

Definitions

Specially constructed vehicle. Every vehicle of a type required to be registered under this chapter not originally constructed under a distinctive name, make, model, or type by a generally recognized manufacturer of vehicles and not materially altered from its original construction.

Reconstructed vehicle. Every vehicle of a type required to be registered under this chapter materially altered from its original construction by the removal, addition, or substitution of essential parts, new or used.

Custom vehicle. A motor vehicle that is at least twenty-five (25) years old and of a model year after 1948; or manufactured to resemble a vehicle twenty-five (25) or more years old and of a model year after 1948; and has been altered from the manufacturer's original design; or has a body constructed from non-original materials.

Street rod. A motor vehicle that is a 1948 or older vehicle or the vehicle was manufactured after 1948 to resemble a vehicle manufactured before 1949; and has been altered from the manufacturer's original design or has a body constructed from nonoriginal materials.

Historic or special interest vehicle. A vehicle of age which is essentially unaltered from the original manufacturer's specifications and which, because of its significance, is being collected, preserved, restored, or maintained by a hobbyist as a leisure pursuit, and shall include a vehicle sometimes referred to by the classifications of **antique, horseless carriage, classic, or action era**. Vehicles with modifications or deviations from the original specifications may be permitted under this classification if the modifications or deviations are of historic nature and characteristic of the approximate era to which the vehicles belong or if they could be considered to be in the category of safety features. Safety-related modifications include hydraulic brakes, sealbeam headlights, and seat belts. Accessories acceptable under such classifications are those available in the era to which the vehicles belong. To be eligible for **historic/antique vehicle** plates, the vehicle must be at least 25 years old.

Titling & Registration

From Arkansas Administrative Code:



Plate/Placard	Antique Vehicle License Plate - Current
Description	Specialty license plate for antique (25 years or older) vehicle.
Eligibility	For historical or special interest vehicles or any vehicle that is twenty five (25) years old or older, which is essentially unaltered from the original manufacturers specifications.
Requirements	1) Affidavit for license for an Antique Vehicle completed by the applicant. 2) If the vehicle is already titled and registered to the applicant, the registration certificate or other acceptable proof of ownership which includes the year, make, model, and vehicle identification number; OR 3) If the vehicle is not titled and registered to the applicant, the following: a) The previous title, if available, or if not, a bill of sale reflecting the year, make, model, and vehicle identification number; OR b) If the vehicle is assembled from a variety of sources, the owner may present bills of sale for the principal parts. The bills of sale should indicate the source and include the motor or body serial number.
Issuance	Special License Office These Revenue Offices Only
Replacement	Special License Office These Revenue Offices Only
Transfers	N/A
Renewals	Annual renewal is not required.
Personalization	No
Number of Characters	N/A
Registration Fees	\$7.00
Additional Plate Fees	N/A
Personalization Fees	N/A
Forms	Affidavit for Antique Motor Vehicle
Additional Information	Certain modifications are permitted if they are characteristic of the approximate era to which the vehicle belongs or considered to be safety related (brakes, seal beam headlights, seat belts, etc.).



Plate/Placard	Street Rod or Custom Vehicle License Plate
Description	Specialty license plate for qualified autos or trucks.
Eligibility	<p>Issued to owners of automobiles or trucks which meet the following requirements:</p> <p>Custom Vehicle - A motor vehicle that is at least twenty-five (25) years old and of a model year after 1948, or was manufactured to resemble such vehicle; has been altered from the manufacturer's original design, or has a body construction from non-original materials.</p> <p>Street Rod - A motor vehicle that is a 1948 or older vehicle or was manufactured to resemble a vehicle manufactured before 1949, and has been altered from the manufacturer's original design, or has a body constructed from non-original materials.

 If the Custom Vehicle or Street Rod is a replica or reproduction of an original production vehicle "Replica" will be printed in the remarks section of the Certificate of Title.</p>
Requirements	Complete Affidavit for Special Street Rod or Custom Vehicle License Plate.
Issuance	Special License Office
Replacement	Special License Office
Transfers	Arkansas Revenue Office
Renewals	<p>By Internet: STAR System</p> <p>Phone: Toll Free 1-800-941-2580</p> <p>By Mail: Department of Finance and Administration Office of Motor Vehicle P O Box 3153 Little Rock, AR 72203-3153</p> <p>Arkansas Revenue Offices</p>
Personalization	No
Number of Characters	N/A
Registration Fees	\$50.00 First Time; \$25.00 Annually
Additional Plate Fees	N/A
Personalization Fees	N/A

Forms

Affadavit for Issuance of a Special Street Rod or Custom Vehicle License Plate

Additional Information

The vehicle to which the Custom Vehicle or Street Rod license plate is issued will need to be maintained for occasional transportation, exhibitions, club activities, parades, tours, or similar uses, and should not be used for general transportation.

From Arkansas Code:

Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated Official Edition

© 1987-2016 by the State of Arkansas

All rights reserved.

*** CURRENT THROUGH THE 2016 FISCAL SESSION ***

Title 27 Transportation

Subtitle 2. Motor Vehicle Registration And Licensing

Chapter 14 Uniform Motor Vehicle Administration, Certificate of Title, and Antitheft Act

Subchapter 7 -- Registration and Certificates of Title

A.C.A. § 27-14-721 (2016)

27-14-721. Assignment of new identifying numbers.

(a) The Office of Motor Vehicle is authorized to assign a distinguishing number to a motor vehicle whenever the serial number thereon is destroyed or obliterated and to issue to the owner a special plate bearing the distinguishing number, which shall be affixed to the vehicle in a position to be determined by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

(b) The motor vehicle shall be registered under the distinguishing number in lieu of the former serial number.

HISTORY: Acts 1949, No. 142, § 46; A.S.A. 1947, § 75-146.

Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated Official Edition
© 1987-2016 by the State of Arkansas
All rights reserved.
*** CURRENT THROUGH THE 2016 FISCAL SESSION ***
Title 27 Transportation
Subtitle 2. Motor Vehicle Registration And Licensing
Chapter 14 Uniform Motor Vehicle Administration, Certificate of Title, and Antitheft Act
Subchapter 7 -- Registration and Certificates of Title
A.C.A. § 27-14-725 (2016)

27-14-725. Limited vehicle identification number verification.

(a) As used in this section, "designee" means a person or entity that:

(1) The Department of Arkansas State Police determines is appropriately suited for serving as a designee; and

(2) Agrees to perform vehicle identification number verifications under this section on behalf of the Department of Arkansas State Police.

(b) Except as provided under subsection (h) of this section, an application for registration or certificate of title for a motor vehicle shall be accompanied by a verification of the vehicle identification number if the owner of the motor vehicle:

(1) Does not have a properly endorsed and assigned certificate of title or manufacturer's certificate of origin and may only obtain title to the motor vehicle through:

(A) A court order; or

(B) The **bonded title** procedure of this state as set forth under § 27-14-409(c); or

(2) Presents a title or other ownership document from another state that bears any of the following designations:

(A) Salvage;

(B) Prior salvage;

(C) Damaged;

(D) Prior damaged;

(E) Junked;

(F) Nonrepairable; or

(G) Any other designation that is substantially similar to the designations stated in this subdivision (b)(2).

(c) (1) The Department of Arkansas State Police shall perform vehicle identification number verifications under this section.

(2) A vehicle identification number verification is only valid under this section if it is performed by one (1) of the following:

(A) The Department of Arkansas State Police;

(B) The designee of the Department of Arkansas State Police; or

(C) A local law enforcement agency.

(d) (1) The Department of Arkansas State Police, a local law enforcement agency, or the designee of the Department of Arkansas State Police may charge a fee for the vehicle identification number verification not to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

(2) A fee owed to the Department of Arkansas State Police shall be:

(A) Collected by the Revenue Division of the Department of Finance and Administration at the time of application for title; and

(B) Deposited into the State Treasury as special revenue to the credit of the Department of Arkansas State Police Fund.

(3) A fee owed to a local law enforcement agency or a designee may be collected and retained by the agency or the designee at the time of the inspection.

(e) A designee under this section shall provide notice to the Department of Arkansas State Police as to which persons are conducting vehicle identification number verifications on behalf of the designee.

(f) A local law enforcement agency or its employees are not required to perform vehicle identification number verifications under this section.

(g) (1) The Department of Arkansas State Police shall adopt a form that is to be used for all vehicle identification number verifications in the state.

(2) The Department of Arkansas State Police may adopt:

(A) Reasonable rules to ensure that the verification process is available at convenient times and locations; or

(B) Reasonable rules to ensure that the verification process does not unduly burden legitimate businesses or consumers in the state.

(h) This section shall not apply to a motor vehicle registered as a Class Two, Class Three, Class Four, Class Five, Class Six, Class Seven, or Class Eight truck under § 27-14-601(a)(3).

(i) If information is received from another state which indicates that a motor vehicle title issued by the Department of Finance and Administration under this chapter does not accurately reflect the designation of the status of a motor vehicle such as those provided under subdivision (b)(2) of this section, then the Office of Motor Vehicle may cancel the motor vehicle title and issue a title that correctly designates the status of the motor vehicle.

HISTORY: Acts 2005, No. 165, § 2.

Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated Official Edition
© 1987-2016 by the State of Arkansas
All rights reserved.
*** CURRENT THROUGH THE 2016 FISCAL SESSION ***
Title 27 Transportation
Subtitle 2. Motor Vehicle Registration And Licensing
Chapter 14 Uniform Motor Vehicle Administration, Certificate of Title, and Antitheft Act
Subchapter 4 -- Office of Motor Vehicle
A.C.A. § 27-14-409 (2016)

27-14-409. Processing of applications.

(a) The Office of Motor Vehicle shall examine and determine the genuineness, regularity, and legality of every application for registration of a **vehicle**, for a certificate of title therefor, and of any other application lawfully made to the office.

(b) The office may, in all cases, make investigation as may be deemed necessary or require additional information and shall reject any such application if not satisfied of the genuineness, regularity, or legality thereof, or of the truth of any statement contained therein, when authorized by law.

(c) (1) If the office is not satisfied as to the ownership of a **vehicle** or that there are no undisclosed security interests in it, the office may accept the application, but shall, as a condition of issuing a certificate of title, require the applicant to file with the office a **bond** in the form prescribed by the office.

(2) The **bond** shall be in an amount equal to one and one-half (1.5) times the value of the **vehicle**, as determined by the office.

(3) (A) The **bond** shall be conditioned to indemnify any prior owner and lienholder and any subsequent purchaser of the **vehicle**, or person acquiring any security interest in it, and their respective successors in interest, heirs, or assigns against any expense, loss, or damage, including reasonable attorney's fees, by reason of the issuance of the certificate of title of the **vehicle**.

(B) Any such interested person has a right of action to recover on the **bond** for any breach of its conditions, but the aggregate liability of the surety to all persons shall not exceed the amount of the **bond**.

(4) The **bond**, and any deposit accompanying it, shall be returned at the end of three (3) years, unless the office has been notified of the pendency of an action to recover on the **bond**.

HISTORY: Acts 1949, No. 142, § 25; A.S.A. 1947, § 75-125; Acts 1993, No. 1013, § 1; 1995, No. 268, § 5.

Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated Official Edition

© 1987-2016 by the State of Arkansas

All rights reserved.

*** CURRENT THROUGH THE 2016 FISCAL SESSION ***

Title 27 Transportation

Subtitle 2. Motor Vehicle Registration And Licensing

Chapter 14 Uniform Motor Vehicle Administration, Certificate of Title, and Antitheft Act

Subchapter 7 -- Registration and Certificates of Title

A.C.A. § 27-14-708 (2016)

27-14-708. Temporary permit pending registration.

The Office of Motor Vehicle, at its discretion, may grant a temporary permit to operate a vehicle for which application for registration and certificate of title has been made where the application is accompanied by the proper fee, pending action upon the application by the office.

HISTORY: Acts 1949, No. 142, § 35; A.S.A. 1947, § 75-135.

Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated Official Edition

© 1987-2016 by the State of Arkansas

All rights reserved.

*** CURRENT THROUGH THE 2016 FISCAL SESSION AND UPDATES ***

*** FROM THE ARKANSAS CODE REVISION COMMISSION THROUGH ***

*** APRIL 21, 2016 ***

*** ANNOTATIONS CURRENT THROUGH FEBRUARY 10, 2016 ***

Title 27 Transportation

Subtitle 2. Motor Vehicle Registration And Licensing

Chapter 14 Uniform Motor Vehicle Administration, Certificate of Title, and Antitheft Act

Subchapter 7 -- Registration and Certificates of Title

Go to the Arkansas Code Archive Directory

A.C.A. § 27-14-707 (2016)

27-14-707. Application for specially constructed, reconstructed, or foreign vehicles.

(a) (1) In the event the **vehicle** to be registered is a **specially** constructed, **reconstructed**, or foreign **vehicle**, that fact shall be stated in the application.

(2) With reference to every foreign vehicle which has been registered previously outside of this state, the owner shall surrender to the Office of Motor Vehicle all registration plates, registration cards, and certificates of title, or other evidence of such foreign registration as may be in his or her possession or under his or her control, except as provided in subsection (b) of this section.

(b) Where in the course of interstate operation of a vehicle registered in another state it is desirable to retain registration of the vehicle in such other states, the applicant need not surrender, but shall submit for inspection, evidence of such foreign registration, and the office, upon a proper showing, shall register the vehicle in this state but shall not issue a certificate of title for such vehicle.

HISTORY: Acts 1949, No. 142, § 34; A.S.A. 1947, § 75-134.

Go to the Arkansas Code Archive Directory

A.C.A. § 27-15-2202 (2016)

27-15-2202. Registration -- Fee.

(a) (1) Any person who is the owner of an **historic** or **special interest vehicle** that is twenty-five (25) years of age or older at the time of making application for registration or transfer of title may, upon application, register it as an **historic** or **special interest vehicle**, upon the payment of a fee of seven dollars (\$7.00) for each vehicle, and be furnished a license plate of distinctive design to be displayed on each vehicle in lieu of the usual license plate.

(2) This plate shall have the same legal significance as an ordinary license plate.

(3) In addition to the identification number, this plate shall identify the **vehicle as an historic or antique vehicle** owned by an Arkansas collector.

(4) The registration shall be valid while the vehicle is owned by the applicant without the payment of any additional fee, tax, or license.

(b) (1) The numbering of these plates shall continue chronologically from the existing **antique automobile** registration lists, using the current design and emblem.

(2) Application for these plates shall be made to the Office of Motor Vehicle on special application forms prescribed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

(c) Upon selling or otherwise relinquishing ownership of an **historic** or **special interest vehicle**, a collector may retain possession of the vehicle plate and transfer its registration to another vehicle of the same category in his or her possession, upon payment of one-half (1/2) the fee prescribed in subsection (a) of this section.

(d) (1) A vehicle manufactured as a reproduction or facsimile of an **historic** or **special interest vehicle** shall not be eligible for registration under this section unless it has been in existence for twenty-five (25) years or more.

(2) The age shall be calculated from the date the **vehicle** was originally **assembled** as a facsimile.

(e) Collectors who, on July 8, 1975, have **vehicles** licensed as **antiques** under current statutes shall not be required to register these vehicles or obtain new license plates for these vehicles.

(f) Beginning on January 1, 2006, each collector applying for a license plate under this subchapter shall own and have registered one (1) or more motor vehicles that he or she uses for regular transportation.

HISTORY: Acts 1975, No. 334, § 2; 1979, No. 440, § 2; A.S.A. 1947, § 75-201.9; Acts 1999, No. 102, § 1; 2005, No. 2202, § 2; 2005, No. 2324, § 1.

Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated Official Edition

© 1987-2016 by the State of Arkansas

All rights reserved.

*** CURRENT THROUGH THE 2016 FISCAL SESSION AND UPDATES ***

*** FROM THE ARKANSAS CODE REVISION COMMISSION THROUGH ***

*** APRIL 21, 2016 ***

*** ANNOTATIONS CURRENT THROUGH FEBRUARY 10, 2016 ***

Title 27 Transportation

Subtitle 2. Motor Vehicle Registration And Licensing

Chapter 15 Registration And Licensing -- Special Uses

Subchapter 22 -- **Historical or Special Interest Vehicles**

Go to the Arkansas Code Archive Directory

A.C.A. § 27-15-2203 (2016)

27-15-2203. Affidavit -- Vehicle restored to original specifications required.

(a) Any person making application for an **antique** motor **vehicle** license plate under § 27-15-2202 shall transmit to the Office of Motor Vehicle an affidavit signed by the applicant stating that the motor vehicle described in the application is restored to its original specifications as closely as is reasonably possible and that the applicant will relinquish the **antique** motor **vehicle** license plate in the event that the motor vehicle is altered from its original specifications, except to the extent authorized or required by law.

(b) (1) Beginning on January 1, 2006, the office shall require the owner of any **antique** motor **vehicle** licensed under this subchapter to provide the office proof of conformity with this subchapter.

(2) If the office determines that the owner of such an **antique** motor **vehicle** is in violation of this section, the **antique** motor **vehicle** license plate shall be seized by the office and the owner fined one hundred dollars (\$100).

HISTORY: Acts 1983, No. 897, §§ 1, 2; A.S.A. 1947, §§ 75-201.9a, 75-201.9b; [Acts 2005, No. 2202, § 2](#); [2005, No. 2324, § 2](#).

NOTES: Amendments.

The 2005 amendment by No. 2324 substituted "Beginning on January 1, 2006" for "Upon notification of a violation of this section" in (b)(1); and substituted "one hundred dollars (\$100)" for "thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents (\$37.50)" in (b)(2).

Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated Official Edition

© 1987-2016 by the State of Arkansas

All rights reserved.

*** CURRENT THROUGH THE 2016 FISCAL SESSION AND UPDATES ***

*** FROM THE ARKANSAS CODE REVISION COMMISSION THROUGH ***

*** APRIL 21, 2016 ***

*** ANNOTATIONS CURRENT THROUGH FEBRUARY 10, 2016 ***

Title 27 Transportation

Subtitle 2. Motor Vehicle Registration And Licensing

Chapter 15 Registration And Licensing -- Special Uses

Subchapter 22 -- **Historical or Special Interest Vehicles**

Go to the Arkansas Code Archive Directory

A.C.A. § 27-15-2204 (2016)

27-15-2204. Assemblage of vehicle.

(a) (1) A collector who has **assembled** a **vehicle** meeting the specifications of this subchapter from parts obtained from a variety of different sources and at various different times shall be issued a title upon furnishing a bill or bills of sale for the components.

(2) In cases when that evidence by itself is deemed inadequate, the collector shall execute an affidavit in verification.

(b) To be considered adequate, bills of sale shall be notarized and shall indicate the source of the engine and body and shall list the identification or serial number of the engine and body for the chassis, if applicable.

HISTORY: Acts 1975, No. 334, § 6; A.S.A. 1947, § 75-201.13; [Acts 2005, No. 2202, § 2.](#)

Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated Official Edition

© 1987-2016 by the State of Arkansas

All rights reserved.

*** CURRENT THROUGH THE 2016 FISCAL SESSION AND UPDATES ***

*** FROM THE ARKANSAS CODE REVISION COMMISSION THROUGH ***

*** APRIL 21, 2016 ***

*** ANNOTATIONS CURRENT THROUGH FEBRUARY 10, 2016 ***

Title 27 Transportation

Subtitle 2. Motor Vehicle Registration And Licensing

Chapter 15 Registration And Licensing -- Special Uses

Subchapter 22 -- **Historical or Special Interest Vehicles**

Go to the Arkansas Code Archive Directory

A.C.A. § 27-15-2206 (2016)

27-15-2206. Limitations on use.

(a) (1) **Historic or special interest vehicles** may be used for the same purposes and under the same conditions as other motor vehicles of the same type except that, under ordinary circumstances, such vehicles may not be used to transport passengers for hire.

(2) At special events that are sponsored or in which participation is by organized clubs, the vehicles may transport passengers for hire only if money received is to be used for club activities or to be donated to a charitable nonprofit organization.

(b) Trucks of such classification may not haul material more than one thousand pounds (1,000 lbs.) nor be used regularly in a business in lieu of other vehicles with regular license plates.

HISTORY: Acts 1975, No. 334, § 3; A.S.A. 1947, § 75-201.10; [Acts 2005, No. 2202, § 2.](#)

Go to the Arkansas Code Archive Directory

A.C.A. § 27-15-2209

27-15-2209. Alternative license plates for antique motor vehicles.

(a) As used in this section, "**antique license plate**" means a license plate that:

(1) Is approved for issuance under subsection (e) of this section for an **historic** or **special interest vehicle** as defined under § 27-15-2201(2) that is more than twenty-five (25) years of age instead of the special license plate issued under § 27-15-2202; and

(2) Was issued by and approved for use in the State of Arkansas in the same year as the model year of the vehicle that is being licensed.

(b) If a person is eligible for a special license **plate** for an **historic** or **special interest vehicle**, the person may choose to use an **antique license plate** under this section instead of a license plate that is currently issued under § 27-15-2202 by the Office of Motor Vehicle.

(c) An applicant who seeks to use an **antique license plate** under this section shall remit the following fees:

(1) The fee required by law for the registration and licensing of the motor vehicle; and

(2) A handling and administrative fee in the amount of ten dollars (\$10.00).

(d) To renew an **antique license plate** under this section, the owner of the motor vehicle shall remit the fee required by law for the registration and licensing of the motor vehicle.

(e) (1) An applicant who seeks to use an **antique license plate** other than the special license plate issued by the office under § 27-15-2202 shall be required to submit the license plate to the office for inspection to determine whether the **antique license plate** may be used.

(2) If the office determines that the **antique license plate** is unacceptable, the applicant shall not be allowed to use the **antique license plate**.

(3) The reasons for which the office may prohibit the use of an **antique license plate** include, but shall not be limited to:

(A) The **antique license plate** does not meet reasonable reflective and safety standards;

(B) The number of the **antique license plate** is the same as the number issued to a license plate that is currently in circulation; and

(C) The administrative costs associated with recording and maintaining the **antique license plate** are prohibitive.

(4) The office may promulgate rules to administer the provisions of this section.

HISTORY: Acts 2005, No. 2240, § 1.

Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated Official Edition

© 1987-2016 by the State of Arkansas

All rights reserved.

*** CURRENT THROUGH THE 2016 FISCAL SESSION AND UPDATES ***

*** FROM THE ARKANSAS CODE REVISION COMMISSION THROUGH ***

*** APRIL 21, 2016 ***

*** ANNOTATIONS CURRENT THROUGH FEBRUARY 10, 2016 ***

Title 27 Transportation

Subtitle 2. Motor Vehicle Registration And Licensing

Chapter 15 Registration And Licensing -- Special Uses

Subchapter 40 -- Miscellaneous

Go to the Arkansas Code Archive Directory

A.C.A. § 27-15-4003 (2016)

27-15-4003. [Repealed.]

NOTES: Publisher's Notes.

This section, concerning **street rods**, was repealed by [Acts 2007, No. 340, § 2](#). The section was derived from [Acts 1999, No. 1327, §§ 1-4](#); [2005, No. 2202, § 2](#).

For present provisions see subchapter 15 of chapter 24 of this title.

Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated Official Edition

© 1987-2016 by the State of Arkansas

All rights reserved.

*** CURRENT THROUGH THE 2016 FISCAL SESSION AND UPDATES ***

*** FROM THE ARKANSAS CODE REVISION COMMISSION THROUGH ***

*** APRIL 21, 2016 ***

*** ANNOTATIONS CURRENT THROUGH FEBRUARY 10, 2016 ***

Title 27 Transportation

Subtitle 2. Motor Vehicle Registration And Licensing

Chapter 24 Special License Plate Act of 2005

Subchapter 15 -- **Street Rod** Special License Plates

Go to the Arkansas Code Archive Directory

A.C.A. § 27-24-1501 (2016)

27-24-1501. Purpose.

The purpose of this subchapter is to:

(1) Continue the **street rod** special license plates that existed before the effective date of this subchapter; and

(2) Make modifications that are necessary to the law because of industry advancements and the growing popularity of **street rods**.

HISTORY: [Acts 2007, No. 340, § 1.](#)

Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated Official Edition

© 1987-2016 by the State of Arkansas

All rights reserved.

*** CURRENT THROUGH THE 2016 FISCAL SESSION AND UPDATES ***

*** FROM THE ARKANSAS CODE REVISION COMMISSION THROUGH ***

*** APRIL 21, 2016 ***

*** ANNOTATIONS CURRENT THROUGH FEBRUARY 10, 2016 ***

Title 27 Transportation

Subtitle 2. Motor Vehicle Registration And Licensing

Chapter 24 Special License Plate Act of 2005

Subchapter 15 -- **Street Rod** Special License Plates

Go to the Arkansas Code Archive Directory

A.C.A. § 27-24-1502 (2016)

27-24-1502. Definitions.

As used in this subchapter:

(1) "Blue dot tail light" means a red lamp installed in the rear of a motor vehicle containing a blue or purple insert that is not more than one inch (1") in diameter;

(2) "**Custom vehicle**" means a motor vehicle that:

(A) (i) Is at least twenty-five (25) years old and of a model year after 1948; or

(ii) Was manufactured to resemble a vehicle twenty-five (25) or more years old and of a model year after 1948; and

(B) (i) Has been altered from the manufacturer's original design; or

(ii) Has a body constructed from non-original materials; and

(3) "**Street rod**" means a motor vehicle that:

(A) Is a 1948 or older vehicle or the vehicle was manufactured after 1948 to resemble a vehicle manufactured before 1949; and

(B) Has been altered from the manufacturer's original design or has a body constructed from nonoriginal materials.

HISTORY: [Acts 2007, No. 340, § 1.](#)

Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated Official Edition

© 1987-2016 by the State of Arkansas

All rights reserved.

*** CURRENT THROUGH THE 2016 FISCAL SESSION AND UPDATES ***

*** FROM THE ARKANSAS CODE REVISION COMMISSION THROUGH ***

*** APRIL 21, 2016 ***

*** ANNOTATIONS CURRENT THROUGH FEBRUARY 10, 2016 ***

Title 27 Transportation

Subtitle 2. Motor Vehicle Registration And Licensing

Chapter 24 Special License Plate Act of 2005

Subchapter 15 -- **Street Rod** Special License Plates

Go to the Arkansas Code Archive Directory

A.C.A. § 27-24-1503 (2016)

27-24-1503. Application -- Issuance -- Renewal -- Replacement.

(a) (1) The owner of a **street rod** or a **custom vehicle** who is a resident of the State of Arkansas may apply for and annually renew a special license plate or a special license plate that bears a decal that is issued under this subchapter.

(2) The application for registration of a **street rod** or a **custom vehicle** under this subchapter shall include an affidavit to be completed by the owner of the **street rod** or **custom vehicle** which states that the **street rod** or **custom vehicle**:

(A) Will be maintained for occasional transportation, exhibitions, club activities, parades, tours, or similar uses; and

(B) Will not be used for general daily transportation.

(b) (1) An applicant for a special license plate or for a special license plate that bears a decal under this subchapter shall remit to the Office of Motor Vehicle payment of a one-time initial fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each **street rod** or **custom vehicle**.

(2) An applicant for renewal of a special license plate issued under § 27-15-4003 [repealed] shall not be required to resubmit this initial fee.

(c) The office shall furnish to the owner of a **street rod** or **custom vehicle** who complies with the requirements of subsections (a) and (b) of this section a special license plate or special license plate that bears a decal to be displayed on the **street rod** or **custom vehicle** in lieu of the usual license plate.

(d) To renew a special license plate or a special license plate that bears a decal issued under this subchapter or under prior law, the owner of the **street rod** or **custom vehicle** shall remit an annual fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

(e) (1) To replace a special license plate or a special license plate that bears a decal issued under this subchapter, the owner of the **street rod** or **custom vehicle** shall remit to the office a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) if the registration has not expired.

(2) The owner of the **street rod** or **custom vehicle** shall remit to the office the fees stated in subsection (d) of this section if the registration has expired.

(f) (1) The fee remitted to the office under subdivision (e) of this section shall be deposited into the State Central Services Fund for the benefit of the Revenue Division of the Department of Finance and Administration.

(2) The fee shall be credited as supplemental and in addition to all other funds deposited for the benefit of the division.

(3) The fee shall not be considered or credited to the division as direct revenue.

(g) The registration of a special license plate or a special license plate that bears a decal issued under this subchapter may:

(1) Continue from year to year as long as it is renewed each year within the time and manner required by law; and

(2) Be renewed as provided under §§ 27-14-1012 and 27-14-1013.

(h) A **street rod** or **custom vehicle** shall not be eligible for any other licensing of a motor vehicle except as provided in this subchapter.

(i) The office shall consult with the **street rod** community and **custom vehicle** community in the state before changing the design of the special license plate or special license plate decal issued under this subchapter.

HISTORY: [Acts 2007, No. 340, § 1.](#)

Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated Official Edition

© 1987-2016 by the State of Arkansas

All rights reserved.

*** CURRENT THROUGH THE 2016 FISCAL SESSION AND UPDATES ***

*** FROM THE ARKANSAS CODE REVISION COMMISSION THROUGH ***

*** APRIL 21, 2016 ***

*** ANNOTATIONS CURRENT THROUGH FEBRUARY 10, 2016 ***

Title 27 Transportation

Subtitle 2. Motor Vehicle Registration And Licensing

Chapter 24 Special License Plate Act of 2005

Subchapter 15 -- **Street Rod** Special License Plates

Go to the Arkansas Code Archive Directory

A.C.A. § 27-24-1504 (2016)

27-24-1504. Titling.

(a) The model year and the year of manufacture that are listed on the certificate of title of a **street rod** or **custom vehicle** shall be the model year and year of manufacture that the body of the **street rod** or **custom vehicle** resembles.

(b) If a **street rod** or **custom vehicle** is a **replica** or reproduction of an original production vehicle, the certificate of title shall include the term "Replica" in the remarks section.

HISTORY: Acts 2007, No. 340, § 1.

Equipment Exemptions

From Arkansas Code:

Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated Official Edition

© 1987-2016 by the State of Arkansas

All rights reserved.

*** CURRENT THROUGH THE 2016 FISCAL SESSION AND UPDATES ***

*** FROM THE ARKANSAS CODE REVISION COMMISSION THROUGH ***

*** APRIL 21, 2016 ***

*** ANNOTATIONS CURRENT THROUGH FEBRUARY 10, 2016 ***

Title 27 Transportation

Subtitle 2. Motor Vehicle Registration And Licensing

Chapter 24 Special License Plate Act of 2005

Subchapter 15 -- **Street Rod** Special License Plates

Go to the Arkansas Code Archive Directory

A.C.A. § 27-24-1505 (2016)

27-24-1505. Equipment.

(a) Unless the presence of the equipment was specifically required by the law of this state as a condition of sale in the year listed as the year of manufacture on the certificate of title, the presence of any specific equipment, including without limitation emission controls, is not required for the operation of a **street rod** or **custom vehicle** registered under this subchapter.

(b) A **street rod** or **custom vehicle** may use blue dot tail lights for stop lamps, rear turning indicator lamps, rear hazard lamps, and rear reflectors.

HISTORY: [Acts 2007, No. 340, § 1.](#)

Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated Official Edition

© 1987-2016 by the State of Arkansas

All rights reserved.

*** CURRENT THROUGH THE 2016 FISCAL SESSION AND UPDATES ***

*** FROM THE ARKANSAS CODE REVISION COMMISSION THROUGH ***

*** APRIL 21, 2016 ***

*** ANNOTATIONS CURRENT THROUGH FEBRUARY 10, 2016 ***

Title 27 Transportation

Subtitle 2. Motor Vehicle Registration And Licensing

Chapter 15 Registration And Licensing -- Special Uses

Subchapter 22 -- **Historical or Special Interest Vehicles**

Go to the Arkansas Code Archive Directory

A.C.A. § 27-15-2205 (2016)

27-15-2205. Equipment.

(a) Unless the presence of equipment specifically named by Arkansas law was a prior condition for legal sale within Arkansas at the time the **historic or special interest vehicle** was manufactured for first use, the presence of such equipment shall not be required as a condition for current legal use.

(b) Any motor **vehicle of historic or special interest** manufactured prior to the date that emission controls were standard equipment on that particular make or model of vehicle is exempted from statutes requiring the inspection and use of emission controls.

(c) Any safety equipment that was manufactured as part of the vehicle's original equipment must be in proper operating condition.

HISTORY: Acts 1975, No. 334, § 5; A.S.A. 1947, § 75-201.12; [Acts 2005, No. 2202, § 2.](#)

Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated Official Edition

© 1987-2016 by the State of Arkansas

All rights reserved.

*** CURRENT THROUGH THE 2016 FISCAL SESSION AND UPDATES ***

*** FROM THE ARKANSAS CODE REVISION COMMISSION THROUGH ***

*** APRIL 21, 2016 ***

*** ANNOTATIONS CURRENT THROUGH FEBRUARY 10, 2016 ***

Title 27 Transportation

Subtitle 2. Motor Vehicle Registration And Licensing

Chapter 15 Registration And Licensing -- Special Uses

Subchapter 22 -- Historical or Special Interest Vehicles

Go to the Arkansas Code Archive Directory

A.C.A. § 27-15-2205 (2016)

27-15-2205. Equipment.

(a) Unless the presence of equipment specifically named by Arkansas law was a prior condition for legal sale within Arkansas at the time the historic or special interest vehicle was manufactured for first use, the presence of such equipment shall not be required as a condition for current legal use.

(b) Any motor **vehicle** of historic or special interest **manufactured prior** to the date that emission controls were standard equipment on that particular make or model of vehicle is exempted from statutes requiring the inspection and use of emission controls.

(c) Any safety equipment that was manufactured as part of the vehicle's original equipment must be in proper operating condition.

HISTORY: Acts 1975, No. 334, § 5; A.S.A. 1947, § 75-201.12; [Acts 2005, No. 2202, § 2.](#)

Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated Official Edition

© 1987-2016 by the State of Arkansas

All rights reserved.

*** CURRENT THROUGH THE 2016 FISCAL SESSION AND UPDATES ***

*** FROM THE ARKANSAS CODE REVISION COMMISSION THROUGH ***

*** APRIL 21, 2016 ***

*** ANNOTATIONS CURRENT THROUGH FEBRUARY 10, 2016 ***

Title 27 Transportation

Subtitle 3. Motor Vehicles And Their Equipment

Chapter 36 Lighting Regulations

Subchapter 2 -- Lighting Requirements Generally

Go to the Arkansas Code Archive Directory

A.C.A. § 27-36-212 (2016)

27-36-212. Single-beam road lighting equipment.

Headlamps arranged to provide a single distribution of light not supplemented by auxiliary driving lamps shall be permitted on motor **vehicles manufactured** and sold **prior** to one (1) year after March 23, 1938, in lieu of multiple-beam road lighting equipment specified in § 27-36-210 if the single distribution of light complies with the following requirements and limitations:

(1) The headlamps shall be so aimed that when the vehicle is not loaded none of the high intensity portion of the light shall, at a distance of twenty-five feet (25') ahead, project higher than a level of five inches (5") below the level of the center of the lamp from which it comes and in no case higher than forty-two inches (42") above the level on which the vehicle stands at a distance of seventy-five feet (75') ahead; and

(2) The intensity shall be sufficient to reveal persons and vehicles at a distance of at least two hundred feet (200').

HISTORY: Acts 1937, No. 300, § 117; Pope's Dig., § 6777; A.S.A. 1947, § 75-715.

Go to the Arkansas Code Archive Directory

A.C.A. § 27-36-216 (2016)

- - 27-36-216. Signal lamps and signal devices.**
 - (a)**
 - **(1)** Any motor vehicle may be equipped, and when required under this subchapter shall be equipped, with a stop lamp or lamps on the rear of the vehicle which shall display a red or amber light, or any shade of color between red and amber, visible from a distance of not less than one hundred feet (100') to the rear in normal sunlight.
 - **(2)** They shall be actuated upon application of the service or foot brake, which may, but need not, be incorporated with one (1) or more other rear lamps.
 - (b)**
 - **(1)** Any motor vehicle may be equipped, and when required under this subchapter shall be equipped, with lamps showing to the front and rear for the purpose of indicating an intention to turn either to the right or left.
 - **(2)** The lamps showing to the front shall be located on the same level and as widely spaced laterally as practicable and when in use shall display a white or amber light, or any shade of color between white and amber, visible from a distance of not less one hundred feet (100') to the front in normal sunlight.
 - **(3)** The lamps showing to the rear shall be located at the same level and as widely spaced laterally as practicable and when in use shall display a red or amber light, or any shade of color between red and amber, visible from a distance of not less than one hundred feet (100') to the rear in normal sunlight.
 - **(4)** When actuated, these lamps shall indicate the intended direction of turning by flashing the lights showing to the front and rear on the side toward which the turn is made.
 - (c)**
 - **(1)** Any motor vehicle, or combination of vehicles, eighty inches (80") or more in overall width and manufactured or assembled after July 1, 1959, shall be equipped with lamps showing to the front and rear for the purpose of indicating an intention to turn either to the right or the left.
 - **(2)** The lamps showing to the front shall be located on the same level and as widely spaced laterally as practicable and when in use shall display a white or amber light, or any shade of color between white and amber, visible from a distance of not less than five hundred feet (500') to the front in normal sunlight.
 - **(3)** The lamps showing to the rear shall be located at the same level and as widely spaced laterally as practicable and when in use shall display a red or amber light, or any shade of color between red and amber, visible from a distance of not less than five hundred feet (500') to the rear in normal sunlight.
 - **(4)** When actuated, these lamps shall indicate the intended direction of turning by flashing the lights showing to the front and rear on the side toward which the turn is made.
 - (d) (1) (A)** No person shall operate on the highways any motor vehicle registered in this state and manufactured or assembled after July 1, 1959, unless it is equipped with at least two (2) stop lamps meeting the requirements of this section.

- **(B)** All motorcycles, motor-driven cycles, and truck tractors of whatever date manufactured or assembled and all motor vehicles registered in this state and manufactured or assembled prior to July 1, 1959, operated upon the highways shall be equipped with at least one (1) stop lamp meeting the requirements of this section.
 - **(2)**
 - **(A)** No person shall operate on the highways any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer registered in this state and manufactured or assembled after July 1, 1959, unless it is equipped with electrical turn signals meeting the requirements of this section.
 - **(B)** No person shall operate on the highways any motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or motorized bicycle that was manufactured or assembled after July 27, 2011, unless it is equipped with electrical turn signals that meet the requirements of this section.
- **(e)** No stop lamp or signal lamp shall project a glaring light.

HISTORY: Acts 1937, No. 300, § 113; Pope's Dig., § 6773; Acts 1959, No. 307, § 48; 1969, No. 299, § 1; A.S.A. 1947, § 75-711; Acts 2011, No. 759, § 3.

Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated Official Edition
© 1987-2016 by the State of Arkansas
All rights reserved.

*** CURRENT THROUGH THE 2016 FISCAL SESSION AND UPDATES ***
*** FROM THE ARKANSAS CODE REVISION COMMISSION THROUGH ***
*** APRIL 21, 2016 ***

*** ANNOTATIONS CURRENT THROUGH FEBRUARY 10, 2016 ***

Title 27 Transportation
Subtitle 3. Motor Vehicles And Their Equipment
Chapter 37 Equipment Regulations
Subchapter 3 -- Glass and Mirrors

Go to the Arkansas Code Archive Directory

A.C.A. § 27-37-306 (2016)

27-37-306. Light transmission levels for the tinting of motor vehicle windows.

(a) It shall be unlawful to operate a vehicle on the public highways if after-market tinting material, together with striping material, has been applied to any windows of the vehicle or if letters or logos larger than one-quarter inch (1/4") have been applied to the windows of the vehicle.

(b) After-market tinting of vehicle windows shall be lawful only as follows:

(1) The glass immediately in front of the operator may have a strip of tinting material applied to the top edge, known in the industry as an "eyebrow", but it may not extend downward more than five inches (5") from the top center of the windshield;

(2) On all 1994 model vehicles and later model vehicles, the side windows and side wings located on the immediate right or left of the driver or to the right or left immediately behind the driver may be covered with an after-market tinting material which results in at least twenty-five percent (25%) net light transmission, except that the side windows immediately behind the driver on any truck, bus, trailer, motor home, or multiple purpose passenger vehicle may be covered with an after-market tinting material which results in at least ten percent (10%) net light transmission; and

(3) On all 1994 model vehicles and later model vehicles, the rearmost window may be covered with an after-market tinting material which results in at least ten percent (10%) net light transmission.

(c) Any vehicle that is operated on Arkansas roads with after-market tinting material on any glass shall have attached to the front glass immediately to the operator's left a label containing the name and phone number of the company installing the tinting material and affirming that all tinting on the vehicle conforms to the requirements of this section.

(d) The provisions of this section shall not apply to motorists operating vehicles registered in other states that have enacted legislation regulating the shading of windshields or windows of motor vehicles who are driving on Arkansas roads and highways.

(e) (1) (A) A motorist is exempt from this section if the motorist is diagnosed by a physician as having a disease or disorder, including, but not limited to, albinism or lupus, for which the physician determines it is in the best interest of the motorist to be exempt from the requirements of this section. The motorist shall carry in his or her motor vehicle a physician's certification.

(B) The installation of tinted glass is exempt from this section if the tinted glass is installed in the motor vehicle of a person exempted under this subsection, as evidenced by a physician's certification.

(C) For vehicles tinted prior to August 16, 2013, this subdivision (e)(1) applies. Proof of the date of the application of the tint and the name and phone number of the company that applied the tinting shall be carried in the motor vehicle.

(2) After August 16, 2013, a motorist that provides a physician's certification attesting that it is in the best interest of the motorist to have such tinting may have window tinting performed as follows:

- (A) The side windows and side wings located on the immediate right or left of the driver or to the right or left immediately behind the driver may be covered with an after-market tinting material which results in at least twenty percent (20%) net light transmission;
 - (B) The rearmost window may be covered with an after-market tinting material which results in at least ten percent (10%) net light transmission; and
 - (C) The front windshield may be covered with an after-market tinting material which results in at least fifty percent (50%) net light transmission.
- (3) After August 13, 2013, a vehicle operated on Arkansas roads with after-market tinting material on the glass under this section shall have attached to the front glass immediately to the operator's left a label from the window tinting installer that:
 - (A) Provides the name and phone number of the company that installed the tinting material; and
 - (B) Affirms that all tinting on the vehicle conforms to the requirements of this section.
- (4) A motorist utilizing the provisions of this section shall carry the physician's certification in the motor vehicle.
- (5) Any physician certification issued in compliance with this subsection shall be valid for three (3) years from the date of issue.
- (6) Upon transfer of a vehicle with window tinting under the medical waiver exemption, the transferor shall:
 - (A) Disclose that the window tinting is not within legal limits without a medical waiver; or
 - (B) Remove the tinting that was based on the medical waiver.
- (f) The provisions of this section shall not be applicable to vehicles or operators of vehicles used exclusively or primarily for the transportation of dead human bodies.
- (g) Any installer of motor vehicle glass tinting material who installs any glass tinting in violation of this section or otherwise violates the provisions of this section or any person operating any motor vehicle with glass tinting or other after-market alteration of the glass in the vehicle which is contrary to the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor.
- (h) The provisions of this section shall also apply to:
 - (1) All 1993 and older model vehicles which have not had after-market tinting material applied in accordance with Acts 1991, No. 563 [repealed], or Acts 1991, No. 1043 [repealed]; and
 - (2) At such time as the ownership of the same are transferred, all older model vehicles which have had after-market tinting material applied in accordance with Acts 1991, No. 563 [repealed], or Acts 1991, No. 1043 [repealed].
- (i) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or any other law to the contrary, windshields of law enforcement vehicles may be tinted to the extent that the windshield permits at least fifty percent (50%) net light transmission.
- (j) This section does not apply to a sedan under [§ 27-37-307](#).

HISTORY: [Acts 1993, No. 967, §§ 1, 2](#); [1997, No. 143, § 1](#); [2011, No. 1141, § 1](#); [2013, No. 293, § 1](#).

Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated Official Edition

© 1987-2016 by the State of Arkansas

All rights reserved.

*** CURRENT THROUGH THE 2016 FISCAL SESSION AND UPDATES ***

*** FROM THE ARKANSAS CODE REVISION COMMISSION THROUGH ***

*** APRIL 21, 2016 ***

*** ANNOTATIONS CURRENT THROUGH FEBRUARY 10, 2016 ***

Title 27 Transportation

Subtitle 3. Motor Vehicles And Their Equipment

Chapter 37 Equipment Regulations

Subchapter 7 -- Mandatory Seat Belt Use

Go to the Arkansas Code Archive Directory

A.C.A. § 27-37-702 (2016)

27-37-702. Seat belt use required -- Applicability of subchapter.

(a) Each driver and front seat passenger in any motor vehicle operated on a street or highway in this state shall wear a properly adjusted and fastened seat belt properly secured to the vehicle.

(b) This subchapter shall not apply to the following:

(1) Passenger automobiles manufactured before July 1, 1968, and all other motor **vehicles manufactured before** January 1, 1972;

(2) Passengers and drivers with a physical disability that contraindicates the use of a seat belt, and which condition is certified by a physician who states the nature of the disability as well as the reason the use of a seat belt is inappropriate;

(3) Children who require protection and are properly restrained under The Child Passenger Protection Act, § 27-34-101 et seq.; and

(4) Drivers who are rural letter carriers of the United States Postal Service while performing their duties as rural letter carriers.

(c) Except as provided in subdivision (b)(4), each driver or passenger who is seated in a wheelchair in a motor vehicle shall:

(1) Wear a properly adjusted and fastened seat belt properly secured to the wheelchair; and

(2) Have the wheelchair properly secured in the motor vehicle.

HISTORY: Acts 1991, No. 562, §§ 2, 3; 1997, No. 208, § 34; 2003, No. 764, § 1; 2003, No. 1776, § 1.

Emissions Exemptions

Alabama does not operate a vehicle emissions testing program.