

CONNECTICUT

Definitions

Antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle. A motor vehicle twenty years old or older which is being preserved because of historic interest and which is not altered or modified from the original manufacturer's specifications.

Modified antique motor vehicle. A motor vehicle twenty years old or older which has been modified for safe road use, including, but not limited to, modifications to the drive train, suspension, braking system and safety or comfort apparatus.

Composite Motor Vehicle. Any motor vehicle, composed or assembled from the several parts of other motor vehicles, or the identification and body contours of which are so altered that the vehicle no longer bears the characteristics of any specific make of motor vehicle

Titling & Registration

From Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles:

Composite Vehicles

A composite motor vehicle is defined by statute as "Any motor vehicle, composed or assembled from several parts of other motor vehicles, or the identification and body contours of which are so altered that the vehicle no longer bears the characteristics of any specific make of motor vehicle. Any vehicle not assembled by a manufacturer licensed as such in the State of Connecticut is classified as a composite motor vehicle."

Before a composite vehicle can be registered, the following requirements must be met:

- Vehicle must pass a composite vehicle inspection. All composite inspections are done at the Wethersfield inspection lane.

Hours of inspection are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Note: all lanes will be closed from noon to 1 p.m.)

Note: Composite motor vehicles must be transported on a flat bed trailer or car carrier to the inspection site (not to be driven or towed; no wheel of the vehicle may touch the ground) except if validly registered in another state or if the owner is a licensed dealer or repairer.

- All composite vehicles are exempt from an emissions test.
- Bring the Certificate of Titles of all vehicles used for major component parts or one Title, plus receipts, for the parts of the other vehicles used. If the parts are from used vehicles, make sure the receipts specify the vehicle identification number (VIN). No Title is needed for non-major component parts (examples of major parts are: engine, cowls, transmission, frame, doors, trunk lid, front and rear fenders and quarter panels).
- An Application for Inspection of Composite Motor Vehicle (form R-95) must be completed and be accompanied by two photographs of the vehicle as well as supporting documents showing proof of ownership. An Application for Registration and Certificate of Title (form H-13) must also be completed.
- At the time of inspection a VIN will be assigned by the Inspector. The year assigned to the vehicle will be the year in which the vehicle was built. On your registration and title documents, the make will be specified as "Composite."

The current inspection fee is \$88 and a fee of \$50 is charged for the assignment of a VIN.

Effective August 1, 2008 all composite vehicles (except motorcycles) presented for a composite inspection will be required to be equipped with the following emissions systems based on the year of manufacture of the engine used in construction.

Emissions controls must match the year of the engine used in the composite vehicle. Documented proof of engine year must be provided by the applicant. This information will be verified for accuracy and the presence of all required components will be verified during the inspection.

Note: This requirement will not apply to vehicles with engines purchased prior to August 1, 2008. Documented proof of engine year and purchase date must still be provided at time of inspection.

All Light Duty Vehicles with Gasoline Engines were equipped with the controls indicated below (Lt. Duty = below 6001 lbs GVWR till 1978 & below 8501 lbs GVWR after):

Year of Engine Emissions Controls Required of All Vehicles That Year

Pre - 1966 None

1966 - 1970 PCV, Variable Advance Distributor

1971 - 1978 PCV, Variable Advance Distributor, Evap. Canister, and Thermostatic Air Cleaner or Air Injection System

1979 - 1988 PCV, Variable Advance Distributor, Evap. Canister, Thermostatic Air Cleaner or Air Injection System, and CAT

1989 - 1995 PCV, Variable Advance Distributor, Evap. Canister, CAT, Computerized Engine Management, O2 sensor

1996 - current PCV, Electronic Spark Control, Evap. Canister, CAT, Closed Loop Computerized Engine Management, O2 sensors, Fuel Injection

All Medium Duty Vehicles (under 10,001 lbs GVWR but greater than Lt. Duty till 2004 then under 14,001 but greater than Lt. Duty) with Gasoline Engine were equipped with the controls indicated below:

Pre - 1966 None

1966 - 1979 PCV, Variable Advance Distributor

1980 - 1984 PCV, Variable Advance Distributor, and Thermostatic Air Cleaner or Air Injection System

1985 - 1992 PCV, Variable Advance Distributor, Evap. Canister, Thermostatic Air Cleaner or Air Injection System

1993 - 2004 PCV, Variable Advance Distributor, Evap. Canister, CAT, Computerized Engine Management, O2 sensor

2005 - current PCV, Electronic Spark Control, Evap. Canister, CAT, Closed Loop Computerized Engine Management, O2 sensors, Fuel Injection

VIN Verifications

Vehicles requiring a VIN verification may present their vehicle at either a DMV branch office or a VIN Verification Emissions Station.

DMV Offices that provide VIN verifications include Bridgeport, Danbury, Enfield, Hamden, New Britain, Norwich, Old Saybrook, Waterbury, Wethersfield, and Winsted during inspection lane hours. Due to space limitations please do not bring trailers to the Bridgeport, Danbury or Norwalk branch offices.

Effective June 15, customers who need a VIN verification can visit a VIN Verification Emissions Station with their vehicle. These vehicles include passenger vehicles and light trucks (less than 18,000 lbs GVWR). Only these stations have the authority to charge a \$10 fee for VIN verifications. See location and hours.

Early American Antique Plates

To obtain an Early American Vanity plate, the vehicle must be twenty years old (model year) or older.

Plate requests are made on the Special Order Plate Application form M-22.

The vehicle must be Currently Registered with Early American plates in Connecticut. If you have another type of plate on your vehicle, you will need to process a plate class transfer by turning in your existing plates and obtaining off-the-shelf Early American plates.

The fee is \$92.



Early American Plate options:

- A. 1 letter followed by 1, 2, 3 or 4 numbers
- B. 2 letters followed by 1, 2 or 3 numbers
- C. 3 letters followed by 1 or 2 numbers
- D. 1, 2, 3 numbers followed by 1 or 2 letters
- E. 1 or 2 numbers followed by 2 or 3 letters
- F. 1 number followed by 3 or 4 letters
- G. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 letters - May include a dot between letters (6 letters cannot accommodate a dot)
- H. Numbers: 0001 thru and including 9999

A dot will separate all letters from numbers. No dashes or extra spaces between letters. Every attempt will be made to accommodate your request. The Department of Motor Vehicles reserves the right to deny issuance of certain requests.

I have purchased an older vehicle in Connecticut, but the seller does not have a title. He says that the vehicle does not require a title. How do I register the vehicle?

The State of Connecticut no longer requires title certificates for vehicles manufactured prior to 1981. In order for you to register the vehicle, you must have a Supplemental Assignment of Ownership [Q-1 form: You may call 860/263-5700 in the Hartford area or outside of Connecticut or 800/842-8222 (toll-free within Connecticut only) and request the form] and a copy of the last registration certificate. You must show continuity of ownership from the last registered owner to you.

From Connecticut Regulations:

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DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES
TRANSFER OF SPECIAL REGISTRATION NUMBER PLATES TO LEASED MOTOR VEHICLES

Regs., **Conn.** State Agencies § 14-15a-1 (2016)

Sec. 14-15a-1. Special registration

As used in Sec. 14-15a-2, the term "special registration" shall mean a motor vehicle registration issued by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for motor vehicles registered pursuant to the following Sections of the **Connecticut** General Statutes:

- (1) Sec. 14-19a, special number plates for organizations and colleges;
- (2) Sec. 14-20, number plates for **antique, rare** or **special interest motor vehicles**;
- (3) Sec. 14-20a, number plates for volunteer fire fighters;
- (4) Sec. 14-21, number plates for amateur radio licensees;
- (5) Sec. 14-21c, number plates for manufacturers of automotive equipment;
- (6) Sec. 14-21d, number plates for prisoners of war and recipients of the congressional medal of honor;
- (7) Sec. 14-21e, number plates commemorating Long Island Sound;
- (8) Subsection (s) of Sec. 14-49, vanity number plates;
- (9) Sec. 14-160, low number plates;
- (10) Sec. 14-253a, special number plates for blind persons and persons with disabilities;
- (11) Sec. 14-254, special number plates for disabled veterans; and
- (12) Sec. 1 of Public Act 97-236, special number plates for veterans.

New regulation published in **Conn.** Law Journal May 12, 1998, effective April 7, 1998.

From Connecticut Statutes:

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TITLE 14 MOTOR VEHICLES. USE OF THE HIGHWAY BY VEHICLES. GASOLINE

CHAPTER 246 MOTOR VEHICLES

PART III REGISTRATION AND LICENSES

(A) REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

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Conn. Gen. Stat. § 14-16a (2016)

Sec. 14-16a. Inspection of older vehicles before or upon transfer of ownership. Historical or special interest fire apparatus. Antique, rare or special interest motor vehicles. Modified antique or composite motor vehicles.

(a) The commissioner may require that each motor vehicle registered in this state which is ten model years old or older shall, within thirty days before transfer of ownership or upon such transfer, be presented for inspection, as directed by the commissioner, at any Department of Motor Vehicles office or any official emissions inspection station or other facility authorized by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to conduct such inspection. The vehicle shall be inspected to determine whether it is properly equipped and in good mechanical condition before registration is issued to the new owner of the vehicle. If the commissioner authorizes the contractor that operates the system of official emissions inspection stations or other business or firm, to conduct the safety inspections required by this subsection, the commissioner may authorize the contractor or other business or firm to charge a fee, not to exceed fifteen dollars, for each such inspection. The commissioner may authorize any motor vehicle dealer or repairer, licensed in accordance with [section 14-52](#) and meeting qualifications established by the commissioner, to perform an inspection required by this section or to make repairs to any motor vehicle that has failed an initial safety inspection and to certify to the commissioner that the motor vehicle is in compliance with the safety and equipment standards for registration. No such authorized dealer or repairer shall charge any additional fee to make such certification to the commissioner. If the commissioner authorizes any such dealer or repairer to conduct safety inspections, such licensee may provide written certification to the commissioner, in such form and manner as the commissioner prescribes, as to compliance of any motor vehicle in its inventory with safety and equipment standards, and such certification may be accepted by the commissioner as meeting the inspection requirements of this subsection.

(b) The following vehicles, upon transfer of ownership, shall be presented for inspection, as directed by the commissioner, at any Department of Motor Vehicles office or any official emissions inspection station authorized by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to conduct such inspection: (1) All motor vehicles ten model years old or older which are registered in this state and which were originally used or designed as fire apparatus and which are of historical or special interest as determined by the commissioner, (2) all **antique, rare or special interest motor vehicles**, and (3) all **modified antique motor vehicles**. Any such **vehicle** shall be inspected to determine whether it is in good mechanical condition before registration can be issued to the new owner of such vehicle. The determination of the mechanical condition of a vehicle described in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection shall be made by inspecting only the vehicle's original equipment and parts or the functional reproductions of the original equipment and parts. The mechanical condition of **modified antique motor vehicles** shall be determined by inspecting the original equipment and any functioning replacements of such equipment. The model year designation for the purpose of registration of a **modified antique motor vehicle** or a **composite motor vehicle** shall be the model year that the body of such vehicle most closely resembles. If the commissioner authorizes the contractor that operates the system of official emissions inspection stations or other business or firm, except a licensee of the department, to conduct the safety inspections required by this subsection, the commissioner may authorize the contractor or other business or firm to charge a fee, not

to exceed fifteen dollars, for each such inspection. The commissioner may authorize any motor vehicle dealer or repairer, licensed in accordance with section 14-52 and meeting qualifications established by the commissioner, to make repairs to any motor vehicle that has failed an initial safety inspection and to certify to the commissioner that the motor vehicle is in compliance with the safety and equipment standards for registration. No such authorized dealer or repairer shall charge any additional fee to make such certification to the commissioner.

HISTORY: (1963, P.A. 506; P.A. 77-150; P.A. 79-25, S. 2; P.A. 84-254, S. 24, 62; 84-429, S. 7; 84-462; P.A. 91-355, S. 1; P.A. 94-189, S. 3; P.A. 95-260, S. 17, 24; P.A. 97-236, S. 3, 27; P.A. 99-287, S. 2, 9; P.A. 00-169, S. 24; P.A. 01-24, S. 3, 5; P.A. 03-278, S. 36; P.A. 08-150, S. 5; P.A. 09-187, S. 30.)

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Conn. Gen. Stat. § 14-103a (2016)

Sec. 14-103a. Inspection of reassembled, altered or reconstructed vehicles. Composite vehicles. Vehicles made by unlicensed manufacturers.

Any motor vehicle that (1) has been reconstructed, (2) is composed or assembled from the several parts of other motor vehicles, (3) the identification and body contours of which are so altered that the vehicle no longer bears the characteristics of any specific make of motor vehicle, or (4) has been declared a total loss by any insurance carrier and subsequently reconstructed, shall be inspected by the commissioner to determine whether the vehicle is properly equipped, in good mechanical condition and in the possession of its lawful owner. The model year designation for the purpose of registration of a **composite motor vehicle** inspected in accordance with this section shall be the model year that the body of such composite motor vehicle most closely resembles. Such vehicle shall be presented for inspection at any Department of Motor Vehicles office to conduct such inspection. The commissioner may require any person presenting any such reassembled, altered or reconstructed vehicle for inspection to provide proof of lawful purchase of any major component parts not part of the vehicle when first sold by the manufacturer. The commissioner may require, in accordance with the provisions of this section, the inspection of any other motor vehicle that has not been manufactured by a person, firm or corporation licensed in accordance with the provisions of section 14-67a. The fee for any inspection required by the provisions of this section shall be eighty-eight dollars. The inspection fee shall be in addition to regular registration fees. As used in this section, "reconstructed" refers to each motor vehicle materially altered from its original construction by the removal, addition or substitution of essential parts, new or used.

HISTORY: (February, 1965, P.A. 448, S. 4; 1971, P.A. 527; P.A. 80-292, S. 3; P.A. 84-254, S. 48, 62; P.A. 85-613, S. 30, 154; P.A. 91-355, S. 3; P.A. 94-189, S. 10; P.A. 02-70, S. 57; P.A. 07-167, S. 10, 43; June Sp. Sess. P.A. 07-5, S. 31; P.A. 09-187, S. 31.)

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Conn. Gen. Stat. § 14-166 (2016)

• **Sec. 14-166. Exempted vehicles.**

(a) The acquisition of a certificate of title shall not be required and the issuance of a certificate of title by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall not be required for the following: (1) A vehicle owned by the United States, unless it is registered in this state; (2) a vehicle owned by a manufacturer or dealer and held for sale, even though incidentally moved on the highway or used for purposes of testing or demonstration; or a vehicle used by a manufacturer solely for testing; (3) a vehicle owned by a nonresident of this state and not required by law to be registered in this state; (4) a vehicle regularly engaged in the interstate transportation of persons or property for which a currently effective certificate of title has been issued in another state; (5) a vehicle moved solely by animal power; (6) an implement of husbandry; (7) special mobile equipment; (8) a self-propelled wheel chair or invalid tricycle; (9) any trailer having a gross weight not in excess of three thousand pounds; (10) any vehicle for which a temporary registration has been issued pursuant to section 14-12 for the purpose of permitting a nonresident owner who purchases a vehicle in Connecticut to transport such vehicle to such owner's home state; (11) a motor vehicle owned by the state or any town, city or borough within the state; (12) a motor vehicle registered temporarily for inspection purposes pursuant to section 14-12.

- **(b)** The acquisition of a certificate of title for any motor vehicle older than twenty model years old shall not be required. The commissioner shall issue a certificate of title for a motor vehicle older than twenty model years old at the request of the owner and charge such owner any fees required by section 14-192.
- **(c)** Part III of this chapter does not apply to: (1) A vehicle moved solely by animal power; (2) an implement of husbandry; (3) special mobile equipment; (4) a self-propelled wheel chair or invalid tricycle; (5) any trailer having a gross weight not in excess of three thousand pounds.

HISTORY: 1957, P.A. 607, S. 2; 1963, P.A. 379; 1967, P.A. 86; 1971, P.A. 511; P.A. 73-102; 73-125; P.A. 75-258, S. 1, 2; P.A. 80-444, S. 1, 6; [P.A. 98-182, S. 6](#), 22; [P.A. 14-130, S. 24](#), eff. Oct. 1, 2014; [P.A. 16-55, S. 15](#), eff. Oct. 1, 2016.

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Conn. Gen. Stat. § 14-176 (2016)

Sec. 14-176. Withholding of certificate. Bond requirement.

If the commissioner is not satisfied as to the ownership of the vehicle or that there are no undisclosed security interests in it, the commissioner may register the vehicle but shall either: (1) Withhold issuance of a certificate of title until the applicant presents documents reasonably sufficient to satisfy the commissioner as to the applicant's ownership of the vehicle and that there are no undisclosed security interests in it; or (2) as a condition of issuing a certificate of title, require the applicant to file with the commissioner a bond in the form prescribed by the commissioner and executed by the applicant, and either accompanied by the deposit of cash with the commissioner or also executed by a person authorized to conduct a surety business in this state. The bond shall be in an amount equal to twice the value of the vehicle as determined by the commissioner and 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, against any expense, loss or damage, including reasonable attorney's fees, by reason of the issuance of the certificate of title of the vehicle or on account of any defect in or undisclosed security interest upon the right, title and interest of the applicant in and to the vehicle. 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. The bond, and any deposit accompanying it, shall be returned at the end of five years or prior thereto if the vehicle is no longer registered in this state and the currently valid certificate of title is surrendered to the commissioner, unless the commissioner has been notified of the pendency of an action to recover on the bond.

HISTORY: (1957, P.A. 607, S. 12; P.A. 02-70, S. 7.)

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Conn. Gen. Stat. § 14-20 (2016)

Sec. 14-20. Number plates for antique, rare or special interest motor vehicles. Issuance of number plates corresponding to year of manufacture. Registration. Regulations.

(a) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may issue special number **plates** for **antique, rare or special interest** motor **vehicles**, including **antique, rare or special interest** motor **vehicles** that have been **modified**, such special number **plates** to be issued on a permanent basis. The commissioner shall charge a fee for such plates which shall cover the entire cost of making the same. An owner of such antique, rare or **special interest** motor **vehicle** may use such owner's own porcelain number plate in place of the plates issued by the commissioner provided (1) such plate was originally issued by the department, and (2) such owner files with the commissioner a description and the number of such plate and any additional information the commissioner may require.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, section 14-18 and section 14-21b, the owner of such antique, rare or **special interest** motor **vehicle** may be authorized by the commissioner to display a number plate originally issued by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles corresponding to the year of manufacture of such antique, rare or **special interest** motor **vehicle**. The commissioner shall issue a certificate of registration, as provided in section 14-12. Such registration shall be valid, subject to renewal, as long as the commissioner permits. Thereafter, the registration number and number plates, if any, which were assigned to such motor vehicle before such registration and number plates were issued under this section, shall be in effect. Each such number plate authorized for use by the commissioner shall be displayed in a conspicuous place at the rear of such motor vehicle at all times while the vehicle is in use or operation upon any public highway. A sticker shall be affixed to each such number plate to denote the expiration date of the registration, unless the commissioner authorizes the sticker, or other evidence of the period of the registration, to be placed elsewhere or carried in such motor vehicle. Such sticker may contain the corresponding letters and numbers of the registration and number plate. The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this section.

HISTORY: (1951, 1955, S. 1288d; 1957, P.A. 533; P.A. 79-25, S. 3; P.A. 80-42; P.A. 83-515, S. 1; P.A. 84-429, S. 53; P.A. 00-169, S. 21; P.A. 01-191, S. 2; P.A. 02-70, S. 50; P.A. 09-187, S. 28.)

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Conn. Gen. Stat. § 12-71 (2016)

Sec. 12-71. Personal property subject to tax. Computer software not subject to tax. Determination of situs of motor vehicles and snowmobiles for tax purposes.

(a) All goods, chattels and effects or any interest therein, including any interest in a leasehold improvement classified as other than real property, belonging to any person who is a resident in this state, shall be listed for purposes of property tax in the town where such person resides, subject to the provisions of sections 12-41, 12-43 and 12-59. Any such property belonging to any nonresident shall be listed for purposes of property tax as provided in section 12-43. Motor vehicles and snowmobiles shall be listed for purposes of the property tax in accordance with subsection (f) of this section.

(b) Except as otherwise provided by the general statutes, property subject to this section shall be valued at the same percentage of its then actual valuation as the assessors have determined with respect to the listing of real estate for the same year, except that any antique, rare or **special interest motor vehicle**, as defined in section 14-1, shall be assessed at a value of not more than five hundred dollars. The owner of such antique, rare or **special interest motor vehicle** may be required by the assessors to provide reasonable documentation that such motor **vehicle** is an **antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle**, provided any motor vehicle for which special number plates have been issued pursuant to [section 14-20](#) shall not be required to provide any such documentation. The provisions of this section shall not include money or property actually invested in merchandise or manufacturing carried on out of this state or machinery or equipment which would be eligible for exemption under subdivision (72) of [section 12-81](#) once installed and which cannot begin or which has not begun manufacturing, processing or fabricating; or which is being used for research and development, including experimental or laboratory research and development, design or engineering directly related to manufacturing or being used for the significant servicing, overhauling or rebuilding of machinery and equipment for industrial use or the significant overhauling or rebuilding of other products on a factory basis or being used for measuring or testing or metal finishing or in the production of motion pictures, video and sound recordings.

(c) Upon payment of the property tax assessed with respect to any property referred to in this section, owned by a resident or nonresident of this state, which is currently used or intended for use in relation to construction, building, grading, paving or similar projects, including, but not limited to, motor vehicles, bulldozers, tractors and any trailer-type vehicle, excluding any such equipment weighing less than five hundred pounds, and excluding any motor vehicle subject to registration pursuant to chapter 246 or exempt from such registration by [section 14-34](#), the town in which such equipment is taxed shall issue, at the time of such payment, for display on a conspicuous surface of each such item of equipment for which such tax has been paid, a validation decal or sticker, identifiable as to the year of issue, which will be presumptive evidence that such tax has been paid in the appropriate town of the state.

(d)(1) Personal property subject to taxation under this chapter shall not include computer software, except when the cost thereof is included, without being separately stated, in the cost of computer hardware. "Computer software" shall include any program or routine used to cause a computer to perform a specific task or set of tasks, including without limitation, operational and applicational programs and all documentation related thereto.

(2) The provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be applicable (A) to the assessment year commencing October 1, 1988, and each assessment year thereafter, and (B) to any assessment of computer software made after September 30, 1988, for any assessment year commencing before October 1, 1988.

(3) Nothing contained in this subsection shall create any implication related to liability for property tax with respect to computer software prior to July 1, 1989.

(4) A certificate of correction in accordance with section 12-57 shall not be issued with respect to any property described in subdivision (1) of this subsection for any assessment year commencing prior to October 1, 1989.

(e) For assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 1992, each municipality shall exempt aircraft, as defined in section 15-34, from the provisions of this chapter.

(f)(1) Property subject to taxation under this chapter shall include each registered and unregistered motor vehicle and snowmobile that, in the normal course of operation, most frequently leaves from and returns to or remains in a town in this state, and any other motor vehicle or snowmobile located in a town in this state, which motor vehicle or snowmobile is not used or is not capable of being used.

(2) Any motor vehicle or snowmobile registered in this state subject to taxation in accordance with the provisions of this subsection shall be set in the list of the town where such vehicle in the normal course of operation most frequently leaves from and returns to or in which it remains. It shall be presumed that any such motor vehicle or snowmobile most frequently leaves from and returns to or remains in the town in which the owner of such vehicle resides, unless a provision of this subsection otherwise expressly provides. As used in this subsection, "the town in which the owner of such vehicle resides" means the town in this state where (A) the owner, if an individual, has established a legal residence consisting of a true, fixed and permanent home to which such individual intends to return after any absence, or (B) the owner, if a company, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, firm or any other type of public or private organization, association or society, has an established site for conducting the purposes for which it was created. In the event such an entity resides in more than one town in this state, it shall be subject to taxation by each such town with respect to any registered or unregistered motor vehicle or snowmobile that most frequently leaves from and returns to or remains in such town.

(3) Any motor vehicle owned by a nonresident of this state shall be set in the list of the town where such vehicle in the normal course of operation most frequently leaves from and returns to or in which it remains. If such vehicle in the normal course of operation most frequently leaves from and returns to or remains in more than one town, it shall be set in the list of the town in which such vehicle is located for the three or more months preceding the assessment day in any year, except that, if such vehicle is located in more than one town for three or more months preceding the assessment day in any year, it shall be set in the list of the town where it is located for the three months or more in such year nearest to such assessment day. In the event a motor vehicle owned by a nonresident is not located in any town for three or more of the months preceding the assessment day in any year, such vehicle shall be set in the list of the town where such vehicle is located on such assessment day.

(4) Notwithstanding any provision of subdivision (2) of this subsection: (A) Any registered motor vehicle that is assigned to an employee of the owner of such vehicle for the exclusive use of such employee and which, in the normal course of operation most frequently leaves from and returns to or remains in such employee's town of residence, shall be set in the list of the town where such employee resides; (B) any registered motor vehicle that is being operated, pursuant to a lease, by a person other than the owner of such vehicle, or such owner's employee, shall be set in the list of the town where the person who is operating such vehicle pursuant to said lease resides; (C) any registered motor vehicle designed or used for recreational purposes, including, but not limited to, a camp trailer, camper or motor home, shall be set in the list of the town such vehicle, in the normal course of its operation for camping, travel or recreational purposes in this state, most frequently leaves from and returns to or the town in which it remains. If such a vehicle is not used in this state in its normal course of operation for camping, travel or recreational purposes, such vehicle shall be set in the list of the town in this state in which the owner of such vehicle resides; and (D) any registered motor vehicle that is used or intended for use for the purposes of construction, building, grading, paving or similar projects, or to facilitate any such project, shall be set in the list of the town in which such project is situated if such vehicle is located in said town for the three or more months preceding the assessment day in any year, provided (i) if such vehicle is located in more than one town in this state for three or more months preceding the assessment day in any year, such vehicle shall be set in the list of the town where it is located for the three months or more in such year nearest to such assessment day, and (ii) if such vehicle is not located in any town for three or more of the

months preceding the assessment day in any year, such vehicle shall be set in the list of the town where such vehicle is located on such assessment day.

(5) The owner of a motor vehicle subject to taxation in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (4) of this subsection in a town other than the town in which such owner resides may register such vehicle in the town in which such vehicle is subject to taxation.

(6) Information concerning any vehicle subject to taxation in a town other than the town in which it is registered may be included on any declaration or report filed pursuant to section 12-41, 12-43 or 12-57a. If a motor vehicle or snowmobile is registered in a town in which it is not subject to taxation, pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (4) of this section, the assessor of the town in which such vehicle is subject to taxation shall notify the assessor of the town in which such vehicle is registered of the name and address of the owner of such motor vehicle or snowmobile, the vehicle identification number and the town in which such vehicle is subject to taxation. The assessor of the town in which said vehicle is registered and the assessor of the town in which said vehicle is subject to taxation shall cooperate in administering the provisions of this section concerning the listing of such vehicle for property tax purposes.

HISTORY: (1949 Rev., S. 1745; 1953, S. 1047d; 1957, P.A. 673, S. 7; 1959, P.A. 239, S. 1; 1971, P.A. 668, S. 1; P.A. 73-490; 73-531, S. 1, 2; P.A. 77-432, S. 1, 2; P.A. 79-550, S. 1, 2; P.A. 81-20, S. 1, 2; 81-423, S. 1, 25; P.A. 83-485, S. 1, 13; P.A. 89-251, S. 193, 203; May Sp. Sess. P.A. 92-17, S. 49, 59; P.A. 93-433, S. 8, 26; P.A. 99-189, S. 12, 20; 99-272, S. 3, 7; P.A. 00-230, S. 3; P.A. 04-228, S. 2; P.A. 08-150, S. 56; P.A. 09-187, S. 29.)

Equipment Exemptions

From Connecticut Statutes:

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(D) DEALERS' AND REPAIRERS' LICENSES

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Conn. Gen. Stat. § 14-62b (2016)

Sec. 14-62b. Sale of used motor vehicle parts.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Motor vehicle part" means a major component part, as defined in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 14-149a.

(2) "Used motor vehicle part" means any of the parts listed in subparagraphs (A) to (Q), inclusive, of subdivision (1) of this section which has been taken from and previously utilized in any motor vehicle or light truck having a gross vehicle weight of less than ten thousand pounds.

(b) No new car dealer, used car dealer, repairer or limited repairer, as defined in section 14-51, licensed in accordance with the provisions of section 14-52, may purchase or in any manner obtain possession of any motor vehicle for the purpose of dismantling such motor vehicle and selling its parts, as defined in subsection (a) of this section, for use in any other motor vehicle, except that any such dealer or repairer may sell used motor vehicle parts if the parts are installed in a motor vehicle by such dealer or repairer for the purpose of repair or maintenance of such motor vehicle.

(c) Any dealer or repairer who violates subsection (b) of this section, after notice and hearing in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than two thousand dollars.

(d) No provision of this section shall apply to the sale or purchase of used motor vehicle parts for use in antique, rare or **special interest** motor **vehicles** or **modified antique** motor **vehicles**, as defined in section 14-1.

(e) Any person, firm or corporation engaging in the business of purchasing or obtaining a motor vehicle for the purpose of dismantling such motor vehicle and selling its parts without first obtaining a motor vehicle recycler's license issued pursuant to the provisions of [section 14-67i](#) shall be deemed to have committed a class C misdemeanor.

HISTORY: (P.A. 94-189, S. 24; P.A. 96-167, S. 10; P.A. 99-268, S. 12; P.A. 00-169, S. 22.)

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Conn. Gen. Stat. § 14-96c (2016)

Sec. 14-96c. Tail lamps. Illumination of rear registration plate.

(a) After October 1, 1967, every motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer and pole trailer, and any other vehicle which is being drawn at the end of a combination of vehicles, shall be equipped with at least two tail lamps mounted on the rear, which, when lighted as required in subsection (a) of section 14-96a, shall emit a red light plainly visible from a distance of one thousand feet to the rear, except that passenger **cars** manufactured or **assembled** prior to October 1, 1957, and motorcycles shall have at least one such tail lamp. On a combination of vehicles, only the tail lamps on the rearmost vehicle need actually be seen from the distance specified. On vehicles equipped with more than one tail lamp, the lamps shall be mounted on the same level and as widely spaced laterally as practicable.

(b) Every tail lamp upon every vehicle shall be located at a mounted height of not more than seventy-two inches nor less than fifteen inches.

(c) The rear registration plate shall be so illumined with a white light as to render it clearly legible from a distance of fifty feet to the rear. Any tail lamp or tail lamps, together with any separate lamp or lamps for illuminating the rear registration plate, shall be so wired as to be lighted whenever the head lamps or auxiliary driving lamps are lighted, except that any vehicle equipped by the manufacturer with daytime running lamps which meet federal requirements may have such daytime running lamps illuminated without illumination of the tail lamps or rear registration plate.

(d) Failure to have tail lamps or failure to illuminate the rear registration plate as required in this section shall be an infraction.

HISTORY: (1967, P.A. 834, S. 4; P.A. 75-577, S. 29, 126; P.A. 90-263, S. 21, 74; P.A. 96-167, S. 28.)

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PART V EQUIPMENT

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Conn. Gen. Stat. § 14-96e (2016)

Sec. 14-96e. Stop lamps. Turn signals.

(a) Each motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer and pole trailer shall be equipped with two or more stop lamps meeting the requirements of subsection (a) of section 14-96r, except that passenger motor **vehicles** manufactured or **assembled** prior to October 1, 1957, and motorcycles shall be equipped with at least one stop lamp. On a combination of vehicles, only the stop lamps on the rearmost vehicle need actually be seen from the distance specified.

(b) Each motor vehicle in use on a highway shall be equipped with, and required signals shall be given by, a turn signal lamp or lamps complying with the requirements of the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 49, Section 571.108, as amended.

(c) Failure to equip vehicles with stop lamps or a turn signal lamp or lamps or turn signal devices as required by this section shall be an infraction.

HISTORY: (1967, P.A. 834, S. 6; P.A. 75-577, S. 31, 126; P.A. 84-429, S. 34; P.A. 99-268, S. 3; P.A. 00-169, S. 22.)

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PART VII GENERAL PROVISIONS

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Conn. Gen. Stat. § 14-163b (2016)

Sec. 14-163b. Motor vehicles formerly used as ambulances.

Any person who is the owner or who becomes the owner of any motor vehicle originally designed for use primarily as an ambulance and who ceases to use such vehicle for its original or former purpose shall remove the ref from all exterior indication of and all exterior equipment solely used or related to the original or former use of such vehicle. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any motor **vehicle** registered as an **antique, rare or special interest** motor **vehicle**, in accordance with section 14-20.

HISTORY: (1971, P.A. 517; P.A. 00-169, S. 27.)

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(A) REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

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Sec. 14-25d. Registration of DUKW or similar amphibious vehicle. Restrictions or prohibitions imposed by traffic authority.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may register a DUKW amphibious vehicle, manufactured by General Motors Corporation during the years 1942 to 1945, inclusive, or similar amphibious **vehicle as an antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle**, in accordance with the provisions of section 14-20, unless such amphibious **vehicle has been modified** by the addition of seats to transport passengers for hire, in which case the commissioner may issue to the owner of such amphibious vehicle registration for a motor bus, in accordance with the provisions of subsection (d) of section 14-49. No such registration shall be issued until such amphibious vehicle has passed a safety inspection conducted by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

(b) Any traffic authority, as defined in subdivision (6) of section 14-297, may impose restrictions or prohibitions concerning the use and operation of any such amphibious vehicle registered as a motor bus, on any highway or bridge under its jurisdiction as such traffic authority determines to be necessary for the protection of the passengers of such amphibious vehicle and highway users.

HISTORY: (P.A. 07-167, S. 39.)

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Emissions Exemptions

Emissions inspections are to be conducted when registering a vehicle for the first time and when purchasing a used vehicle. Other emissions inspections are conducted based on a testing cycle and the state notifies vehicle owners of an upcoming test date far in advance of when the test is to be conducted.

Diesel Vehicles:

Diesel vehicles are required to be tested in the same manner as gasoline powered vehicles and are provided with the same exemptions.

Exemptions:

1. New vehicles for the newest four (4) MYs
2. Motor vehicles twenty-five (25) MYs old and older
3. Vehicles with a GVWR of more than 10,000 lbs
4. Composite vehicles
5. Vehicles registered but not designed primarily for highway use