest License Plates belong to the plate owner, not the vehicle. When selling your vehicle, you may remove the plates and reassign them to another vehicle immediately, retain for future use on another vehicle, or surrender them to DMV. You may be subject to annual retention fees if you do not immediately place them on another vehicle. For current list of fees see FFVR 11 at www.dmv.ca.gov.

* REPLACEMENT SPECIAL PLATES: If BOTH plates were lost or stolen, the same configuration cannot be reissued on any plate type.

SECTION 1 — PLATE SELECTION Check one (For special plates not listed, use REG 17A)

Plates allowed 2-6 Characters (Motorcycles 2-5)

- Breast Cancer Awareness
 California Arts Council
 California Agricultural (CalAg)
 California Memorial
 California Museums (Snoopy)
 Collegiate (only UCLA is available)
 Kids - Child Health and Safety Funds (SYMBOLS: HEART, STAR, HAND OR PLUS SIGN)
 Pet Lovers
 Veterans' Organization _____

(PROVIDE ORGANIZATIONAL CODE OF DECAL)

List of Logos can be found at <https://www.calvet.ca.gov/VetServices/Pages/License-Plates.aspx>

"Honoring Veterans" Plate

Duplicate Decal - _____

(CURRENT LICENSE PLATE NUMBER)

Plates allowed 2-7 Characters (Motorcycles 2-5, except ELP and California 1960s Legacy; 2-7)

- Environmental License Plate (ELP) (BASIC PERSONALIZED PLATE)
 California Coastal Commission (Whale Tail)
 Lake Tahoe Conservancy
 Yosemite Foundation
 California 1960s Legacy (6 character sequential, 2-7 characters for ELP)

SECTION 2 — SELECT CONFIGURATION

PLATES WILL BE ASSIGNED TO: Automobile Commercial Trailer Motorcycle (Select motorcycle plates will be issued a special interest decal on the left.)

Sequential (Non-Personalized) — Issued in number sequence.
Your existing sequential license plate number cannot be re-used.
You must submit a copy of your current registration card.

Sequential plates will be assigned to:

CURRENT LICENSE PLATE NUMBER FULL VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (REQUIRED)

Personalized

PERSONALIZED CONFIGURATION CHOICE

DMV has the right to refuse any combination of letters and/or numbers for any of the following reason(s): it could be considered offensive to good taste and decency in any language or slang term, it substitutes letters for numbers or vice versa (e.g. ROBERT/RO8ERT), to look like another personalized plate, or it conflicts with any regular license plate series issued.

Your application will not be accepted if the MEANING of the plate is not entered, even if it appears obvious, OR if the plate configuration is unacceptable.

SEE REVERSE FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON ENTERING THE CONFIGURATION IN THE BOXES BELOW.

If you do NOT want the plate centered, check this box:

KIDS PLATE: Circle choice of symbol



First Choice

8th box shown only to allow for spacing

Meaning (REQUIRED)

Second Choice

8th box shown only to allow for spacing

Meaning (REQUIRED)

Third Choice

8th box shown only to allow for spacing

Meaning (REQUIRED)

NOTE: The department will not honor a change of choice, spacing, or a request for refund after the reservation is made.

When ready for pick up, your new personalized plates must be assigned to a vehicle currently registered or leased in your name (cannot be on Planned Non-Operation status). Check box and enter the DMV or Auto Club office where your current license plates and registration card will be exchanged for your new plates:

DMV OFFICE AUTO CLUB (must be a member) LOCATION (city): _____

SECTION 3 — FOR REPLACEMENT ONLY

SPECIAL INTEREST LICENSE PLATE NUMBER

If BOTH plates were lost or stolen, the same configuration cannot be reissued on any plate type.

I NEED: One Plate Two Plates PLATE(S) WERE: Lost Mutilated Stolen

SECTION 4 — REASSIGN, RETAIN INTEREST, OR RELEASE INTEREST

SPECIAL INTEREST LICENSE PLATE NUMBER

REMOVED FROM (VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER)

PLACED ON (CURRENT LICENSE PLATE)

PLACED ON (VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER)

RETAIN INTEREST FOR FUTURE USE. FAILURE TO PAY A REQUIRED RETENTION FEE WILL RESULT IN CANCELLATION OF THE PERSONALIZED PLATE. Fee enclosed

RELEASE INTEREST/SURRENDER TO DMV
 RELEASE INTEREST TO NEW OWNER

SECTION 5 — PLATE PURCHASER Same as Plate Owner

TRUE FULL NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial, Suffix)

STREET ADDRESS OR PO BOX

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PLATE OWNER (If different from PLATE PURCHASER, i.e. gift or release)

TRUE FULL NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial, Suffix)

STREET ADDRESS OR PO BOX

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

SECTION 6 — SIGNATURE

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

SIGNATURE

DATE

DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS (Optional)

X

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Submit order and fees to: DMV – SPU – MS D238, P. O. Box 932345, Sacramento, CA 94232-3450, or order online at www.dmv.ca.gov.

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HOW TO CENTER AND SPACE CONFIGURATION

Slash (/) indicates 1/2 space - Asterisk (*) indicates full space

Do not substitute letters for numbers or numbers for letters.

(8th box shown only to allow for spacing)

7 DIGITS + 1/2 space	D	A	V	I	D	/	1	6
7 DIGITS	S	U	Z	A	N	N	E	/
6 DIGITS	/	R	O	B	E	R	T	/
5 DIGITS	*	C	A	R	O	L	*	/
4 DIGITS	/	*	M	A	R	Y	*	/
3 DIGITS	*	*	T	O	M	*	*	/
2 DIGITS	/	*	*	S	R	*	*	/

Special Instructions for KIDS plates:

Circle the desired symbol, then place a check (✓) in the box to indicate the desired location of the symbol.



EXAMPLE:

I	✓	M	Y	/	C	A	R
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