

## OHIO

### **Definitions**

**Classic Motor Vehicle.** A motor vehicle, but not a reproduction thereof, manufactured at least fifteen years prior to the current year which has been maintained in or restored to a condition which is substantially in conformity with manufacturer specifications and appearance.

**Collector's Vehicle.** A motor vehicle that is owned, operated, collected, preserved, restored, maintained, or used essentially as a collector's item, leisure pursuit or investment. The registrar may refuse registration as a collector's vehicle if the vehicle is a reproduction of a make or model previously manufactured, or if the vehicle has not been maintained in or restored to a condition that is substantially in conformity with the manufacturer's specifications and appearance. The registrar may refuse an application to register a collector's vehicle unless the applicant can sufficiently demonstrate that the vehicle is not used as primary transportation.

**Historical Motor Vehicle.** Any motor vehicle that is over twenty-five years old and is owned solely as a collector's item and for participation in club activities, exhibitions, tours, parades, and similar uses, but that in no event is used for general transportation.

**Self-Assembled Motor Vehicle.** A motor vehicle assembled from component parts by a person other than the manufacturer.

## **Ohio DMV Guidance**

### **SALVAGE & SELF-ASSEMBLED VEHICLE INSPECTIONS**

Before a self-assembled vehicle or a salvage vehicle can be titled in Ohio, an inspection of the vehicle must be completed by the Ohio State Highway Patrol to verify the ownership of all parts and to review all required documentation. The inspection is not intended to certify the vehicle's safety or the quality of workmanship.

Each inspection requires a separate \$50 fee, which may be paid at any BMV Deputy Registrar location. Anyone needing a vehicle inspection shall:

1. Obtain a receipt for the inspection at any BMV Deputy Registrar location.
2. Schedule a salvage inspection online by using the schedule link at [www.statepatrol.ohio.gov](http://www.statepatrol.ohio.gov) or by calling your local inspection location. You must be prompt when reporting for the inspection to avoid being rescheduled.

### **SALVAGE INSPECTIONS: REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION**

1. A receipt for the \$50 inspection fee.
2. Ohio salvage title in the name of the person applying for title. Assigned titles and out-of-state salvage titles cannot be accepted.
3. Receipts for all replaced "major component parts" (see list on this page). This includes the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) of the source vehicle. If receipts are from a casual sale by an individual or business that is not a licensed parts dealer, they must be notarized. Photocopies and faxed receipts are not acceptable.
4. The inspection officer may require receipts or documentation for any part of questionable origin (4505.11 ORC). Receipts for parts should include the name, address, and phone number of the seller.

### **SELF-ASSEMBLED INSPECTIONS: REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION**

1. A receipt for the \$50 inspection fee.
2. Titles, receipts, and documentation of the source for the replaced major component parts, which includes the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) of the source vehicle. If receipts are from a casual sale from an individual, they must be notarized. Photocopies and faxed receipts are not acceptable.
3. The inspecting officer may require receipts or documentation for any part of questionable origin (4505.11 ORC).
4. When "kits" are used, the manufacturer's certificate of origin or a complete parts list must be presented.
5. A manufacturer's certificate of origin is required for most new motorcycle engines, transmissions and frame

## **Ohio Laws**

### **From Ohio Administrative Code:**

#### **OAC 4501:1-7-14 Collector's vehicles**

(A) The registrar of motor vehicles shall issue a validation sticker and collector's plates or a validation sticker alone to the owner of a collector's vehicle in accordance with this rule.

(B) The registrar, in order to determine whether a motor vehicle is owned, operated, collected, preserved, restored, maintained, or used essentially as a collector's item, leisure pursuit or investment, shall pursue the following steps:

(1) The registrar shall consult the national automobile dealers association classic, collectible and special interest car appraisal guide or any other published source previously approved by the registrar to determine whether the motor vehicle is listed therein.

(2) If the vehicle is not listed in that publication, the registrar may consult one or more similar publications that he deems similarly authoritative.

(3) If the motor vehicle is not listed in one of those publications, the registrar shall review original correspondence and related documentation, if any, from the manufacturer submitted by the applicant demonstrating that the motor vehicle was in limited production or is at the time of application a make or model of significant value to collectors.

(4) The applicant may demonstrate to the registrar's satisfaction that the vehicle was in limited production or is at the time of application a make or model of significant value to collectors.

If the applicant does not demonstrate that the vehicle qualifies under this paragraph, the registrar may refuse registration as a collector's vehicle.

(C) The registrar may refuse registration as a collector's vehicle if the vehicle is a reproduction of a make or model previously manufactured, or if the vehicle has not been maintained in or restored to a condition that is substantially in conformity with the manufacturer's specifications and appearance.

(D) The registrar may refuse an application to register a collector's vehicle unless the applicant can sufficiently demonstrate that the vehicle is not used as primary transportation.

(E) A registration as a collector's vehicle that was issued in error is automatically canceled, after notice, on the day before its normal expiration unless the registrar has previously canceled it or unless the registrar issues an extension either before, on, or after the date of cancellation. After such a cancellation the vehicle owner, if otherwise eligible, may within one year apply for regular license plates without payment of the fee for replacement plates. If the vehicle owner comes into compliance with the Revised Code, this rule, and other applicable laws within one

year after the original date of cancellation, he may apply for registration as a collector's vehicle without payment of the fee for replacement plates.

(F) In accordance with rule 3745-26-12 of the Administrative Code, a vehicle that qualifies as a collector's vehicle under paragraphs (B), (C), and (D) of this rule is permanently exempt from the emissions inspection required in the designated program area.

**OAC 4501:1-11-01 Process for a replacement vehicle identification number (VIN) plate**

(A) Any person who is the owner of a motor vehicle, or any owner's insurer, may apply for a replacement vehicle identification number (VIN) plate or replacement vehicle parts derivative VIN plates or stickers in accordance with the requirements of paragraphs (B) and (C) of this rule.

(B) Before a person applies for a replacement vehicle identification number (VIN) plate or replacement vehicle parts derivative VIN plates or stickers, an inspection of the vehicle must be conducted by the state highway patrol in accordance with provisions of division (E) of section 4505.11 of the Revised Code. The inspection shall include the following:

- (1) The federal safety decal number;
- (2) The engine and transmission numbers;
- (3) Any manufacturer's applied number that can be traced by available record to the original VIN;
- (4) Any owner's applied number that can be traced to the original owner or VIN;
- (5) Any other number determined by the registrar or the state highway patrol to be relevant to the inspection.

(C) The applicant shall obtain an "Application for Replacement Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) to a Motor Vehicle," form "BMV 3713," (December, 2014), available on the bureau of motor vehicles' website at [http://www.bmv.ohio.gov/bmv\\_forms.stm](http://www.bmv.ohio.gov/bmv_forms.stm) and hereinafter referred to as the "application." The application shall be submitted to the registrar of motor vehicles with the following documents:

- (1) The evidence of an inspection by state highway patrol;
- (2) The valid Ohio certificate of title or certificate of title or other lawful evidence of title issued in another state.

(D) If the registrar determines that the applicant has complied with the requirements of paragraphs (B) and (C) of this rule, the registrar shall authorize the issuance of the original VIN or shall assign a new VIN. If a replacement VIN plate is required, the following procedures apply:

(1) The dies, plates, stickers, or other suitable devices, materials, or equipment required to replace a VIN or derivative VIN on any vehicle part shall be obtained and produced by the bureau of motor vehicles or the state highway patrol;

(2) The applicant may be required to pay the bureau of motor vehicles the actual cost incurred by the bureau of motor vehicles or state highway patrol in obtaining or producing the replacement VIN plates or replacement vehicle parts derivative VIN plates or stickers for the vehicle;

(3) The registrar shall send, a copy of all documentation pertaining to the replacement VIN plate or replacement vehicle parts derivative VIN plates or stickers to the state highway patrol;

(4) The registrar shall send the Ohio certificate of title or other lawful evidence of ownership to the appropriate clerk of courts.

**OAC 4501:1-11-02 Installation of a replacement vehicle identification number (VIN) plate**

(A) Upon receipt of all documentation pertaining to the replacement VIN plate or replacement vehicle parts derivative VIN plates or stickers, the state highway patrol inspection station shall set a date and time for the inspection and installation of the replacement VIN plates and other devices. The state highway patrol inspection station shall attempt to schedule a date and time that is mutually agreeable to both the owner and the state highway patrol.

(B) Upon proper identification of the motor vehicle by the state highway patrol officer, the officer shall supervise the installation of the replacement VIN plate.

(C) If it is practical to do so, the replacement original or Ohio replacement VIN plate shall be installed in the manufacturer's original location. If it is not practical to do so, the replacement original or Ohio replacement VIN plate shall be installed in the following manners:

(1) In passenger cars, affix replacement VIN plate to a clean surface located on a portion of the left front door pillar post. If this is not practical because of the construction of the vehicle, alternate locations should be used in the following order of preference: first, in an engine compartment on the body of the driver's side of cowl; second, any portion of the left front vehicle main frame that is visible and yet protected from possible damage or destruction. A windshield decal shall be placed on the inside left lower corner of the windshield, near the original VIN plate location, stating that the vehicle is equipped with an Ohio replacement VIN plate. The registrar shall prescribe the design and specifications of the windshield decal;

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(D) The replacement VIN or derivative replacement VIN plate shall be riveted securely to the body or on any other vehicle part by, or under the direct supervision of, a state highway patrol officer.

(E) The installation of any replacement derivative replacement VIN shall be done by, or under the direct supervision of, a state highway patrol officer. The applicant shall bear the cost of any professional, mechanical, or labor costs incurred in the installation of any VIN plate, replacement derivative VIN, or decal.

(F) The state highway patrol inspection station shall give written notification to the applicant of the results of the inspection as soon after the completion of the inspection as is practical.

**From Ohio Revised Code:**

**R.C. § 4505.111 Restored motor vehicles; inspection**

(A) Every motor vehicle, other than a manufactured home, a mobile home, or a motor vehicle as provided in divisions (C), (D), and (E) of section 4505.11 of the Revised Code, that is assembled from component parts by a person other than the manufacturer, shall be inspected by the state highway patrol prior to issuance of title to the motor vehicle. The inspection shall include establishing proof of ownership and an inspection of the motor number and vehicle identification number of the motor vehicle, and any items of equipment the director of public safety considers advisable and requires to be inspected by rule. A fee of fifty dollars shall be assessed by the state highway patrol for each inspection made pursuant to this section, and shall be deposited in the public safety--highway purposes fund established by section 4501.06 of the Revised Code.

(B) Whoever violates this section shall be fined not more than two thousand dollars, imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

**R.C. § 4503.45 Collector's vehicles**

An owner of a collector's vehicle, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon payment of the regular license fee as prescribed under section 4503.04 of the Revised Code and any tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, and the payment of an additional fee of five dollars, which shall be for the purpose of compensating the bureau of motor vehicles for additional services required in the issuing of such licenses, shall be issued validation stickers and license plates, or validation stickers alone when required by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code, upon which, in addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed thereon, shall be inscribed the words "collector's vehicle."

**R.C. § 4503.181 Historical motor vehicle license plates**

(A) As used in this section, "historical motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle that is more than twenty-five years old and that is owned solely as a collector's item and for participation in club activities, exhibitions, tours, parades, and similar uses. A historical motor vehicle shall not be used for general transportation, but may be operated on the public roads and highways to and from a location where maintenance is performed on the vehicle.

(B) In lieu of the annual license tax levied in sections 4503.02 and 4503.04 of the Revised Code, a license fee of ten dollars is levied on the operation of a historical motor vehicle.

(C) A person who owns a historical motor vehicle and applies for a historical license plate under this section shall execute an affidavit that the vehicle for which the plate is requested is owned and operated solely for the purposes enumerated in division (A) of this section. The affidavit also shall set forth that the vehicle has been inspected and found safe to operate on the public roads and highways in the state. A person who owns a historical motor vehicle and desires to display a model year license plate on the vehicle as permitted by this section shall execute at the time of registration an affidavit setting forth that the model year license plate the person desires to display on the person's historical motor vehicle is a legible and serviceable license plate that originally was issued by this state. No registration issued pursuant to this section need specify the weight of the vehicle.

(D) A vehicle registered under this section may display either a historical vehicle license plate issued by the registrar of motor vehicles or a model year license plate procured by the applicant. A historical vehicle license plate shall not bear a date, but shall bear the inscription "Historical Vehicle--Ohio" and the registration number, which shall be shown thereon. A model year license plate shall be a legible and serviceable license plate issued by this state and inscribed with the date of the year corresponding to the model year when the vehicle was manufactured. Two model year license plates, duplicates of each other, may be displayed on the historical motor vehicle at any time, one plate on the front and one plate on the rear of the vehicle. The registration certificate and the historical vehicle license plate issued by the registrar shall be kept in the vehicle at all times the vehicle is operated on the public roads and highways in this state.

Notwithstanding section 4503.21 of the Revised Code, the owner of a historical motor vehicle that was manufactured for military purposes and that is registered under this section may display the assigned registration number of the vehicle by painting the number on the front and rear of the vehicle. The number shall be painted, in accordance with the size and style specifications established for numerals and letters shown on license plates in section 4503.22 of the Revised Code, in a color that contrasts clearly with the color of the vehicle, and shall be legible and visible at all times. Upon application for registration under this section and payment of the license fee prescribed in division (B) of this section, the owner of such a historical motor vehicle shall be issued a historical vehicle license plate. The registration certificate and the license plate shall be kept in the vehicle at all times the vehicle is operated on the public roads and highways in this state. If ownership of such a vehicle is transferred, the transferor shall surrender the historical vehicle license plate or transfer it to another historical motor vehicle the transferor owns, and remove or obliterate the registration numbers painted on the vehicle.

(E) Historical vehicle and model year license plates are valid without renewal as long as the vehicle for which they were issued or procured is in existence. A historical vehicle plate is issued for the owner's use only for such vehicle unless later transferred to another historical motor

vehicle owned by that person. In order to effect such a transfer, the owner of the historical motor vehicle that originally displayed the historical vehicle plate shall comply with division (C) of this section. In the event of a transfer of title, the transferor shall surrender the historical vehicle license plate or transfer it to another historical motor vehicle owned by the transferor, but a model year license plate or plates may be retained by the transferor. The registrar may revoke license plates issued under this section, for cause shown and after hearing, for failure of the applicant to comply with this section. Upon revocation, a historical vehicle license plate shall be surrendered; a model year license plate or plates may be retained, but the plate or plates are no longer valid for display on the vehicle.

(F) The owner of a historical motor vehicle bearing a historical vehicle license plate may replace it with a model year license plate by surrendering the historical vehicle license plate and motor vehicle certificate of registration to the registrar. The owner, at the time of registration, shall execute an affidavit setting forth that the model year plate is a legible and serviceable license plate that originally was issued by this state. Such an owner is required to pay the license fee prescribed by division (B) of this section, but the owner is not required to have the historical motor vehicle reinspected under division (C) of this section.

A person who owns a historical motor vehicle bearing a model year license plate may replace it with a historical vehicle license plate by surrendering the motor vehicle certificate of registration and applying for issuance of a historical vehicle license plate. Such a person is required to pay the license fee prescribed by division (B) of this section, but the person is not required to have the historical motor vehicle reinspected under division (C) of this section.



## **Ohio Equipment Exemptions**

### **From Ohio Administrative Code:**

#### **OAC 4501-33-05 Equipment inspection for self-assembled motor vehicles**

(A) All self-assembled vehicles shall be inspected to determine compliance with Chapter 4513. of the Revised Code, and the following chapters of the Administrative Code: 4501:2-1 (addressing motor vehicle inspection), 4501-15 (addressing lighting), 4501-17 (addressing motorcycles-lighting and helmets), 4501-41 (addressing windows of vehicles), and 4501-43 (addressing maximum height of bumpers).

(B) Inspecting employees will document that the vehicle has not been inspected to meet federal motor vehicle safety standards.

#### **OAC 4501-33-03 Inspection of additional numbers**

(A) In addition to motor vehicle number and vehicle identification number, inspection of a motor vehicle assembled from component parts by a person other than the manufacturer as provided in section 4505.111 of the Revised Code shall include, but not be limited to, the following numbers:

- (1) The federal safety decal number;
- (2) The confidential manufacturer's applied number;
- (3) Any manufacturer's applied number which can be traced by available records to the original vehicle identification number;
- (4) Any owner's applied number which can be traced to the original owner or identification number.

(B) In addition to motor vehicle numbers and vehicle identification number, inspection of a motor vehicle titled with a salvage certificate of title and restored for operation upon the highways as provided in section 4505.11 of the Revised Code shall include, but not be limited to, the following numbers:

- (1) The federal safety decal number;
- (2) The confidential manufacturer's applied number;
- (3) Any manufacturer's applied number which can be traced by available records to the original vehicle identification number;
- (4) Any owner's applied number which can be traced to the original owner or identification number.

#### **OAC 4501-33-04 Identification of component parts**

(A) Each inspection of a motor vehicle assembled from component parts by a person other than the manufacturer as provided in section 4505.111 of the Revised Code shall include inspection for identification for all component parts used to build the particular vehicle.

(B) Each inspection of a motor vehicle titled with a salvage certificate of title and restored for operation upon the highways as provided in section 4505.11 of the Revised Code shall include inspection for identification for all component parts used to rebuild or restore the particular.

**From Ohio Revised Code:**

**R.C. § 4513.38 Exemption of collector's or historical vehicles from equipment standards**

No person shall be prohibited from owning or operating a licensed collector's vehicle or historical motor vehicle that is equipped with a feature of design, type of material, or article of equipment that was not in violation of any motor vehicle equipment law of this state or of its political subdivisions in effect during the calendar year the vehicle was manufactured, and no licensed collector's vehicle or historical motor vehicle shall be prohibited from displaying or using any such feature of design, type of material, or article of equipment.

No person shall be prohibited from owning or operating a licensed collector's vehicle or historical motor vehicle for failing to comply with an equipment provision contained in Chapter 4513. of the Revised Code or in any state rule that was enacted or adopted in a year subsequent to that in which the vehicle was manufactured, and no licensed collector's vehicle or historical motor vehicle shall be required to comply with an equipment provision enacted into Chapter 4513. of the Revised Code or adopted by state rule subsequent to the calendar year in which it was manufactured. No political subdivision shall require an owner of a licensed collector's vehicle or historical motor vehicle to comply with equipment provisions contained in laws or rules that were enacted or adopted subsequent to the calendar year in which the vehicle was manufactured, and no political subdivision shall prohibit the operation of a licensed collector's vehicle or historical motor vehicle for failure to comply with any such equipment laws or rules.

**R.C. § 4513.02 Prohibition against operating unsafe vehicles; inspection of vehicles; exemptions; official inspection stations**

(A) No person shall drive or move, or cause or knowingly permit to be driven or moved, on any highway any vehicle or combination of vehicles which is in such unsafe condition as to endanger any person.

(B) When directed by any state highway patrol trooper, the operator of any motor vehicle shall stop and submit such motor vehicle to an inspection under division (B)(1) or (2) of this section, as appropriate, and such tests as are necessary.

(1) Any motor vehicle not subject to inspection by the public utilities commission shall be inspected and tested to determine whether it is unsafe or not equipped as required by law, or

that its equipment is not in proper adjustment or repair, or in violation of the equipment provisions of Chapter 4513. of the Revised Code.

Such inspection shall be made with respect to the brakes, lights, turn signals, steering, horns and warning devices, glass, mirrors, exhaust system, windshield wipers, tires, and such other items of equipment as designated by the superintendent of the state highway patrol by rule or regulation adopted pursuant to sections 119.01 to 119.13 of the Revised Code.

Upon determining that a motor vehicle is in safe operating condition and its equipment in conformity with Chapter 4513. of the Revised Code, the inspecting officer shall issue to the operator an official inspection sticker, which shall be in such form as the superintendent prescribes except that its color shall vary from year to year.

(2) Any motor vehicle subject to inspection by the public utilities commission shall be inspected and tested in accordance with rules adopted by the commission. Upon determining that the vehicle and operator are in compliance with rules adopted by the commission, the inspecting officer shall issue to the operator an appropriate official inspection sticker.

(C) The superintendent of the state highway patrol, pursuant to sections 119.01 to 119.13 of the Revised Code, shall determine and promulgate standards for any inspection program conducted by a political subdivision of this state. These standards shall **exempt licensed collector's vehicles and historical motor vehicles from inspection**. Any motor vehicle bearing a valid certificate of inspection issued by another state or a political subdivision of this state whose inspection program conforms to the superintendent's standards, and any licensed collector's vehicle or historical motor vehicle which is not in a condition which endangers the safety of persons or property, shall be exempt from the tests provided in division (B) of this section.

#### **R.C. § 4513.071 Stop lights required**

(A) Every motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer when operated upon a highway shall be equipped with two or more stop lights, except **that passenger cars manufactured or assembled prior to January 1, 1967**, motorcycles, and motor-driven cycles shall be equipped with at least one stop light. Stop lights shall be mounted on the rear of the vehicle, actuated upon application of the service brake, and may be incorporated with other rear lights. Such stop lights when actuated shall emit a red light visible from a distance of five hundred feet to the rear, provided that in the case of a train of vehicles only the stop lights on the rear-most vehicle need be visible from the distance specified.

Such stop lights when actuated shall give a steady warning light to the rear of a vehicle or train of vehicles to indicate the intention of the operator to diminish the speed of or stop a vehicle or train of vehicles.

When stop lights are used as required by this section, they shall be constructed or installed so as to provide adequate and reliable illumination and shall conform to the appropriate rules and regulations established under section 4513.19 of the Revised Code.

**Historical motor vehicles as defined in section 4503.181 of the Revised Code, not originally manufactured with stop lights, are not subject to this section.**

(B) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

#### **R.C. § 4513.20 Brake equipment**

(A) The following requirements govern as to brake equipment on vehicles:

(1) Every trackless trolley and motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, when operated upon a highway shall be equipped with brakes adequate to control the movement of and to stop and hold such trackless trolley or motor vehicle, including two separate means of applying the brakes, each of which means shall be effective to apply the brakes to at least two wheels. If these two separate means of applying the brakes are connected in any way, then on such trackless trolleys **or motor vehicles manufactured or assembled after January 1, 1942**, they shall be so constructed that failure of any one part of the operating mechanism shall not leave the trackless trolley or motor vehicle without brakes on at least two wheels.

#### **R.C. § 4513.261 Directional signals**

(A)(1) No person shall operate any motor vehicle **manufactured or assembled on or after January 1, 1954**, unless the vehicle is equipped with electrical or mechanical directional signals.

(2) No person shall operate any motorcycle or motor-driven **cycle manufactured or assembled on or after January 1, 1968**, unless the vehicle is equipped with electrical or mechanical directional signals.

(B) "Directional signals" means an electrical or mechanical signal device capable of clearly indicating an intention to turn either to the right or to the left and which shall be visible from both the front and rear.

(C) All mechanical signal devices shall be self-illuminating devices when in use at the times mentioned in section 4513.03 of the Revised Code.

(D) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.



OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES

APPLICATION AND AFFIDAVIT FOR HISTORICAL LICENSE PLATES

DEFINITION, INSTRUCTIONS AND FEES ON BACK

TYPE OR PRINT

OHIO LICENSE PLATE # | EXPIRATION DATE | CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NUMBER INSPECTED BY | DEPUTY NAME / DEPUTY #

VEHICLE INFORMATION FROM OHIO CERTIFICATE / MEMORANDUM TITLE

DATE PURCHASED | YEAR | MAKE | MODEL | SERIAL # | CERTIFICATE OF TITLE # | VEHICLE COLOR

OWNER INFORMATION

NAME | D.O.B. | DAYTIME PHONE # | SSN / TIN / OH DL / OH ID

OHIO ADDRESS | CITY | STATE OHIO | ZIP CODE

VEHICLE OWNERSHIP (Single, Joint, Leased, Company) | JOINT OWNER / LESSEE NAME | SSN # | OHIO COUNTY OF RESIDENCE

OWNER BUSINESS ADDRESS | CITY | STATE | ZIP CODE

IS YOUR LICENSE PLATE REGISTRATION UNDER SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION UNDER OHIO FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY LAW? YES NO

IF REGISTRATION OR PLATES ARE TO BE MAILED TO A DIFFERENT ADDRESS FROM THAT ABOVE, FILL IN THE FOLLOWING:

STREET | CITY | STATE | ZIP CODE

Historical license plates' character combinations can also be personalized or reserved. The registrar is required by law to collect an ADDITIONAL ANNUAL FEE over and above the one-time fee assessed for regular stock (preassigned numbers only) historical plates.

INDICATE YOUR CHOICES AND MEANINGS TO REQUEST RESERVED OR PERSONALIZED HISTORICAL PLATES IN THE SPACE PROVIDED BELOW.

If you want system-assigned (the next number assigned in sequential order) then DO NOT submit choices. Inappropriate requests will not be issued.

The first available choice will be assigned. There is a MAXIMUM of 6 characters including spaces on historical license plates. Six character combinations are permitted to have one full space. Four or five character combinations are permitted up to 3 spaces. Standard manufacturing procedures do not permit a choice of spacing for reserved license plates. If 3 spaces are requested on 5 character plates, the spacing is actually only 1/4 space. On 4 character combinations, the spacing can be up to 1/2 space if the maximum of 3 spaces is requested. Leave a box empty to indicate a space for reserved or personalized plates. If there are not enough spaces in the boxes below, indicate desired spaces with a slash between characters. Dashes, symbols and punctuation marks cannot be used. There is a MAXIMUM of 4 characters on motorcycle plates. Inappropriate requests will not be issued. LETTERS MAY NOT BE USED IN THE MIDDLE OF NUMBERS. HISTORICAL PLATES MAY BE OBTAINED AT YOUR LOCAL LOCAL DEPUTY REGISTRAR OR BY CONTACTING THE BMV, SPECIAL PLATES AT 1-800-589-TAGS.

FIRST CHOICE [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

THIRD CHOICE [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

SECOND CHOICE [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

FOURTH CHOICE [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

MEANING OF PLATE(S) REQUESTED

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING INSTRUCTIONS AND FEES.

\*AFFIDAVIT\*

I, X (owner signature), being first duly sworn, state that I am the owner of the above motor vehicle which is at least 25 years old. I certify that the vehicle has been inspected and found safe to operate on the highways of the state. I certify that the vehicle is owned solely as a collector's item and for participation in club activities, exhibitions, tours, parades, and similar uses, but in no event is it to be used for general transportation but may be operated on the public roads and highways to and from a location where maintenance is performed on the vehicle.

Notary:

Sworn to and subscribed in my presence this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_, 20\_\_\_ in \_\_\_ County, State of \_\_\_.

(Notary Seal)

Signature of Notary Public X My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

## DEFINITION AND INSTRUCTIONS HISTORICAL VEHICLES OHIO REVISED CODE (R.C.) 4503.181

Motor vehicles must be at least 25 years old to qualify. They are solely collector's items and are used for participation in club activities, exhibitions, tours, parades, etc. but NOT for general transportation.

Historical license plates are valid without renewal for the life of the vehicle, except Initial/Personalized or when there is a change in ownership. In that case, the plates must be surrendered to the Registrar of the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

If the vehicle has a regular Ohio vehicle registration, there will be no refund or partial refund for your current vehicle registration. Your registration and plates will be mailed within seven to ten days. Failure to follow instructions will delay the issuance of your registration.

### THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE REQUIRED TO PURCHASE HISTORICAL LICENSE PLATES.

1. Total amount due. Make check or money order payable to: Ohio Treasurer of State.
2. Current OHIO vehicle registration card (if vehicle displays an Ohio license plate) or original Certificate of Title/Memorandum of title (if vehicle does not display an Ohio license plate). You may take these documents to any Deputy Registrar agency to be verified for a fee of \$3.50. The deputy may process the request for license plates as well.
3. Affidavit must be completed and notarized.
4. Completed and signed application.

### FEES

The R.C. 4503.19 requires that you **ADD** \$7.50 for a set of license plates and \$6.50 for a single plate to the below fees for replacement plates if your vehicle is currently registered or has been registered within the last 12 months. If requesting reserved personalized historical license plates ADD the appropriate fee to the below one-time permanent registration. You will be billed annually for the reserved or personalized fee. Your plates will expire on your date of birth; if company owned your plates will expire on the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

REQUIRED FEE \$	ADD PERMISSIVE TAX \$	DEPUTY REGISTRAR FEE \$	POSTAGE \$	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$
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**RESERVED- \$25.00** Standard manufacturing procedure does not permit a choice of spacing for this type of license plate. LETTERS MAY NOT BE USED IN THE MIDDLE OF NUMBERS.

THREE LETTERS ONLY  
THREE LETTERS BEFORE OR AFTER 1 THRU 9  
ONE LETTER BEFORE AND AFTER 1 THRU 9999  
ONE LETTER BEFORE OR AFTER 1 THRU 99999

TWO LETTERS ONLY  
TWO LETTERS BEFORE OR AFTER 1 THRU 9999  
NUMBERS ONLY 28801 THRU 999999

**PERSONALIZED- \$50.00** Personalized license plates must contain no less than four letters and no more than six letters or combination of four letters with numbers.

You are now able to make a \$1.00 donation to the Children's Save Our Sight Program by checking the appropriate box below and adding an additional \$1.00 to your total fees due. For Further information regarding this program, please call 1-800-755-GROW (4769).

Yes, I would like to donate to the Children's Save Our Sight Program. I have added a \$1.00 to the total due.

### PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY YOU WILL LOSE YOUR DRIVER LICENSE IF YOU DRIVE WITHOUT INSURANCE OR OTHER ACCEPTABLE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY COVERAGE

- In Ohio, it is illegal to drive any motor vehicle without insurance or other financial responsibility (FR) coverage.
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OWNER(S) SIGNATURE  <b>X</b>	DATE
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Mail to: OHIO BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES, ATTN: REGISTRATION SECTION, P.O. Box 16521, Columbus, Oh 43216-6521  
Phone (614) 752-7800. This form may be found on the Web site: [www.bmv.ohio.gov](http://www.bmv.ohio.gov)



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## HISTORICAL "MODEL-YEAR" PLATE INFORMATION

Section 4503.181 of the Ohio Revised Code (R.C.) permits owners of vehicles bearing historical license plates to display a model year plate for a fee. Only one model year plate is required to be displayed. This license plate must be a legible and serviceable plate issued by the state of Ohio and inscribed with the date of the year corresponding to the model year when the vehicle was manufactured. R.C. 4503.19 requires that a "distinctive number" be issued to a motor vehicle. Therefore, the distinctive historical plates and registration card must be in the vehicle and available upon demand by a law enforcement officer.

To comply with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles has adopted the following procedure.

- Dealer plates are not permitted.
- The vehicle must be registered with regular historical plates.
- Those who desire to display a model-year plate will locate and obtain a suitable plate by their own means. If the license plate is painted, the colors applied must be the original color combinations. New plates were not manufactured in 1943 and 1952; however 1942 and 1951 plates will be accepted for these two years. No model year plates were issued after 1974, however any vehicle that has a historical license plate is eligible for model year plates as long as it is authentic and meets the requirements for that year.
- Submit a **copy** of the model-year license plate and a **copy** of the historical license registration card. Since registration is required for both the historical and model year plate, the fee for registration is \$4.50 if obtained at our office, plus the current cost of postage if the registration must be mailed.
- Complete and have notarized the model-year affidavit on back.
- The model-year plate may be displayed when you receive the registration from the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles. Only one model-year plate is required to be displayed on the rear of the historical motor vehicle at all times.
- **Model-year plate numbers for a military vehicle are the Ohio historical plate numbers issued to the vehicle painted on the front and rear of the vehicle in accordance with size and style specifications established for numerals and letters as stated in R.C. 4503.22.**
- Validation and County stickers are not applicable. If a customer has a validation/county sticker to display on the model year plate, this is not recorded by the BMV.

If your vehicle is not displaying regular historical license plates, the application/affidavit for a regular historical registration and model year historical registration may be submitted at the same time and the model year registration services will be provided at no charge. If you wish to be sent an application for a regular historical license plate, contact the number below or go to your local deputy to obtain registration. This application is also available at your local Deputy Registrar's office and can be obtained on the Web site:

<http://bmv.ohio.gov/forms-numerical.aspx>

If we can be of further assistance, please contact:

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Columbus, Ohio 43216-6521  
Telephone: (614) 752-7518

## HISTORICAL "MODEL YEAR" LICENSE PLATE AFFIDAVIT

NAME		DAYTIME PHONE #	COUNTY	
ADDRESS		CITY	STATE <b>OHIO</b>	ZIP CODE
CURRENT HISTORICAL PLATE # (leave blank if plate is to be issued)		DATE VEHICLE PURCHASED	CERTIFICATE OF TITLE #	
VEHICLE SERIAL #	YEAR	MAKE	VEHICLE TYPE	
MODEL YEAR LICENSE PLATE #		PLATE COLOR	LETTER / NUMBER COLOR	

I certify that the model-year license plate listed above was originally issued by this state and is serviceable and legible. I am aware that I may not display this plate until I receive the registration card for the model-year plate.

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**\*AFFIDAVIT\***

I,   X   (owner signature) am the owner of the above listed historical vehicle which **HAS BEEN** or **WILL BE** (circle one) registered with state of Ohio historical license plates. I am requesting that the above listed model-year license plate number be registered to this historical vehicle. I understand that the original historical registration card and historical license plates must be carried in the vehicle at all times and shown upon request from a law enforcement officer.

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**Notary:**

Sworn to and subscribed in my presence this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ County,  
 State of \_\_\_\_\_.

(Notary Seal)

Signature of Notary Public   X   My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_





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APPLICATION FOR COLLECTOR'S LICENSE PLATES

TYPE OR PRINT

Form with fields for: OHIO LICENSE PLATE # CURRENTLY DISPLAYED, EXPIRATION DATE, LICENSE PLATE # OF PRINCIPAL MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION, EXPIRATION DATE, DEPUTY REGISTRAR NAME AND NUMBER, CERTIFICATION OF TITLE INSPECTED BY, DATE PURCHASED, VEHICLE YEAR, VEHICLE MAKE, BODY TYPE, VEHICLE SERIAL #, CERTIFICATE OF TITLE #, COLOR, OWNER NAME, DAYTIME PHONE #, DATE OF BIRTH, SSN / TIN / OH DL / OH ID, OHIO ADDRESS, CITY, STATE OHIO, ZIP CODE, VEHICLE OWNERSHIP (SINGLE, JOINT, LEASED, COMPANY), JOINT OWNER / LESSEE NAME, SS# OR TAX ID#, OHIO COUNTY OF RESIDENCE, OWNER BUSINESS ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE, ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE, IS YOUR LICENSE PLATE REGISTRATION UNDER SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION UNDER OHIO FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY LAW? (YES/NO)

MAILING ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT FROM THAT SHOWN ABOVE

Form with fields for: ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE, BEGINNING DATE, ENDING DATE. Includes instruction: If this is a temporary mailing address please list dates.

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STATEMENT REQUIRED BY OHIO REVISED CODES 4503.01 AND 4503.45

This vehicle is not the only motor vehicle registered in my name and is not my principal means of transportation. This vehicle is of special interest, being of special make, model, or style, and is maintained as a collector's item, leisure pursuit, or investment. If requested, I can supply paperwork from a car club, auto collector, or other proof that this is a vehicle of special interest. This application is made in good faith and not to evade any law, including Ohio Revised Code section 3704.14, which requires vehicle emission testing in some Ohio counties.

SIGNATURE DATE

You may make a non-refundable donation to the children's **Save Our Sight** fund by checking the box below and entering the amount you wish to donate. Add this to your total fees due. For more information on the children's **Save Our Sight** fund, please call **1-800-755-GROW (4769)**.

Yes, I would like to donate to the children's **Save Our Sight** fund. I would like to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR COLLECTOR'S PLATES AND APPLICATION**

"Collector's Vehicle" means any motor vehicle or agricultural tractor or traction engine of special interest having a fair market value of one hundred dollars or more, whether operable or not, that is owned, operated, collected, preserved, restored, maintained or used essentially as a collector's item, leisure pursuit or investment, but not as the owner's principal means of transportation.

Due to passage of supplementary legislation, additional criteria is required for the issuance of collector's license plates. To ensure that all vehicles registered as collector vehicles are truly collectible, we now reference the National Automobile Dealers Association Classic, Collectible and Special Interest Car Appraisal Guide. If the vehicle is not listed in this guide, we do have other comparable publications that are similarly authoritative and include the 4th Edition Standard Catalog of American Cars 1946-1975 (Krause Publications) or The New Complete Book of Collectible Cars 1930-1990 (Consumer Guide). Vehicle models not listed in these publications may be considered collector vehicles if the applicant obtains documentation from the manufacturer that the vehicle was in limited production or is in demand as a collectible vehicle at the time of application. To ensure every opportunity is afforded for the applicant to be granted collector's license plates, additional consideration will be granted to applicants providing photographs to substantiate vehicle collectability.

**IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. The following items must be returned to the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles to register by mail:
  - A. Total amount due. Make check or money order payable to: Ohio Treasurer of State.
  - B. Current OHIO vehicle registration card (if vehicle displays an Ohio license Plate) or original a Certificate of Title/Memorandum of Title (if vehicle does not display an Ohio license plate). You may take these documents to any Deputy Registrar to verify the vehicle information for a fee of \$3.50.
  - C. Completed and signed application.
2. Mail to: **Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Attn: Registration Support Services**, P.O. Box 16521, Columbus, Ohio 43216-6521. Phone: (614) 752-7518
3. Please allow approximately four weeks for processing of your application. Failure to follow instructions will delay the processing of your application.
4. If your current registration expires within 90 days, your application will be held so that new license plates can be issued during your month of registration.
5. If your current vehicle registration is valid more than 100 days there will be an "exchange" issued and the permissive tax and license fee will not be required. SEE CHART BELOW
6. If you have questions regarding fees please call (614) 752-7518, or refer to page 2 of the Web site [www.bmv.ohio.gov/links/bmv-all-fees.pdf](http://www.bmv.ohio.gov/links/bmv-all-fees.pdf).

**INDICATE YOUR CHOICES TO REQUEST RESERVED OR PERSONALIZED COLLECTOR'S PLATES**

**If you want stock plates (preassigned numbers only), DO NOT submit choices.**

The first available choice will be assigned. When possible, a substitute assignment will be made. There is a **MAXIMUM of 7 characters** on license plates with up to two spaces permitted for personalized character combinations. Leave a box empty to indicate a space for reserved/personalized plates. Dashes, symbols and punctuation marks cannot be used. **Inappropriate requests will not be issued.**

**FIRST CHOICE**

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**SECOND CHOICE**

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**THIRD CHOICE**

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**FOURTH CHOICE**

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MEANING OF PLATE(S) REQUESTED (Inappropriate requests will not be issued)

**FEES FOR ALL TYPES OF PLATES LISTED BELOW ARE REQUIRED ANNUALLY IN ADDITION TO BASIC REGISTRATION FEES.**

**RESERVED \$25.00**

Standard manufacturing procedures do not permit a choice of spacing for reserved license plates.

**LETTERS MAY NOT BE USED IN THE MIDDLE OF NUMBERS.**

**THREE LETTERS ONLY**

THREE LETTERS BEFORE OR AFTER 1 THRU 9  
 ONE LETTER BEFORE AND AFTER 1 THRU 99999  
 ONE LETTER BEFORE OR AFTER 1 THRU 999999

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**PERSONALIZED \$50.00**

Personalized license plates must contain no less than four letters and no more than seven letters or combination of four letters with numbers. Only two spaces are allowed if your choice contains 7 characters, three spaces are allowed with 6 characters.