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Definitions

Antique Automobile. A passenger car that:

- (1) is at least 25 years old, if the vehicle is a passenger car, truck, motorcycle, or bus;
- (2) is a collector's item;
- (3) is used exclusively for exhibitions, club activities, parades, and other functions of public interest and is not used for regular transportation; and
- (4) does not carry advertising.

Assembled Vehicle. Either:

- (A) an assembled motor vehicle- a motor vehicle that has a motor, body and frame; and is built or assembled by a hobbyist;
- (B) an assembled motorcycle;
- (C) an assembled trailer;
- (D) a custom vehicle;
- (E) a street rod;
- (F) a replica; or
- (G) a glider kit.

Classic Motor Vehicle. A motor vehicle that is at least 25 years old.

Custom Vehicle. A vehicle:

- (A) that is:
 - (i) at least 25 years old and of a model year after 1948; or
 - (ii) manufactured to resemble a vehicle that is at least 25 years old and of a model year after 1948; and
- (B) that:
 - (i) has been altered from the manufacturer's original design; or
 - (ii) has a body constructed from materials not original to the vehicle.

Glider Kit. A truck tractor, as defined by Section 541.201, that is built or assembled using:

- (A) a kit that typically consists of a new cab, frame, and front axle and new accessories; and

(B) a used powertrain.

Former Military Vehicle. A vehicle, including a trailer, regardless of the vehicle's size, weight, or year of manufacture, that:

- (1) was manufactured for use in any country's military forces;
- (2) is maintained to represent its military design and markings accurately; and
- (3) is not operated on continuous tracks.

Motor Vehicle Collector. A person who:

- (A) owns one or more antique or special interest vehicles; and
- (B) acquires, collects, or disposes of an antique or special interest vehicle or part of an antique or special interest vehicle for personal use to restore and preserve an antique or special interest vehicle for historic interest.

Replica. A vehicle that uses a manufactured prefabricated body or a body constructed from materials not original to the vehicle and that resembles an established make of a previous year vehicle model. The term may include a custom vehicle or street rod.

Special Interest Vehicle. A motor vehicle of any age that has not been changed from original manufacturer's specifications and, because of its historic interest, is being preserved by a hobbyist.

Street Rod. A vehicle:

(A) that was manufactured:

- (i) before 1949; or
- (ii) after 1948 to resemble a vehicle manufactured before 1949; and

(B) that:

- (i) has been altered from the manufacturer's original design; or
- (ii) has a body constructed from materials not original to the vehicle.

Texas DMV Guidance

Antique & Classic

- Vehicles registered as "Antiques" are *exempt* from annual inspection. To see the restrictions on the use of antiques or to obtain more information on how to register your vehicle as "Antique", visit the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.
- Vehicles registered as "Classic" are required to have an annual safety inspection. These types of vehicles are inspected like any passenger vehicle. Certain items of inspection, however, may or may not be required to be inspected, depending on the age of the car. (For example, seatbelts and anchorages are only required if the vehicle was originally manufactured with them.)

Custom Vehicles & Street Rods

- A street rod is a vehicle manufactured before 1949 or after 1948 that looks like a vehicle manufactured before 1949.
- A custom vehicle is a vehicle at least 25 years old and of a model year after 1948 or built to resemble a vehicle at least 25 years old and of a model year after 1948.
- The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TXDMV) is responsible for issuing certificate of title and creating a safety inspection program for custom vehicles and street rods.

Kit Cars

- Vehicles are required to meet the emissions standards for the year the vehicle is assembled. Vehicle manufacturers have to certify that their vehicles meet EPA emissions standards. Many kit car manufacturers comply with this requirement. If you purchase a kit car, follow the instructions on assembly, including the emissions components. The vehicle must pass an emissions test just like any other new vehicle.
- Just as the EPA does not allow an individual to reverse engineer a vehicle to defeat emission standards, they do not allow an individual to build a brand new "old" vehicle to bypass emissions standards. It is possible if you actually use old parts (like a 1965 engine, or complete 60s frame and power train) that the vehicle will be registered as that model year (replica), but that is determined by Texas DMV. The inspection station will follow the registration classification on the vehicle in determining the inspection criteria.

Rebuilt/Reconstructed Vehicles

- All vehicles used on the public highways are required to meet all of the state equipment laws and requirements; therefore, reconstructed or rebuilt vehicles which are using the

public highways are also expected to meet all of the state equipment laws and regulations.

- All reconstructed or rebuilt vehicles (sand or dune buggies or hot rods) must comply with inspection requirements for the class of motor vehicle being inspected as, such as car, truck, motorcycle, or motor-driven cycle.
- Be sure to check reconstructed or rebuilt vehicles for all required items of inspection with particular attention to the lighting devices. Head lamps shall be of a type acceptable by the Department. No modifications are allowed that will change the original design or performance of any lamp. Only acceptable automobile head lamps may be used on cars and trucks. Either the 7-inch head lamps or both dual head lamps (type 1 and type 2) may be used. Only acceptable motorcycle head lamps may be used on motorcycles, motor-driven cycles, and mopeds.
- All lighting devices must be of an acceptable type that meet Department standards and must comply with the mounting heights as specified in the inspection requirements.
- The year model of a reconstructed vehicle will be the same year in which it was reconstructed and not the year of original manufacture. Therefore, the inspection requirements would be for the model year of the vehicle (same as the year of reconstruction) or the year model of the engine itself, whichever is the later model.
- In general, the year model of a motorcycle is the year of the frame if the original date of manufacture was 1971 or later. Contact Texas DMV for detailed information regarding title of rebuilt and reconstructed vehicles.
- Motor vehicles used for competitive racing, such as modified stock cars, dragsters, and hot rods may be inspected. When such a vehicle is presented for inspection, all rules and regulations regarding the inspection of the vehicle will apply. This applies to brake requirements, exhaust systems, as well as any other item required in these provisions.

Texas Laws

From Texas Administrative Code:

43 TAC § 217.45 Specialty License Plates, Symbols, Tabs, and Other Devices

(a) Purpose and Scope. Transportation Code, Chapters 504 and 551 charge the department with providing specialty license plates, symbols, tabs, and other devices. For the department to perform these duties efficiently and effectively, this section prescribes the policies and procedures for the application, issuance, and renewal of specialty license plates, symbols, tabs, and other devices, through the county tax assessor-collectors, and establishes application fees, expiration dates, and registration periods for certain specialty license plates. This section does not apply to military license plates except as provided by §217.43 of this title (relating to Military Specialty License Plates).

(b) Initial application for specialty license plates, symbols, tabs, or other devices.

(1) Application Process.

(A) Procedure. An owner of a vehicle registered as specified in this subchapter who wishes to apply for a specialty license plate, symbol, tab, or other device must do so on a form prescribed by the director.

(B) Form requirements. The application form shall at a minimum require the name and complete address of the applicant.

(2) Fees and Documentation.

(A) The application must be accompanied by the prescribed registration fee, unless exempted by statute.

(B) The application must be accompanied by the statutorily prescribed specialty license plate fee. If a registration period is greater than 12 months, the expiration date of a specialty license plate, symbol, tab, or other device will be aligned with the registration period and the specialty plate fee will be adjusted to yield the appropriate fee. If the statutory annual fee for a specialty license plate is \$5 or less, it will not be prorated.

(C) Specialty license plate fees will not be refunded after an application is submitted and the department has approved issuance of the license plate.

(D) The application must be accompanied by prescribed local fees or other fees that are collected in conjunction with registering a vehicle, with the exception of vehicles bearing license plates that are exempt by statute from these fees.

(E) The application must include evidence of eligibility for any specialty license plates. The evidence of eligibility may include, but is not limited to:

(i) an official document issued by a governmental entity; or

(ii) a letter issued by a governmental entity on that agency's letterhead.

(F) Initial applications for license plates for display on Exhibition Vehicles must include a photograph of the completed vehicle.

(3) Place of application. Applications for specialty license plates may be made directly to the county tax assessor-collector, except that applications for the following license plates must be made directly to the department:

(A) County Judge;

(B) Federal Administrative Law Judge;

(C) State Judge;

(D) State Official;

(E) U.S. Congress--House;

(F) U.S. Congress--Senate; and

(G) U.S. Judge.

(4) Gift plates.

(A) A person may purchase general distribution specialty license plates as a gift for another person if the purchaser submits an application for the specialty license plates that provides:

(i) the name and address of the person who will receive the plates; and

(ii) the vehicle identification number of the vehicle on which the plates will be displayed.

(B) To be valid for use on a motor vehicle, the recipient of the plates must file an application with the county tax assessor-collector and pay the statutorily required registration fees in the amount as provided by Transportation Code, Chapter 502 and this subchapter.

(c) Initial issuance of specialty license plates, symbols, tabs, or other devices.

(1) Issuance. On receipt of a completed initial application for registration, accompanied by the prescribed documentation and fees, the department will issue specialty license plates, symbols, tabs, or other devices to be displayed on the vehicle for which the license plates, symbols, tabs, or other devices were issued for the current registration period. If the vehicle for which the specialty license plates, symbols, tabs, or other devices are issued is currently registered, the owner must surrender the license plates

currently displayed on the vehicle, along with the corresponding license receipt, before the specialty license plates may be issued.

(2) Classic Motor Vehicles, Classic Travel Trailers, Custom Vehicles, Street Rods, and Exhibition Vehicles.

(A) License plates. Texas license plates that were issued the same year as the model year of a Classic Motor Vehicle, Travel Trailer, Street Rod, or Exhibition Vehicle may be displayed on that vehicle under Transportation Code, §504.501 and §504.502, unless:

(i) the license plate's original use was restricted by statute to another vehicle type;

(ii) the license plate is a qualifying plate type that originally required the owner to meet one or more eligibility requirements; or

(iii) the alpha numeric pattern is already in use on another vehicle.

(B) Validation stickers and tabs. The department will issue validation stickers and tabs for display on license plates that are displayed as provided by subparagraph (A) of this paragraph.

(3) Number of plates issued.

(A) Two plates. Unless otherwise listed in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, two specialty license plates, each bearing the same license plate number, will be issued per vehicle.

(B) One plate. One license plate will be issued per vehicle for all motorcycles and for the following specialty license plates:

(i) Antique Vehicle (includes Antique Auto, Antique Truck, Antique Motorcycle, and Antique Bus);

(ii) Classic Travel Trailer;

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(C) Registration number. The identification number assigned by the military may be approved as the registration number instead of displaying Military Vehicle license plates on a former military vehicle.

(4) Assignment of plates.

(A) Title holder. Unless otherwise exempted by law or this section, the vehicle on which specialty license plates, symbols, tabs, or other devices is to be displayed shall be titled in the name of the person to whom the specialty license plates,

symbols, tabs, or other devices is assigned, or a title application shall be filed in that person's name at the time the specialty license plates, symbols, tabs, or other devices are issued.

(B) Non-owner vehicle. If the vehicle is titled in a name other than that of the applicant, the applicant must provide evidence of having the legal right of possession and control of the vehicle.

(C) Leased vehicle. In the case of a leased vehicle, the applicant must provide a copy of the lease agreement verifying that the applicant currently leases the vehicle.

(5) Classification of neighborhood electric vehicles. The registration classification of a neighborhood electric vehicle, as defined by §217.3(3) of this title (relating to Motor Vehicle Titles) will be determined by whether it is designed as a 4-wheeled truck or a 4-wheeled passenger vehicle.

(6) Number of vehicles. An owner may obtain specialty license plates, symbols, tabs, or other devices for an unlimited number of vehicles, unless the statute limits the number of vehicles for which the specialty license plate may be issued.

(7) Personalized plate numbers.

(A) Issuance. The department will issue a personalized license plate number subject to the exceptions set forth in this paragraph.

(B) Character limit. A personalized license plate number may contain no more than six alpha or numeric characters or a combination of characters. Depending upon the specialty license plate design and vehicle class, the number of characters may vary. Spaces, hyphens, periods, hearts, stars, the International Symbol of Access, or silhouettes of the state of Texas may be used in conjunction with the license plate number.

(C) Personalized plates not approved. A personalized license plate number will not be approved by the executive director if the alpha-numeric pattern:

(i) conflicts with the department's current or proposed regular license plate numbering system;

(ii) would violate §217.27 of this title (relating to Vehicle Registration Insignia), as determined by the executive director; or

(iii) is currently issued to another owner.

(D) Classifications of vehicles eligible for personalized plates. Unless otherwise listed in subparagraph (E) of this paragraph, personalized plates are available for all classifications of vehicles.

(E) Categories of plates for which personalized plates are not available. Personalized license plate numbers are not available for display on the following specialty license plates:

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(ii) Antique Motorcycle;

(iii) Antique Vehicle (includes Antique Auto, Antique Truck, and Antique Bus);

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(F) Fee. Unless specified by statute, a personalized license plate fee of \$40 will be charged in addition to any prescribed specialty license plate fee.

(G) Priority. Once a personalized license plate number has been assigned to an applicant, the owner shall have priority to that number for succeeding years if a timely renewal application is submitted to the county tax assessor-collector each year in accordance with subsection (d) of this section.

(d) Specialty license plate renewal.

(1) Renewal deadline. If a personalized license plate is not renewed within 60 days after its expiration date, a subsequent renewal application will be treated as an application for new personalized license plates.

(2) Length of validation. Except as provided by Transportation Code, §§504.401, 504.4061, or 504.502, all specialty license plates, symbols, tabs, or other devices shall be valid for 12 months from the month of issuance or for a prorated period of at least 12 months coinciding with the expiration of registration.

(3) Renewal.

(A) Renewal notice. Approximately 60 days before the expiration date of a specialty license plate, symbol, tab, or other device, the department will send each owner a renewal notice that includes the amount of the specialty plate fee and the registration fee.

(B) Return of notice. The owner must return the fee and any prescribed documentation to the tax assessor-collector of the county in which the owner resides, except that the owner of a vehicle with one of the following license plates must return the documentation and specialty license plate fee, if

applicable, directly to the department and submit the registration fee to the county tax assessor-collector:

- (i) County Judge;
- (ii) Federal Administrative Law Judge;
- (iii) State Judge;
- (iv) State Official;
- (v) U.S. Congress--House;
- (vi) U.S. Congress--Senate; and
- (vii) U.S. Judge.

(C) Expired plate numbers. The department will retain a specialty license plate number for 60 days after the expiration date of the plates if the plates are not renewed on or before their expiration date. After 60 days the number may be reissued to a new applicant. All specialty license plate renewals received after the expiration of the 60 days will be treated as new applications.

(D) Issuance of validation insignia. On receipt of a completed license plate renewal application and prescribed documentation, the department will issue registration validation insignia as specified in §217.27 unless this section or other law requires the issuance of new license plates to the owner.

(E) Lost or destroyed renewal notices. If a renewal notice is lost, destroyed, or not received by the vehicle owner, the specialty license plates, symbol, tab, or other device may be renewed if the owner provides acceptable personal identification along with the appropriate fees and documentation. Failure to receive the notice does not relieve the owner of the responsibility to renew the vehicle's registration.

(e) Transfer of specialty license plates.

(1) Transfer between vehicles.

(A) Transferable between vehicles. The owner of a vehicle with specialty license plates, symbols, tabs, or other devices may transfer the specialty plates between vehicles by filing an application through the county tax assessor-collector if the vehicle to which the plates are transferred:

- (i) is titled or leased in the owner's name; and
- (ii) meets the vehicle classification requirements for that particular specialty license plate, symbol, tab, or other device.

(B) Non-transferable between vehicles. The following specialty license plates, symbols, tabs, or other devices are non-transferable between vehicles:

(i) Antique Vehicle license plates (includes Antique Auto, Antique Truck, and Antique Bus), Antique Motorcycle license plates, and Antique tabs;

(ii) Classic Auto, Classic Truck, Classic Motorcycle, Classic Travel Trailer, Street Rod, and Custom Vehicle license plates;

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(C) New specialty license plates. If the department creates a new specialty license plate under Transportation Code, §504.801, the department will specify at the time of creation whether the license plate may be transferred between vehicles.

(2) Transfer between owners.

(A) Non-transferable between owners. Specialty license plates, symbols, tabs, or other devices issued under Transportation Code, Chapter 504, Subchapters C, E, and F are not transferable from one person to another except as specifically permitted by statute.

(B) New specialty license plates. If the department creates a new specialty license plate under Transportation Code, §504.801, the department will specify at the time of creation whether the license plate may be transferred between owners.

(3) Simultaneous transfer between owners and vehicles. Specialty license plates, symbols, tabs, or other devices are transferable between owners and vehicles simultaneously only if the owners and vehicles meet all the requirements in both paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection.

(f) Replacement.

(1) Application. When specialty license plates, symbols, tabs, or other devices are lost, stolen, or mutilated, the owner shall apply directly to the county tax assessor-collector for the issuance of replacements, except that Log Loader license plates must be reapplied for and accompanied by the prescribed fees and documentation.

(2) Temporary registration insignia. If the specialty license plate, symbol, tab, or other device is lost, destroyed, or mutilated to such an extent that it is unusable, and if issuance of a replacement license plate would require that it be remanufactured, the owner must pay the statutory replacement fee, and the department will issue a temporary tag for interim use. The owner's new specialty license plate number will be

shown on the temporary tag unless it is a personalized license plate, in which case the same personalized license plate number will be shown.

(3) Stolen specialty license plates.

(A) The department or county tax assessor-collector will not approve the issuance of replacement license plates with the same personalized license plate number if the department's records indicate either the vehicle displaying the personalized license plates or the license plates are reported as stolen to law enforcement. The owner will be directed to contact the department for another personalized plate choice.

(B) The owner may select a different personalized number to be issued at no charge with the same expiration as the stolen specialty plate. On recovery of the stolen vehicle or license plates, the department will issue, at the owner's or applicant's request, replacement license plates, bearing the same personalized number as those that were stolen.

(g) License plates created after January 1, 1999. In accordance with Transportation Code, §504.702, the department will begin to issue specialty license plates authorized by a law enacted after January 1, 1999, only if the sponsoring entity for that license plate submits the following items before the fifth anniversary of the effective date of the law.

(1) The sponsoring entity must submit a written application. The application must be on a form approved by the director and include, at a minimum:

(A) the name of the license plate;

(B) the name and address of the sponsoring entity;

(C) the name and telephone number of a person authorized to act for the sponsoring entity; and

(D) the deposit.

(2) A sponsoring entity is not an agent of the department and does not act for the department in any matter, and the department does not assume any responsibility for fees or applications collected by a sponsoring entity.

From Texas Transportation Code:

V.T.C.A., Transportation Code § 501.021. Title for Motor Vehicle

(a) A motor vehicle title issued by the department must include:

(1) the legal name and address of each purchaser;

- (2) the legal name of the seller and the municipality and state in which the seller is located or resides;
- (3) the year, make, and body style of the vehicle;
- (4) the vehicle identification number of the vehicle;
- (5) if the vehicle is subject to odometer disclosure under Section 501.072, the odometer reading and odometer brand as recorded on the last title assignment for the vehicle;
- (6) the name and address of each lienholder and the date of each lien on the vehicle, listed in the chronological order in which the lien was recorded;
- (7) a statement indicating rights of survivorship under Section 501.031; and
- (8) any other information required by the department.

(b) A printed certificate of title must bear the following statement on its face:

“UNLESS OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED BY LAW, IT IS A VIOLATION OF STATE LAW TO SIGN THE NAME OF ANOTHER PERSON ON A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE OR OTHERWISE GIVE FALSE INFORMATION ON A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE.”

(c) A title for a motor vehicle that has been the subject of an ordered repurchase or replacement under Chapter 2301, Occupations Code, must contain on its face a notice sufficient to inform a purchaser that the motor vehicle has been the subject of an ordered repurchase or replacement.

V.T.C.A., Transportation Code § 504.502. Certain Exhibition Vehicles

(a) The department shall issue specialty license plates for a passenger car, truck, motorcycle, bus, or former military vehicle that:

- (1) is at least 25 years old, if the vehicle is a passenger car, truck, motorcycle, or bus;
- (2) is a collector's item;
- (3) is used exclusively for exhibitions, club activities, parades, and other functions of public interest and is not used for regular transportation; and
- (4) does not carry advertising.

(b) The license plates must include the words “Antique Auto,” “Antique Truck,” “Antique Motorcycle,” “Antique Bus,” or “Military Vehicle,” as appropriate.

(c) A person eligible for the license plates may instead use license plates that are:

- (1) embossed with an alphanumeric pattern;

(2) of a plate design that was issued by this state in the same year as the model year of the vehicle , provided that a passenger car must bear passenger car or truck license plates and a truck must bear passenger car or truck license plates; and

(3) approved for use by the department.

(c-1) The department may require attachment of a registration insignia to a license plate described by Subsection (c) in a manner that does not affect the display of information originally on the license plate.

(d) License plates issued or approved under this section expire on the fifth anniversary of the date of issuance or approval.

(e) The fee for issuance or approval of license plates under this section is:

(1) \$10 for each year or portion of a year remaining in the five-year registration period if the vehicle was manufactured in 1921 or later; or

(2) \$8 for each year or portion of a year remaining in the five-year registration period if the vehicle was manufactured before 1921.

(f) The department may exempt a former military vehicle from the requirement to display a license plate or registration insignia if the exemption is necessary to maintain the vehicle's accurate military markings. The department may approve an alternative registration insignia that is compatible with the vehicle's original markings.

(g) A person entitled to specialty license plates or to department approval under this section may register the vehicle without payment of any fees paid for or at the time of registration except the fee for the license plate.

(h) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a vehicle issued license plates under Subsection (a) shall be required to attach and display only one license plate on the rear of the vehicle.

(i) In this section, "former military vehicle" means a vehicle, including a trailer, regardless of the vehicle's size, weight, or year of manufacture, that:

(1) was manufactured for use in any country's military forces;

(2) is maintained to represent its military design and markings accurately; and

(3) is not operated on continuous tracks.

V.T.C.A., Transportation Code § 502.156. Statement Required for Rebuilt Vehicles

A county assessor-collector shall require an applicant for registration of a rebuilt vehicle to provide a statement that the vehicle is rebuilt and that states the name of each person from whom the parts used in assembling the vehicle were obtained.

V.T.C.A., Transportation Code § 503.024. Exclusions for Dealer

(a) A person is not required to obtain a dealer general distinguishing number if the person:

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(5) selling an antique passenger car or truck that is at least 25 years of age; or

(6) selling a special interest vehicle that is at least 12 years of age if the person is a collector.

(c) For the purposes of Section 503.021, a domiciliary of another state who holds a dealer license and bond, if applicable, issued by the other state is not engaging in business as a dealer by:

(2) buying, selling, including by consignment, or exchanging at a public auction:

(A) an antique vehicle that is at least 25 years of age; or

(B) a special interest vehicle that:

(i) is at least 12 years of age; or

(ii) has been the subject of a retail sale.

V.T.C.A., Transportation Code § 683.077. Inapplicability of Subchapter

(a) Procedures adopted under Section 683.074 or 683.0765 may not apply to a vehicle or vehicle part:

(1) that is completely enclosed in a building in a lawful manner and is not visible from the street or other public or private property; or

(2) that is stored or parked in a lawful manner on private property in connection with the business of a licensed vehicle dealer or junkyard, or that is an antique or special interest vehicle stored by a motor vehicle collector on the collector's property, if the vehicle or part and the outdoor storage area, if any, are:

(A) maintained in an orderly manner;

(B) not a health hazard; and

(C) screened from ordinary public view by appropriate means, including a fence, rapidly growing trees, or shrubbery.

(b) In this section:

(1) "Antique vehicle" means a passenger car or truck that is at least 25 years old.

(2) "Motor vehicle collector" means a person who:

(A) owns one or more antique or special interest vehicles; and

(B) acquires, collects, or disposes of an antique or special interest vehicle or part of an antique or special interest vehicle for personal use to restore and preserve an antique or special interest vehicle for historic interest.

(3) "Special interest vehicle" means a motor vehicle of any age that has not been changed from original manufacturer's specifications and, because of its historic interest, is being preserved by a hobbyist.

V.T.C.A., Transportation Code § 504.501. Classic Motor Vehicles and Travel Trailers; Custom Vehicles; Street Rods

(a) The department shall issue specialty license plates for a motor vehicle that is at least 25 years old or is a custom vehicle or street rod. The license plates must include the word or words "Classic," "Custom Vehicle," or "Street Rod," or a similar designation, as appropriate.

(b) A person eligible for the license plates may instead use license plates that are:

(1) embossed with an alphanumeric pattern;

(2) of a plate design that was issued by this state in the same year as the model year of the vehicle; and

(3) approved for use by the department.

(b-1) The department may require the attachment of a registration insignia to a license plate described by Subsection (b) in a manner that does not affect the display of information originally on the license plate.

(c) There is no fee for issuance or approval of license plates under this section.

(d) Notwithstanding Chapter 547, a custom vehicle or street rod eligible to receive license plates under this section is not required to be equipped with a specific piece of equipment unless the specific piece of equipment was required by statute as a condition of sale during the year listed as the model year on the certificate of title.

(e) On initial registration of a custom vehicle or street rod, the owner must provide proof, acceptable to the department, that the custom vehicle or street rod passed a safety inspection that has been approved by the department. The department shall create a safety inspection process for inspecting custom vehicles and street rods.

(f) In this section:

(1) "Custom vehicle" means a vehicle:

(A) that is:

- (i) at least 25 years old and of a model year after 1948; or
- (ii) manufactured to resemble a vehicle that is at least 25 years old and of a model year after 1948; and

(B) that:

- (i) has been altered from the manufacturer's original design; or
- (ii) has a body constructed from materials not original to the vehicle.

(2) "Street rod" means a vehicle:

(A) that was manufactured:

- (i) before 1949; or
- (ii) after 1948 to resemble a vehicle manufactured before 1949; and

(B) that:

- (i) has been altered from the manufacturer's original design; or
- (ii) has a body constructed from materials not original to the vehicle.

V.T.C.A., Tax Code § 152.023. Tax on Motor Vehicle Brought Into State by New Texas Resident

(a) A use tax is imposed on a new resident of this state who brings into this state a motor vehicle:

- (1) that has been registered previously in the new resident's name in any other state or foreign country; or
- (2) that the person leased in another state or foreign country.

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (b-1), the tax is \$90 for each vehicle.

(b-1) The tax on a motor vehicle eligible to be issued exhibition vehicle specialty license plates under Section 504.502, Transportation Code, is equal to the lesser of \$90 or 6.25 percent of the total consideration.

(c) The tax imposed by this section is in lieu of the tax imposed by Section 152.022.

V.T.C.A., Tax Code § 152.0412. Standard Presumptive Value; Use by Tax Assessor-Collector

(a) In this section, "standard presumptive value" means the private-party transaction value of a motor vehicle, as determined by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles based on an appropriate regional guidebook of a nationally recognized motor vehicle value guide service, or based on another motor vehicle guide publication that the department determines is

appropriate if a private-party transaction value for the motor vehicle is not available from a regional guidebook described by this subsection.

(b) If the amount paid for a motor vehicle subject to the tax imposed by this chapter is equal to or greater than 80 percent of the standard presumptive value of the vehicle, a county tax assessor-collector shall compute the tax on the amount paid.

(c) If the amount paid for a motor vehicle subject to the tax imposed by this chapter is less than 80 percent of the standard presumptive value of the vehicle, a county tax assessor-collector shall compute the tax on the amount that is equal to 80 percent of the standard presumptive value of the vehicle, unless the purchaser establishes the valuation of the vehicle as provided by Subsection (d).

(d) A county tax assessor-collector shall compute the tax imposed by this chapter on the valuation of a motor vehicle if the valuation is shown on:

(1) documentation, including a receipt or invoice, provided by the seller to the purchaser of the vehicle, but only if the seller is a motor vehicle dealer operating under Subchapter B, Chapter 503, Transportation Code,¹ or under similar regulatory requirements of another state; or

(2) an appraisal certified by an adjuster licensed under Chapter 4101, Insurance Code, by a motor vehicle dealer operating under Subchapter B, Chapter 503, Transportation Code, or by an adjuster or motor vehicle dealer licensed or operating under similar regulatory requirements of another state.

(d-1) An appraisal described by Subsection (d)(2):

(1) must be on a form prescribed by the comptroller for that purpose; and

(2) must be obtained by the purchaser of the vehicle not later than the 20th working day after the date the motor vehicle is delivered to the purchaser or is brought into this state, as applicable.

(e) On request, a motor vehicle dealer operating under Subchapter B, Chapter 503, Transportation Code, or under similar regulatory requirements of another state shall provide a certified appraisal of the valuation of a motor vehicle. The comptroller by rule shall establish a fee that a dealer may charge for providing the certified appraisal. The county tax assessor-collector shall retain a copy of a certified appraisal received under this section for a period prescribed by the comptroller.

(f) The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles shall maintain information on the standard presumptive values of motor vehicles as part of the department's registration and title system. The department shall update the information at least quarterly each calendar year and publish, electronically or otherwise, the updated information.

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(i) This section does not apply to a motor vehicle that is eligible for a specialty license plate under Section 504.501, Transportation Code.

(j) The requirements of Section 501.145, Transportation Code, continue to apply to a transferee of a used motor vehicle who obtains an appraisal under Subsection (d)(2), and obtaining an appraisal does not modify those requirements.

Texas Equipment Exemptions

From Texas Rules and Regulations Manual for Safety Inspection:

4.5.1 INSPECTION ITEMS FOR VEHICLE CLASSES.

4.5.2 INSPECT EVERY PASSENGER CAR AND MOTOR HOME UNDER 80 INCHES WIDE FOR:

*Check for evidence of Financial Responsibility/CNG tank expiration (if equipped) and/or documentation.

1. Horn
2. Windshield Wipers
3. Mirror
4. Steering
5. Seat Belts
6. Brakes (system) (Parking – beginning with 1960 models)
7. Tires
 8. Wheel Assembly
8. Safety Guards of Flaps (if four tires or at least two super single tires on the rearmost axle)
9. Exhaust System
10. Exhaust Emission System (beginning with 1968 models)
11. Beam Indicator (beginning with 1948 models)
12. Tail Lamps (2); (1) if 1959 or earlier Stop Lamps (3); including the Center High Mount Stop Lamp (1986 and newer passenger cars); (2) if 1960 thru 1985; (1) if 1959 model or earlier
13. License Plate Lamp (1)
14. Rear Red Reflectors (2)
15. Turn Signal Lamps (beginning with 1960 models)
16. Head Lamps (2)
17. Motor, Serial, or Vehicle Identification Number
18. Inspect for applied window tinting or coating
19. Gas Caps on gasoline powered vehicles 2 thru 24 years old

From Texas Transportation Code:

V.T.C.A., Transportation Code § 547.322. Taillamps Required

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), a motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, pole trailer, or vehicle that is towed at the end of a combination of vehicles shall be equipped with at least two taillamps.

(b) A passenger car or truck that was **manufactured or assembled before the model year 1960** shall be equipped with at least one taillamp.

(c) Taillamps shall be mounted on the rear of the vehicle:

(1) at a height from 15 to 72 inches; and

(2) at the same level and spaced as widely apart as practicable if a vehicle is equipped with more than one lamp.

(d) A taillamp shall emit a red light plainly visible at a distance of 1,000 feet from the rear of the vehicle.

(e) If vehicles are traveling in combination, only the taillamps on the rearmost vehicle are required to emit a light for the distance specified in Subsection (d).

(f) A taillamp or a separate lamp shall be constructed and mounted to emit a white light that:

(1) illuminates the rear license plate; and

(2) makes the plate clearly legible at a distance of 50 feet from the rear.

(g) A taillamp, including a separate lamp used to illuminate a rear license plate, must emit a light when a headlamp or auxiliary driving lamp is lighted.

V.T.C.A., Transportation Code § 547.323. Stoplamps Required

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), a motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer shall be equipped with at least two stoplamps.

(b) A passenger car **manufactured or assembled before the model year 1960** shall be equipped with at least one stoplamp.

(c) A stoplamp shall be mounted on the rear of the vehicle.

(d) A stoplamp shall emit a red or amber light, or a color between red and amber, that is:

(1) visible in normal sunlight at a distance of at least 300 feet from the rear of the vehicle; and

(2) displayed when the vehicle service brake is applied.

(e) If vehicles are traveling in combination, only the stoplamps on the rearmost vehicle are required to emit a light for the distance specified in Subsection (d).

(f) A stoplamp may be included as a part of another rear lamp.

V.T.C.A., Transportation Code § 547.324. Turn Signal Lamps Required

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), a motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer shall be equipped with electric turn signal lamps that indicate the operator's intent to turn by displaying flashing lights to the front and rear of a vehicle or combination of vehicles and on that side of the vehicle or combination toward which the turn is to be made.

(b) Subsection (a) does not apply to a passenger car or truck less than 80 inches wide **manufactured or assembled before the model year 1960.**

(c) Turn signal lamps:

(1) shall be mounted at the same level and spaced as widely apart as practicable on the front and on the rear of the vehicle; and

(2) may be included as a part of another lamp on the vehicle.

(d) A turn signal lamp shall emit:

(1) a white or amber light, or a color between white and amber, if the lamp is mounted on the front of the vehicle; or

(2) a red or amber light, or a color between red and amber, if the lamp is mounted on the rear of the vehicle.

(e) A turn signal lamp must be visible in normal sunlight at a distance of:

(1) at least 500 feet from the front and rear of the vehicle if the vehicle is at least 80 inches wide; and

(2) at least 300 feet from the front and rear of the vehicle if the vehicle is less than 80 inches wide.

V.T.C.A., Transportation Code § 547.325. Reflectors Required

(a) Except as provided by Subchapter F,¹ a motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer shall be equipped with at least two red reflectors on the rear of the vehicle. A red reflector may be included as a part of a taillamp.

(b) A reflector shall be:

(1) mounted at a height from 15 to 60 inches; and

(2) visible at night at all distances:

(A) from 100 to 600 feet when directly in front of lawful lower beams of headlamps; or

(B) from 100 to 350 feet when directly in front of lawful upper beams of headlamps if the vehicle was **manufactured or assembled before January 1, 1972.**

V.T.C.A., Transportation Code § 547.355. Visibility Requirements

(a) A clearance lamp, identification lamp, or side marker lamp shall be visible and recognizable under normal atmospheric conditions at all distances from 50 to 500 feet from the vehicle on the side, front, or rear where the lamp is mounted.

(b) A reflector required by this chapter mounted on a vehicle subject to this subchapter shall be visible from the rear, if a rear reflector, or from the applicable side, if a side reflector, at nighttime at all distances from 100 to 600 feet from the vehicle when the reflector is directly in front of:

(1) lawful lower beams of headlamps; or

(2) lawful upper beams of headlamps on a vehicle **manufactured or assembled before January 1, 1972.**

V.T.C.A., Transportation Code § 547.334. Single-Beam Lighting Equipment Permitted

(a) In lieu of the multiple-beam lighting equipment required by Section 547.333, a headlamp system that provides a single distribution of light and meets the requirements of Subsection (b) is permitted for:

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(2) a motor vehicle manufactured and sold before September 4, 1948.

(b) The headlamp system specified by Subsection (a) shall:

(1) emit a light sufficient to reveal a person or vehicle at a distance of at least 200 feet; and

(2) be aimed so that no part of the high-intensity portion of the lamp projects a beam:

(A) higher than five inches below the level of the center of the lamp at a distance of 25 feet ahead; or

(B) higher than 42 inches above the ground at a distance of 75 feet ahead.



Application for Antique License Plate

County Use Only	
License No	_____
Mo/Yr of Exp	_____
Date Issued	_____

Instructions

Submit the completed application; payment in the form of a personal check, money order, or cashier's check; and any required attachments to your local county tax assessor-collector's office. **Do not mail cash.** If you have not previously registered the vehicle in Texas, you must submit ownership evidence, proof of insurance if applicable, and the applicable fees before the license plate or plate tab can be issued.

If you order by mail, please contact your county tax assessor-collector's office in three weeks to verify your license plate is ready. Contact your county tax assessor-collector if you have any questions.

Vehicles at least 25 years old will be issued one Antique plate to be displayed on the rear of the vehicle for a five-year period. The fee is \$50 if the vehicle was manufactured in 1921 or later; the fee is \$40 if the vehicle was manufactured prior to 1921.

Instead of an Antique plate, the owner of an antique vehicle may use an embossed license plate issued by this state that is the same year as the model year of the vehicle. The plate must have the original color scheme, and be in good, readable condition. If the original plate is approved by your local county tax assessor-collector's office, a plate tab with a registration sticker will be issued to show the plate is valid.

Replicas of Texas license plates are not acceptable. Plates with an alpha-numeric pattern that are already in use or qualifying license plates such as a Farm plate, Dealer plate, etc., will not be approved.

Proof of financial responsibility (insurance) or a copy of the completed Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) affidavit (DPS Form SR-2) is required at time of application.

Applicant Information

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix	County
Address		City	State	ZIP
Email			Phone Number	

Vehicle Information

Vehicle Identification Number	Current TX License Plate	Year	Make	Body Style	Empty Weight (lbs.)
Vehicle Type <input type="checkbox"/> Antique Auto <input type="checkbox"/> Antique Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Antique Motorcycle <input type="checkbox"/> Antique Bus					

Certification – State law makes falsifying information a third-degree felony.

I certify I am the owner of the above-described vehicle, and as statutorily required, I also certify the frame, body, and motor are at least 25 years old; the vehicle is a collector's item that will be used solely for exhibition, club activities, parades, and other functions of public interest; it is not a replica or aftermarket vehicle; will not be used for daily transportation except when routine maintenance is needed; and will not carry advertising.

Signature

Date



ASE Safety Inspection for Assembled Vehicles

Instructions/Information

An **ASSEMBLED VEHICLE** is a vehicle assembled from the three basic component parts (motor, frame, and body), and is:

- built (assembled) from new or used materials and parts by someone not regulated as a motor vehicle manufacturer (usually an individual or by a shop);
- altered or modified to the extent that it no longer reflects the original manufacturer's configuration; or
- assembled from a kit even if a Manufacturer's Certificate of Origin or Manufacturer's Statement of Origin is provided.

Note: The assembling or merging of two or more vehicles of different vehicle classes that were never engineered/manufactured to be combined with one another are NOT eligible to be titled in Texas. For example, a passenger vehicle combined with a motorcycle is NOT eligible for a Texas Title. The frame and body of a vehicle that has been declared junked and/or nonrepairable, or a motor from a flood damaged vehicle, cannot be used in the assembly or reconstruction of a vehicle.

An assembled vehicle will display the year in which it was assembled and the make as "Assembled" unless the vehicle was constructed with a manufactured prefabricated body (the year and make may be as shown on the Manufacturer's Certificate of Origin) accompanied by a REPLICA brand. If an original body is used, the vehicle is titled by the year and make of the body and is accompanied by a RECONSTRUCTED brand.

If the vehicle does not contain an original manufacturer's assigned Vehicle Identification Number (VIN), an assigned number must be obtained from a Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Regional Service Center and must be die-stamped on the vehicle.

The inspection on page 2 must be completed by the Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Certified Master Technician. An ASE Certified Master Technician can be found at www.ASE.com. The applicant information below must match the information on the *Application for Texas Title and/or Registration* (Form 130-U). Submit this completed form with your completed Form 130-U and all other required documentation to your local county tax assessor-collector's office.

***REPLICA BRAND:** If an assembled vehicle is constructed in a manner resembling a vehicle from a prior model year, the vehicle record and Texas title can be notated with "REPLICA" with the Year and Make the vehicle resembles. Leave the "Replica Year" and "Replica Make" fields blank if the vehicle is assembled with an original body, or if you do not want the assembled vehicle to carry a REPLICA brand. In all cases, the vehicle will be titled as an assembled vehicle unless it is constructed with an original body.

Vehicle Information

Vehicle Identification Number (or Motor Number, if applicable)	Year	Make	Body Style	Model
Replica Year (if any)*	Replica Make (if any)*			

Applicant Information

First Name (or Entity Name)	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix (if any)
Additional Applicant First Name (if applicable)	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix (if any)
Address	City	State	Zip
Email (optional)	Phone Number (optional)		

Applicant Certification – State law makes falsifying information a third degree felony

I, the above listed applicant, certify the above listed vehicle meets the eligibility requirements listed on this form, and I am providing proof of the ASE Certified Master Technician's vehicle inspection.

Signature of Applicant	Printed Name (Same as Signature)	Date
Signature of Additional Applicant (if any)	Printed Name (Same as Signature)	Date

ASE Safety Inspection for Assembled Vehicles

Safety Inspection Required

An assembled vehicle must be certified as being structurally stable and safe by an ASE Certified Master Automobile Technician in order to operate on public roads. An ASE Certified Master Technician can be found at www.ASE.com. The ASE Certified Master Technician must inspect the vehicle and sign the certification on this page. The automotive systems and parts listed below must be inspected, as applicable, based on the year the vehicle was assembled. For example, a vehicle assembled in 2016 must comply with all state and federal motor vehicle safety laws in effect in 2016.

Inspection/Inspector Information

- A current ASE Certified Master Technician must perform the inspection. Master status is established by passing the Automobile Test Series (A1 through A8).
- A copy of the certifications and expiration dates, available through the inspector's myASE account, must be submitted with this inspection. The inspection is not valid if any of the series (A1 through A8) are missing or expired at the time of the inspection. **This form is not valid without the certifications printout.**
- The inspection fee is set by each ASE Certified Master Technician.
- The ASE Certified Master Technician must initial each box, and provide comments as applicable, to certify the presence and/or safety of each item.
- This inspection does not replace or eliminate the mandatory Texas vehicle safety inspection (and emissions inspection, if applicable).

An assembled vehicle must be constructed with all required parts in compliance with state and federal motor vehicle safety laws **in effect at the time the vehicle was assembled.**

ASE Certified Master Technician Information

ASE Certified Master Technician's First Name		Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix (if any)
ASE Certified Master Technician's Certification Number	Certification Expiration Date		Email (optional)	
Business Name			Phone Number	
Business Address		City	State	Zip

Vehicle Inspection – Applicable items listed below must be inspected

<input type="checkbox"/> VIN, Serial, or Assigned TEX Number _____ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Structural Integrity of Frame and Welds _____ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Turn Signal Lamps _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Beam Indicator _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Head Lamps (Minimum of 2) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Tail Lamps (2) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Stop Lamps (2) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Rear Red Reflector (2) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Seat Belts _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Mirror _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Motor _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Windshield Wipers _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Brakes – Service _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Supply System _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Exhaust System _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Drivetrain _____ <input type="checkbox"/> License Plate Lamp _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Wheels and Tires _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Steering _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
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I certify I am an ASE Certified Master Automobile Technician with current, valid credentials at the time of inspection, have inspected the vehicle listed, and certify it is **structurally stable and meets the necessary conditions to be operated safely** on public roads. The information provided is correct to the best of my knowledge at the time of inspection.

Signature of ASE Master Technician	Printed Name (Same as Signature)	Date of Inspection
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Application for Classic License Plates

County Use Only
License No _____
Mo/Yr of Exp _____
Date Issued _____

Instructions

Submit the completed application and payment in the form of a personal check, money order, or cashier's check, and any required attachments to your local county tax assessor-collector's office. **Do not mail cash.**

There is no specialty plate fee; however, the annual registration fee must be paid. License plates may be personalized for an additional \$40 fee per year; make your choice on page 2. **Fee is not refundable.** When the specialty plates are issued, additional fees may be collected to establish a single expiration date for both the specialty plate and the vehicle registration.

If the vehicle is not titled in your name, attach a statement stating you have legal right of possession and control of this vehicle. If you recently submitted an application for title, attach a copy of the title application receipt (VTR-500-RTS). If the vehicle is leased, attach a copy of the lease agreement.

If you order by mail, contact your county tax assessor-collector's office in three weeks to verify your plate is ready or if you have any questions.

Plate Eligibility

Passenger cars, trucks, motorcycles, and travel trailers that are at least 25 years old qualify for Classic License Plates. Instead of Classic License Plates, the owner of a classic vehicle may use embossed license plates issued by this state that is the same year as the model year of the vehicle. The plates must have the original color scheme and be in good, readable condition. If the original plates are approved by your local county tax assessor-collector's office, a plate tab with a registration sticker will be issued to be displayed on the rear license plate.

Replicas of Texas license plates are not acceptable. Plates with an alpha-numeric pattern that are already in use, or qualifying license plates such as a Farm plate or Dealer plate, etc., will not be approved.

Applicant Information

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix	County
Address		City	State	ZIP
Email			Phone Number	

Vehicle Information

Vehicle Identification Number	Current TX Plate (if any)	Year	Make	Body Style	Empty Weight (lbs.)
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Vehicle Type Passenger Truck Motorcycle Travel Trailer

Certification – State law makes falsifying information a third-degree felony.

I certify I am the owner of the above-described vehicle and the vehicle is at least 25 years old.

Signature Date

Application for Classic License Plates

Personalize Your Plate – If you would like to personalize your specialty plate, there will be a \$40 fee per year in addition to the annual registration fee.

- Show personalizations exactly as you want them to appear on your license plate(s). You may list more than one option in the event the personalization you have chosen is already issued.
- A selection that has been issued, is deemed offensive, or conflicts with the regular license plate numbering system cannot be approved.
- Enter your desired personalized letters, numbers, and/or symbols in the blocks below. The available symbols include: a period, a dash, a blank space, a Texas silhouette (use an asterisk "*" to indicate), a heart (use an at "@" to indicate), and a star (use an ampersand "&" to indicate).
- Passenger car, truck, and trailer plates are limited to six (6) characters total, including punctuation characters.
- Motorcycle/moped plates are limited to four (4) characters total, including punctuation characters.
- You are not required to use all the blocks provided.
- The International Symbol of Access "♿" counts as two (2) characters and will be located at the beginning of the plate number. If you are disabled and applying for personalized specialty plates, the plate may consist of only four (4) characters. Use a percent "%" to indicate.

Personalization fee will not be refunded once the application is submitted.

1st Choice

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2nd Choice

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3rd Choice

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International Symbol of Access

To display the International Symbol of Access on your license plate, attach a signed *Application for Persons with Disabilities Parking Placard and/or License Plate* (Form VTR-214) to this application to show your eligibility. Contact your county tax assessor-collector's office for more information.



ASE Safety Inspection and Application for Custom Vehicle or Street Rod License Plates

Instructions/Information

CUSTOM VEHICLE is "a vehicle that is at least 25 years old and of a model year after 1948; or manufactured to resemble a vehicle that is at least 25 years old and of a model year after 1948, and that has been altered from the manufacturer's original design or has a body constructed from materials not original to the vehicle." **STREET ROD** is "a vehicle that was manufactured before 1949; or after 1948 to resemble a vehicle manufactured before 1949, and that has been altered from the manufacturer's original design, or has a body constructed from materials not original to the vehicle."

TO OBTAIN YOUR SPECIALTY PLATE: The inspection on page 2 must be completed by an Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Certified Master Technician. Texas title and vehicle registration must be in your name. If the vehicle is leased, attach a copy of the lease agreement. Submit this completed form with all other required documentation to your local county tax assessor-collector's office. There is no fee for the specialty license plate, but your annual registration and other applicable fees must be paid. Your plate may be personalized for an additional \$40.00 fee (below). When the specialty plate is issued, an additional fee may be collected to establish a single expiration date for both the specialty plate and the vehicle registration. If ordering by mail, contact your county tax assessor-collector's office in 2-3 weeks to verify your plate is ready for issuance. **If the vehicle is sold/transferred, Custom Vehicle and Street Rod license plates are non-transferrable and must be removed.**

COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTORS: Replica vehicles applying for Street Rod or Custom Vehicle license plates must display the REPLICA brand with the year and make it resembles unless original to the year of manufacture. Send this form (attached to the *Application for Texas Title and/or Registration* (Form 130-U), if applicable) to the TxDMV in a Specially Marked Envelope.

Vehicle Information

Vehicle Identification Number (or Motor Number, if applicable)		Year	Make	Body Style	Model
Replica Year (if any)*	Replica Make (if any)*	Vehicle Type <input type="checkbox"/> Passenger <input type="checkbox"/> Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle		Specialty Plate Type <input type="checkbox"/> Custom Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Street Rod	

Applicant Information

First Name (or Entity Name)		Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix (if any)
Address		City	State	Zip
Email (optional)		Phone Number (optional)		

Personalize Your Plate

If you would like to personalize your specialty plate, there will be a \$40.00 fee per year in addition to the annual registration and other applicable fees. **Personalization fee will not be refunded once application is submitted.**

- You may list more than one option in case the personalization you have chosen is unavailable. Your selection will not be approved if it has already been issued, is deemed offensive, or conflicts with another license plate pattern.
- Enter your choices in the selection blocks below exactly as you want them to appear on the license plate. The plate may consist of up to six (6) characters. Enter only one letter, number, blank space, dash, period, Texas silhouette (use an *), heart symbol (use an @), or star (use an &) per box. You do not have to use all the spaces provided.

International Symbol of Access (ISA) counts as two (2) characters and must be located at the beginning of the plate pattern. If you are disabled and applying for personalized specialty plates, the plate may consist of only the ISA symbol plus 3 characters. Use a percent sign (%) to indicate the ISA. Additionally, you must submit a signed Form VTR-214 to show eligibility.

1st Selection				2nd Selection				3rd Selection						

Applicant Certification- State law makes falsifying information a third degree felony

I, the above listed applicant, certify the above listed vehicle meets the eligibility requirements listed on this form, and I am providing proof of the ASE Certified Master Technician's vehicle inspection.

Signature of Applicant	Printed Name (Same as Signature)	Date
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ASE Safety Inspection and Application for Custom Vehicle or Street Rod License Plates

Safety Inspection Required

This form is ONLY for vehicles applying for Custom Vehicle or Street Rod license plates. All other assembled vehicles not applying for one of these two license plates must complete the ASE Safety Inspection for Assembled Vehicles (Form VTR-64).

Safety Inspection: The vehicle must be certified as being structurally stable and safe by an ASE Certified Master Technician in order to operate on public roads. An ASE Certified Master Technician can be found at www.ASE.com. The ASE Certified Master Technician must inspect the vehicle and sign the certification on this page.

Once the vehicle is approved for Custom Vehicle or Street Rod license plates, the vehicle is exempt from the Texas vehicle safety inspection (and emissions inspection, if applicable). **It is recommended that you carry a copy of this completed application/inspection form in your vehicle.** Upon sale or transfer, the vehicle must be re-inspected by an ASE Certified Master Technician prior to applying for Custom Vehicle or Street Rod license plates.

Inspection/Inspector Information

- A current ASE Certified Master Technician must perform the inspection. Master status is established by passing the Automobile Test Series (A1 through A8).
- A copy of the certifications and expiration dates, available through the inspector's myASE account, must be submitted with this inspection. The inspection is not valid if any of the series (A1 through A8) are missing or expired at the time of the inspection. **This form is not valid without the certifications printout.**
- The inspection fee is set by each ASE Certified Master Technician.
- The ASE Certified Master Technician must initial each box, and provide comments as applicable, to certify the presence and/or safety of each item.

The automotive systems and parts listed below must be inspected, as applicable, based on the year model of the replica vehicle. A Custom Vehicle or Street Rod must only comply with state and federal motor vehicle safety laws in effect the year the vehicle resembles. For example, a 1955 replica vehicle must only comply with state and federal motor vehicle safety laws from 1955.

ASE Certified Master Technician Information

ASE Certified Master Technician's First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix (if any)
ASE Certified Master Technician's Certification Number	Certification Expiration Date	Email (optional)	
Business Name		Phone Number	
Business Address	City	State	Zip

Vehicle Inspection – Applicable items listed below must be inspected

<input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Identification (VIN), Serial, or Assigned TEX Number _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Structural Integrity of Frame and Welds _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Turn Signal Lamps (Beginning with 1960 models) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Beam Indicator (Beginning with 1948 models) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Head Lamps (Minimum of 2) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Tail Lamps (2) (1 on replica vehicles 1959 model & earlier) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Stop Lamps (2) (1 on replica vehicles 1959 model & earlier) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Rear Red Reflector (2) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Mirror _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Motor _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Windshield Wipers _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Brakes – Service (Parking, beginning 1960 models) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Supply System _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Exhaust System _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Drivetrain _____ <input type="checkbox"/> License Plate Lamp _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Wheels and Tires _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Steering _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Seat Belts _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
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I certify I am an ASE Certified Master Automobile Technician with current, valid credentials at the time of inspection, have inspected the vehicle listed, and certify it is **structurally stable and meets the necessary conditions to be operated safely** on public roads. The information provided is correct to the best of my knowledge at the time of inspection.

Signature of ASE Master Technician	Printed Name (Same as Signature)	Date of Inspection
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