

## INDIANA

### **Definitions**

**Antique Motor Vehicle.** A motor vehicle or motor scooter that is at least twenty-five (25) years old.

**Assembled Vehicle.** A motor vehicle, excluding a motorcycle, that has had the frame, chassis, cab, or body replaced; or a motorcycle that has had the frame or engine replaced. The term includes but is not limited to glider kits, fiberglass body kits, and vehicle reproductions or replicas and includes motor vehicles that have visible and original vehicle identification numbers.

**Component Part.** An engine, a transmission, a body-chassis, a doghouse (front assembly), a rear-end, or a frame.

**Rebuilt Vehicle.** A vehicle for which a certificate of title has been issued by the bureau under IC 9-22-3 or for which a certificate of title has been issued by another state or jurisdiction under a similar procedure for the retitling of salvage motor vehicles.

**Identification Number.** A distinguishing number assigned by the bureau to a privately assembled motor vehicle, semitrailer, or recreational vehicle.

Note: Definitions for the Emissions inspection/maintenance (I/M) programs in Lake and Porter counties include unique definitions for **antique vehicles** and **show vehicles**, both of which are exempted from the I/M program. Please see the section entitled Indiana Emissions Exemptions of this compilation for these definitions and Indiana emissions exemptions.

## **Titling & Registration**

### **From Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles:**

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#### **Titling A Vehicle**

If you buy a vehicle with an Indiana title, or receive as a gift a vehicle with an Indiana title, you must title it in your own name within 31 days of purchasing or receiving it.

If you buy a vehicle from a dealership which partners with the BMV you may title and register your vehicle at the dealership. If you buy a vehicle from a private individual or from a dealership that does not partner with the BMV, you must visit a license branch to title your vehicle.

- Find a participating auto dealer partner near you
- Find a BMV customer service location near you

To title your vehicle you must present the title to the vehicle, your valid Indiana driver's license, and documents proving your current insurance, your Indiana residency, and your Social Security number.

- Learn more about acceptable documents of identification

The following forms must also be completed at a participating dealership or a license branch:

#### **For newly-manufactured vehicles:**

- *Application for Certificate of Title - State Form 205*
- Properly assigned Certificate of Origin
- Conforming Odometer Statement, generally found on the Certificate of Origin
- Proof of sales tax paid (*State Form 48842*, also known as *ST-108*, provided by the dealership)

#### **For used vehicles:**

- *Application for Certificate of Title - State Form 205*
- Properly assigned title
- Conforming Odometer Statement
- Bill of sale

When you purchase a vehicle in Indiana, you must pay a seven percent sales tax. If a vehicle is purchased from an Indiana dealership, the dealer will collect the sales tax. If a vehicle is purchased privately, the sales tax must be paid at a license branch when you title the vehicle. There is no sales tax paid on a vehicle received as a gift.

If you have recently purchased a vehicle with an out-of-state title, or received as a gift a vehicle with an out-of-state title, you must title it in Indiana within 31 days of purchasing or receiving it. If you are a new Indiana resident, you must title your vehicles in Indiana within 60 days of becoming an Indiana resident.

To title your vehicle you must present the title to the vehicle, your valid Indiana driver's license, and documents proving your current insurance, your Indiana residency, and your Social Security number or your Federal Employer Identification number.

Any vehicle being titled in Indiana from another state, including vehicles owned by new Indiana residents and vehicles assigned to an Indiana resident on a manufacturer's Certificate of Origin, must receive a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) inspection. This inspection may be done at any Indiana license branch for no charge or may be completed by a law enforcement officer who may charge up to

\$5. The officer must fill out a form named *Affidavit of Police Officer/Physical Inspection of an Indiana Resident's Vehicle/Watercraft - State Form 39530* when completing a VIN inspection.

If there is a lien on your out-of-state vehicle, the license branch will assist you in completing a form named *Request For Out of State Title To Perfect A Lien - State Form 1014* which will then be sent to your vehicle's lienholder informing them that you are applying for an Indiana title. Once the lienholder sends the title to the BMV, the BMV will contact you and ask that you return to the license branch to complete your application for the Indiana title.

The following forms and documents must be completed at the license branch:

**For newly-manufactured vehicles:**

- *Application for Certificate of Title - State Form 205*
- Properly assigned Certificate of Origin
- Conforming Odometer Statement, generally found on the Certificate of Origin
- Proof of sales tax paid (*State Form 48842*, also known as *ST-108*, provided by the dealership)
- *Affidavit of Police Officer/Physical Inspection of an Indiana Resident's Vehicle/Watercraft - State Form 39530* if the vehicle was not purchased in Indiana

**For used vehicles:**

- *Application for Certificate of Title - State Form 205*
- Properly assigned title
- Conforming Odometer Statement
- Bill of Sale
- *Affidavit of Police Officer/Physical Inspection of an Indiana Resident's Vehicle/Watercraft - State Form 39530* if the vehicle was not purchased in Indiana

Indiana residents who purchase a vehicle from another state and pay more than seven percent sales tax will receive credit from Indiana for taxes paid in that other state. If you paid less than seven percent sales tax when you purchased your vehicle in another state, you will need to pay the difference to Indiana. New Indiana residents who have titled their vehicles in another state do not have to pay the seven percent sales tax when they title their vehicles in Indiana.

### **Antique Car Or Motorcycle License Plate**

The cost of the antique car or motorcycle license plate includes vehicle registration fees and taxes, and an administrative fee of \$20.75.

#### **Eligibility**

This plate may only be displayed on vehicles that are 25 years or older. When you first apply for this license plate, you must present an Affidavit for Inspection of an Antique Vehicle - State Form 37935.

#### **Availability**

This plate is available at license branches and other customer service locations.

#### **Vehicle Types**

You may display this plate on vehicles that are 25 years or older, including passenger cars and motorcycles.

### **Antique Truck License Plate**

The cost of the antique truck license plate includes vehicle registration fees and taxes, and an administrative fee of \$21.75.

#### **Eligibility**

This plate may only be displayed on vehicles that are 25 years or older. When you first apply for this license plate, you must present an Affidavit for Inspection of an Antique Vehicle - State Form 37935.

#### **Availability**

This plate is available at license branches and other customer service locations.

#### **Vehicle Types**

You may display this plate on vehicles that are 25 years or older, including trucks.

## **Year Of Manufacture Plate Program**

You may plate an antique vehicle with an antique license plate issued by the BMV in the year that your vehicle was manufactured.

### **What is the cost to register my vehicle with a Year of Manufacture plate?**

The cost is \$48.00 plus all applicable taxes and registration fees.

### **Will I need to complete an application or other form to register a Year of Manufacture plate?**

A State Police inspection form for an antique vehicle is required if the vehicle has not been previously registered as an antique.

### **When can I register a Year of Manufacture license plate?**

The first available date to register a Year of Manufacture license plate is January 2, 2008.

### **Must a Year of Manufacture license plate be the same year as the manufactured year of the vehicle?**

Yes.

### **Must a Year of Manufacture plate be the original license plate issued to the vehicle I own?**

No. The plate must simply be the same year of manufacture as the vehicle in order to display the plate.

### **Can the Year of Manufacture plate be refurbished or restored?**

Yes. The plate must be in good or original condition. Its letters, numbers and markings must be clearly legible. Any indication that the plate does not meet original specifications will cause the BMV to reject the use of the plate.

### **What will I be issued in order to display my Year of Manufacture plate?**

Customers will be issued a Historic plate, a current registration with the Historic plate information and an affidavit allowing the Year of Manufacture plate to be used in lieu of the Historic plate.

### **Will I be required to purchase a Historic plate when electing to place my Year of Manufacture plate on my vehicle?**

Yes. You will be required to purchase a Historic plate which will then be registered to the vehicle. You will be required to carry this plate with the appropriate stickers, the current registration, and the affidavit to use the Year of Manufacture plate in lieu of the Historic plate in your vehicle at all times that the Year of Manufacture plate is displayed.

### **What will I be required to show to law enforcement if I am stopped?**

Customers must carry the Historic plate, registration and affidavit in the vehicle at all times and present each at the request of law enforcement.

### **Do Year of Manufacture plates expire?**

Yes. Year of Manufacture plates expire yearly by last name just like Historic plates. Annually, you will be required to place the appropriate stickers on your Historic Plate issued by the BMV.

**Does the vehicle that I want to place the Year of Manufacture plate on have to be classified as an antique vehicle requiring a State Police inspection form?**

Yes.

**Is there an inspection of the authentic plate to determine if it is usable? If so who will inspect the plate?**

Yes. The plate must be presented to the BMV Customer Service Representative to determine the condition of the plate.

**What condition must the plate be in to be deemed suitable?**

- It must be metal
- It may not be altered in any way
- Fading must be minimal, and the plate cannot be faded to an illegible state
- It may only contain minor rust on the face of the plate
- It cannot be bent
- It cannot have any unplanned holes
- It must match the picture of the plate issued for the year of manufacture according to Indiana BMV records. [Click here to view Indiana's Historic License Plates](#)
- It must be the year of the vehicle even if it is not the year that the customer first plated the vehicle

**What if the Year of Manufacture of my vehicle is for a plate year in which the BMV only issued a tag to be placed over the prior year's plate?**

The customer is then required to have the prior year's plate and the tag which corresponds to the manufactured year of the vehicle.

**Will I be required to have both plates for the years that required a customer to place a plate on front and back of the vehicle?**

No. Customers will only be required to have one of those plates.

**What if someone else has the same Year of Manufacture plate number but with a different plate issuance year?**

Both customers will be allowed to display the Year of Manufacture plate if the issuing years are different.

**From Indiana Administrative Code:**

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TITLE 140. BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES  
ARTICLE 6. TITLES  
RULE 1. APPLICATION, CHANGE, TRANSFER OF TITLE; PROCEDURES

140 IAC 6-1-2 (2016)

140 IAC 6-1-2 Application for title; contents

Sec. 2. (a) In addition to the requirements in IC 9-17-2, an application for a certificate of title shall contain the following:

(1) The name, residence, mailing address, and SSN or FEIN for the person in whose name the vehicle is titled. An applicant's information and SSN presented to the bureau must match the information that the Social Security Administration has in its records for the SSN. An applicant who is not a United States citizen must show proof of current lawful status in the United States by presenting sufficient evidence showing the applicant meets the requirements of:

- (A) IC 9-24-9-2.5 for a driver's license; or
- (B) 9-24-16-3.5(1) [IC 9-24-16-3.5(1)] for an identification card.

(2) The vehicle's description shall include the vehicle's:

- (A) make;
- (B) model;
- (C) model number;
- (D) manufacture year; and
- (E) VIN or special identification number.

(3) The former title number, if any.

(4) The purchase or acquisition date.

(b) An individual must apply for an Indiana title before obtaining registration plates; however, registration plates need not be purchased at the time application for title is made.

(c) Accompanying the application for certificate of title shall be an affidavit of the seller or transferor certifying that the Indiana sales or use tax has been paid to the seller or transferor. If the affidavit is not presented to the license branch, the branch shall collect the sales or use tax on the vehicle.

(d) If the owner assembled or rebuilt the vehicle, then the owner must have a police officer's inspection of the vehicle. The inspecting police officer shall verify the facts stated in the application and note the following information on the application:

- (1) The VIN.
- (2) The make and year of the vehicle.
- (3) The police officer's:
  - (A) name;
  - (B) title;
  - (C) police agency; and
  - (D) signature.
- (4) The inspection date.

(e) In addition to IC 9-17-2, an applicant who purchased a vehicle and is unable to obtain a properly executed title for a vehicle that is valued at five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or less may obtain a title by presenting all of the following items:

- (1) A valid bill of sale.
- (2) An affidavit of ownership on the bureau's designated form.
- (3) A letter requesting the registered owner/seller to provide the signed title to the purchaser. The letter must have been:
  - (A) sent to the seller by registered mail at the seller's last known address; and
  - (B) returned to the sender unopened and marked as being unclaimed.
- (4) A VIN inspection.
- (5) A lien release, if necessary.

The bureau will issue a new title to the applicant if the bureau determines that sufficient credible evidence exists to substantiate the applicant's claim of ownership.

(f) In addition to IC 9-17-2, an applicant who purchased a vehicle and is unable to obtain a properly executed title for a vehicle that is valued at more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) shall present a court order that establishes the applicant as the legal owner of the purchased vehicle for which the applicant is seeking a title.

(g) United States government verification will be accepted as proof of ownership from military personnel who did not obtain the standard port of entry forms for importing the personnel's personal vehicle from out of the country.

(h) To record a lien on an existing title, an applicant must apply for a new title and include the following information:

(1) The new lien holder's information.

(2) The signatures of all the persons whose names appeared on the original title.

(i) The bureau may require a VIN inspection whenever unusual or suspicious circumstances exist pertaining to a title transaction or a title's information.

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##### ARTICLE 6. TITLES

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140 IAC 6-1-5 (2016)

#### 140 IAC 6-1-5 Body change title

Sec. 5. (a) A person must obtain a body change title whenever a vehicle is altered such that it changes the vehicle's type, as noted on the vehicle's current title or certificate of origin.

(b) To receive a body change title, an applicant must provide the former title or certificate of origin, a properly completed body change affidavit, using a bureau designated form, and proof of a VIN inspection.

(c) Assembled vehicles and any vehicle that is altered such that it changes its vehicle type must meet all applicable federal and state highway safety requirements before it may be titled and registered for operation on highways and streets.

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140 IAC 6-1-16.5 (2016)

140 IAC 6-1-16.5 Salvage title; conversion to rebuilt title; assignment and transfer

Sec. 16.5. (a) A person who acquires a salvage motor vehicle that was originally manufactured within the prior seven (7) model years must apply for a salvage motor vehicle title.

(b) A person with a salvage **motor vehicle** title for a **vehicle that has been rebuilt** may apply for a **rebuilt** title for that **vehicle**.

(c) A person with a salvage **motor vehicle** title may rebuild and sell the **rebuilt vehicle** without first obtaining a **rebuilt** title prior to selling the **vehicle**. However, the seller must provide the purchaser with the salvage motor vehicle title and an affidavit of restoration.

(d) A person may not register a motor vehicle with a salvage motor vehicle title until the person obtains a **rebuilt** title for the **motor vehicle**.

**From Indiana Statutes:**

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Title 9 Motor Vehicles  
Article 17 Certificates of Title  
Chapter 4 Private Assembly of Vehicles; Engine Identification Numbers

Ind. Code § 9-17-4-0.3 (2016)

**9-17-4-0.3. "Assembled vehicle" defined.**

As used in this chapter, "assembled vehicle" means:

(1) a vehicle, excluding a motorcycle, that has had the:

- (A) frame;
- (B) chassis;
- (C) cab; or
- (D) body;

modified from its original construction, replaced, or constructed; or

(2) a motorcycle that has had the:

- (A) frame; or
- (B) engine;

modified from its original construction, replaced, or constructed.

The term includes but is not limited to glider kits, fiberglass body kits, and vehicle reproductions or replicas and includes vehicles that have visible and original vehicle identification numbers.

History

P.L.268-2003, § 10; P.L.125-2012, § 85, emergency eff. July 1, 2012; P.L.262-2013, § 27, eff. July 1, 2013; P.L.198-2016, § 227, emergency effective July 1, 2016.

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**IC 9-17-4**

Chapter 4. Private Assembly of Vehicles; Engine Identification Numbers

**IC 9-17-4-0.3**

**"Assembled vehicle"**

Sec. 0.3. As used in this chapter, "assembled vehicle" means:

- **(1)** a vehicle, excluding a motorcycle, that has had the:
  - **(A)** frame;
  - **(B)** chassis;
  - **(C)** cab; or
  - **(D)** body;
  - modified from its original construction, replaced, or constructed; or
  
- **(2)** a motorcycle that has had the:
  - **(A)** frame; or
  - **(B)** engine;
  - modified from its original construction, replaced, or constructed.
  - The term includes but is not limited to glider kits, fiberglass body kits, and vehicle reproductions or replicas and includes vehicles that have visible and original vehicle identification numbers.

*As added by P.L.268-2003, SEC.10.*

**IC 9-17-4-0.5**

**"Identification number"**

Sec. 0.5. As used in this chapter, "identification number" means a distinguishing number assigned by the bureau to a privately assembled motor vehicle, semitrailer, or recreational vehicle.

*As added by P.L.268-2003, SEC.11.*

**IC 9-17-4-1**

**Assembly of vehicle by owner; identification number; application for certificate of title**

Sec. 1. If a motor vehicle, semitrailer, or recreational vehicle has been built, constructed, or assembled by the person who owns the motor vehicle, semitrailer, or recreational vehicle, the person shall:

- (1) indicate on a form provided by the bureau the major component parts that have been used to assemble the motor vehicle, semitrailer, or recreational vehicle;
- (2) make application through the bureau for an identification number for the motor vehicle, semitrailer, or recreational vehicle;
- (3) after receipt of the identification number described in subdivision (2), stamp or attach the identification number received from the bureau in the manner provided in section 2(2) of this chapter; and
- (4) apply for a certificate of title for the motor vehicle, semitrailer, or recreational vehicle from the bureau.

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.5. Amended by P.L.268-2003, SEC.12.*

**IC 9-17-4-2**

**Identification numbers; placement on vehicle**

Sec. 2. A certificate of title may not be issued for a manufactured or privately assembled vehicle that does not have a special identification number stamped on the vehicle or permanently attached to the vehicle until the person who that owns the vehicle has:

- (1) an inspection performed under IC 9-17-2-12;

(2) obtained from the bureau a special identification number designated by the bureau; and

(3) stamped or permanently attached the special identification number in a conspicuous place on the frame of the vehicle.

(b) A special identification number obtained from the bureau under subsection (a) for a manufactured or mobile home must be the same identification number used on the certificate of title for the manufactured or mobile home.

*P.L.2-1991, § 5; P.L.268-2003, § 13; P.L.125-2012, § 88, emergency eff. July 1, 2012; P.L.198-2016, § 230, emergency effective July 1, 2016.*

#### **IC 9-17-4-3**

#### **9-17-4-3. [Repealed.]**

#### **IC 9-17-4-4**

#### **Certificate of title; description of identification of vehicle; statement of liens or encumbrances; notation of parts**

Sec. 4. A certificate of title issued under this chapter must contain the following:

(1) A description and other evidence of identification of the motor vehicle, semitrailer, or recreational vehicle as required by the bureau.

(2) A statement of any liens or encumbrances that the application shows to be on the certificate of title.

(3) The appropriate notation prominently recorded on the front of the title as follows:

(A) For a vehicle assembled using all new vehicle parts, excluding the vehicle frame, "ASSEMBLED VEHICLE".

(B) For a vehicle assembled using used parts, "REBUILT VEHICLE".

(C) For a vehicle assembled using a salvage vehicle or parts, "REBUILT SALVAGE".

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.5. Amended by P.L.268-2003, SEC.14.*

#### **IC 9-17-4-5**

#### **Repealed**

*(Repealed by P.L.268-2003, SEC.33.)*

#### **IC 9-17-4-6**

#### **Violation of chapter; Class C infraction; Class C felony**

Sec. 6. (a) Except as provided under subsection (b), a person who violates this chapter commits a Class C infraction.

(b) A person who knowingly damages, removes, covers, or alters an identification number commits a Class C felony.

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.5. Amended by P.L.268-2003, SEC.15.*

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Ind. Code § 9-17-4-4 (2016)

**9-17-4-4. Requirements for certificate of title issued under this chapter.**

A certificate of title issued under this chapter must contain the following:

- **(1)** A description and other evidence of identification of the vehicle as required by the bureau.
- **(2)** A statement of any liens or encumbrances that the application shows to be on the certificate of title.
- **(3)** The appropriate notation prominently recorded on the front of the title as follows:
  - **(A)** For a vehicle assembled using all new or used vehicle parts, "RECONSTRUCTED VEHICLE".
  - **(B)** For a vehicle assembled using a salvage vehicle or parts, "REBUILT".

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Chapter 3 **Salvage Motor Vehicles**

Ind. Code § 9-22-3-1 (2016)

**9-22-3-1. Applicability of chapter.**

- (a) The bureau shall establish guidelines for determining the applicability of model year effective dates for each year.

[P.L.2-1991, § 10](#); [P.L.59-1998, § 2](#); [P.L.125-2012, § 127](#), emergency eff. July 1, 2012; [P.L.198-2016, § 380](#), emergency effective July 1, 2016.

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Ind. Code § 9-22-3-15 (2016)

• **9-22-3-15. Salvage motor vehicle rebuilt for operation upon highways -- Certificate of title.**

If a salvage vehicle is rebuilt for operation upon the highways and ownership is evidenced by a certificate of salvage title, the person that owns the vehicle shall apply to the bureau for a certificate of title with a rebuilt designation. The bureau shall issue a certificate of title under IC 9-17 with a rebuilt designation, subject to the following conditions:

- **(1)** A state police officer inspects the vehicle and verifies proof of ownership of major component parts used and the source of the major component parts.
- **(2)** The person that owns the vehicle submits, on a form prescribed by the bureau, a properly executed affidavit from the person that restored the motor vehicle. The affidavit must:
  - **(A)** include the name, identification number, and source of all component parts that were included in the restoration of the vehicle; and
  - **(B)** be attached to the certificate of salvage title.
- **(3)** The person that owns the vehicle surrenders the certificate of salvage title.
- A condition under this subsection is in addition to any requirements under IC 9-17.
- **(b)** Except as provided in subsection (c), a certificate of title issued under this section must conspicuously bear the designation:
  - **(1)** "REBUILT VEHICLE" if the vehicle is not a flood damaged vehicle; or
  - **(2)** "REBUILT FLOOD DAMAGED VEHICLE" if the vehicle is a flood damaged vehicle.
- **(c)** An insurance company authorized to do business in Indiana may obtain a certificate of title that does not bear the rebuilt designation if the company submits to the bureau, in the form and manner the bureau requires, satisfactory evidence that the damage, if any, to a recovered stolen vehicle did not meet the criteria set forth in section 3 [IC 9-22-3-3] of this chapter.
- **(d)** A person that knowingly or intentionally violates this section commits a Class A infraction.

**P.L.2-1991, § 10; P.L.198-2016, § 396, emergency effective July 1, 2016.**

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Burns Ind. Code Ann. § 9-22-3-16 (2016)

**9-22-3-16. Certificate of title — “Rebuilt vehicle” and “rebuilt flood damaged vehicle” designations. [Repealed]**

**P.L.2-1991, § 10; P.L.59-1998, § 9; P.L.125-2012, § 136, emergency eff. July 1, 2012; P.L.262-2013, § 111, eff. July 1, 2013; P.L.188-2015, § 81, effective July 1, 2015; repealed by P.L.198-2016, § 397, emergency effective July 1, 2016.**

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Ind. Code § 9-22-3-8 (2016)

**9-22-3-8. Affidavit of restoration for a salvage motor vehicle form. [Repealed ]**

If a salvage motor vehicle has been flood damaged, extensively burned, vandalized, or severely wrecked so that one (1) or more component parts are required to **restore** the motor **vehicle** to an operable condition, the person or business that restored the motor vehicle must furnish, on an affidavit of restoration for a salvage motor vehicle form, the name, identification number, and source of all component parts that were included in the restoration of the vehicle. The affidavit must be attached to the certificate of salvage title and be submitted to the bureau upon application by a person for a certificate of title for the vehicle.

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Ind. Code § 9-22-3-17 (2016)

**9-22-3-17. Certificate of title for motor vehicle previously titled in another state or jurisdiction.**

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), whenever a certificate of title is issued for a vehicle that was previously titled in another state or jurisdiction and the certificate of title from the other state or jurisdiction contains a "REBUILT", "RECONDITIONED", "DISTRESSED VEHICLE", or similar designation, a new and subsequent certificate of title must conspicuously bear the designation "REBUILT VEHICLE".

(b) Whenever a certificate of title is issued for a vehicle described in subsection (a) that was previously titled in another state or jurisdiction and the certificate of title from the other state or jurisdiction contains a designation that indicates that the vehicle is a flood damaged vehicle, a new and subsequent certificate of title must conspicuously bear the designation "FLOOD DAMAGED VEHICLE".

[P.L.2-1991, § 10](#); [P.L.59-1998, § 10](#); [P.L.125-2012, § 137](#), emergency eff. July 1, 2012; [P.L.262-2013, § 112](#), eff. July 1, 2013.

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**IC 9-18-12**

Chapter 12. **Antique** Motor **Vehicle** Registration

**IC 9-18-12-1**

**Annual registration; forms; certificates; authentic antique plate display**

Sec. 1. An antique motor vehicle must be registered annually. The fee to register an antique motor vehicle is the fee under IC 9-29-5-28, IC 9-29-5-28.1, or IC 9-29-5-28.2, as appropriate.

(b) The bureau may adopt a:

- (1) registration form; and
- (2) certificate of registration;

to implement this chapter.

(c) A person that:

- (1) registers an antique motor vehicle under this chapter; and
- (2) wishes to display on the antique motor vehicle an authentic license plate from the model year of the antique motor vehicle under section 2.5 [IC 9-18-12-2.5] of this chapter;

must pay the required fee under section 2.5(e) [IC 9-18-12-2.5(e)] of this chapter.

(d) A person that fails to register an antique motor vehicle as required under subsection (a) or (c) commits a Class C infraction.

*P.L.2-1991, § 6; P.L.79-2006, § 4; P.L.188-2015, § 48, effective July 1, 2015; P.L.198-2016, § 281, emergency effective July 1, 2016.*

**IC 9-18-12-2**

**License plates**

Sec. 2. (a) Except as provided in section 2.5 [IC 9-18-12-2.5] of this chapter, the bureau shall issue one (1) license plate to the person that owns an antique motor vehicle that is registered under this chapter.

(b) Subject to subsection (c), a license plate for an antique motor vehicle shall be manufactured according to the bureau's specifications.

(c) A license plate issued under this chapter shall:

- (1) contain:
  - (A) the registration number assigned to the registration certificate by the bureau; and
  - (B) a designation that the vehicle is historic; and
- (2) indicate the year for which the antique motor vehicle has been registered.

(d) Instead of issuing a new license plate each time that an antique motor vehicle is registered, the bureau may issue to the person who owns the antique motor vehicle a tag or sticker that indicates the year for which the motor vehicle has been registered.

(e) A license plate issued under this chapter shall be securely attached to the rear of an antique motor vehicle.

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.6. Amended by P.L.79-2006, SEC.5.*

### **IC 9-18-12-2.5**

#### **Use of authentic antique license plates**

Sec. 2.5. (a) A person that registers an antique motor vehicle under this chapter may:

- (1) furnish; and
- (2) display on the antique motor vehicle;

an Indiana license plate from the model year of the antique motor vehicle.

(b) A license plate furnished and displayed under this section must be an authentic license plate from the model year of the antique motor vehicle.

(c) Before a license plate is mounted on an antique motor vehicle under this section, the license plate must be inspected by the bureau to determine whether the license plate:

- (1) complies with this section;
- (2) is in suitable condition to be displayed; and
- (3) bears a unique plate number at the time of the registration of the antique motor vehicle.

The bureau shall authorize the display of a restored or refurbished authentic license plate, but may prohibit the display of an authentic license plate under this section if the authentic license plate is not in conformance with this subsection.

(d) If an Indiana license plate from the model year of the antique motor vehicle is displayed on a motor vehicle registered as an antique motor vehicle under this chapter, the current certificate of registration of the antique motor vehicle shall be:

- (1) kept at all times in the vehicle; and
- (2) made available for inspection upon the demand of a law enforcement officer.

Notwithstanding IC 9-18-2-21, this subsection is not satisfied by keeping a reproduction of the certificate of registration in the vehicle or making a reproduction of the certificate of registration available for inspection.

(e) The fee to register and display an authentic license plate from the model year of an antique motor vehicle is thirty-seven dollars (\$37). The fee shall be distributed as follows:

- (1) Seven dollars (\$7) to the motor vehicle highway account.

- (2) Thirty dollars (\$30) to the commission fund.

*P.L.79-2006, § 6; P.L.87-2010, § 9, emergency eff. July 1, 2010; P.L.198-2016, § 283, emergency effective July 1, 2016.*

**IC 9-18-12-3**  
**Safety certificates**  
**9-18-12-3. [Repealed.]**

**IC 9-18-12-4**  
**Vehicles altered after registration; nonoriginal motor scooter equipment not required**  
**[Repealed]**

[P.L.2-1991, § 6](#); [P.L.221-2014, § 23](#), eff. January 1, 2015; [P.L.188-2015, § 49](#), effective July 1, 2015; repealed by [P.L.198-2016, § 284](#), emergency effective July 1, 2016.

**IC 9-18-12-5**  
**Transfers of ownership**  
**[Repealed]**

[P.L.2-1991, § 6](#); [P.L.83-2008, § 6](#), eff. July 1, 2008; Repealed former § 9-18-12-5, pertaining to Effect of transfer of ownership of antique motor vehicle, was repealed by [P.L.198-2016, § 285](#), emergency effective July 1, 2016

**9-18-12-6**  
**Property taxes**

Sec. 6. An **antique** motor **vehicle** registered under this chapter is not subject to assessment and property taxation under IC 6-1.1, as provided by IC 6-1.1-2-7.  
*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.6.*

**IC 9-18-12-7**  
**Violations**  
**[Repealed.]**

Title 9 Motor Vehicles  
Article 29 Fees  
Chapter 5 Fees Under IC 9-18

Ind. Code § 9-29-5-28 (2016)

**9-29-5-28. Antique motor vehicle under IC 9-18-12.**

The registration fee for an antique motor vehicle under IC 9-18-12 is twenty dollars and seventy-five cents (\$20.75). The fee shall be distributed as follows:

- **(1)** Twenty-five cents (\$0.25) to the state police building account.
- **(2)** Fifty cents (\$0.50) to the state motor vehicle technology fund.
- **(3)** Three dollars (\$3) to the crossroads 2000 fund.
- **(4)** For an antique motor vehicle registered before July 1, 2019, as follows:
  - **(A)** One dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) to the integrated public safety communications fund.
  - **(B)** Five dollars (\$5) to the commission fund.
- **(5)** For an antique motor vehicle registered after June 30, 2019, six dollars and twenty-five cents (\$6.25) to the commission fund.
- **(6)** Any remaining amount to the motor vehicle highway account.

(b) The fee imposed under subsection (a) is in addition to the fee to register and display an authentic license plate from the model year of the antique motor vehicle under section 32.5 [IC 9-29-5-32.5] of this chapter.

[P.L.2-1991, § 17](#); [P.L.79-2006, § 7](#); [P.L.1-2010, § 50](#), emergency eff. March 12, 2010; [P.L.216-2014, § 108](#), emergency eff. January 1, 2015.

Title 9 Motor Vehicles  
Article 29 Fees  
Chapter 5 Fees Under IC 9-18

Burns Ind. Code Ann. § 9-29-5-29 (2016)

**9-29-5-29. Transfer of antique motor vehicle registration.**

[Repealed.]

Title 9 Motor Vehicles  
Article 29 Fees  
Chapter 5 Fees Under IC 9-18

Ind. Code § 9-29-5-32.5 (2016)

**9-29-5-32.5. Fee for personalized license plate.**

The fee for a personalized license plate under IC 9-18-15 or for the registration and display of an **authentic** license **plate** for the model year of an **antique** motor **vehicle** under IC 9-18-12-2.5 is as follows:

- (1)** The applicable excise tax imposed under IC 6-6-5.
- (2)** The regular vehicle registration fee imposed under this chapter.
- (3)** A state fee of seven dollars (\$7) for the motor vehicle highway account established under IC 8-14-1.
- (4)** A service charge of thirty dollars (\$30) for the state license branch fund established by IC 9-29-14-1.

Title 9 Motor Vehicles  
Article 18 Motor Vehicle Registration and License Plates  
Chapter 2 General Procedures for Registering Motor Vehicles and Obtaining License Plates

Burns Ind. Code Ann. § 9-18-2-27 (2016)

**9-18-2-27. Use or operation of vehicle displaying incorrect registration number prohibited -- Display of other number.**

(a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c), a vehicle required to be registered under this chapter may not be used or operated upon the highways if the motor vehicle displays any of the following:

- (1) A registration number belonging to any other vehicle.
- (2) A fictitious registration number.
- (3) A sign or placard bearing the words "license applied for" or "in transit" or other similar signs.

(b) Any other number may be displayed for any lawful purpose upon a:

- (1) motor vehicle;
- (2) trailer;
- (3) semitrailer; or
- (4) recreational vehicle;

in addition to the license plates issued by the bureau under this chapter.

(c) After December 31, 2007, if a vehicle is registered as an antique motor vehicle under IC 9-18-12, an authentic Indiana license plate from the antique vehicle's model year may be displayed on the vehicle under IC 9-18-12-2.5.

(d) A person who operates a motor vehicle in violation of subsection (a) commits a Class C infraction.

[P.L.2-1991, § 6](#); [P.L.79-2006, § 3](#); [P.L.188-2015, § 23](#), effective July 1, 2015.

Title 9 Motor Vehicles  
Article 18 Motor Vehicle Registration and License Plates  
Chapter 14 Military Vehicle Registration

Burns Ind. Code Ann. § 9-18-14-1 (2016)

**9-18-14-1. Registration of military vehicle.**

A person who owns a military vehicle may register the military vehicle under this chapter instead of registering for a license plate issued for:

- (1)** A vehicle under IC 9-18-2; or
- (2)** An **antique** motor **vehicle** under IC 9-18-12.

Title 6 Taxation  
Article 6 Motor Fuel and Vehicle Taxes  
Chapter 5 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Ind. Code § 6-6-5-3 (2016)

**6-6-5-3. Basis for determining value.**

**(a)** As the basis for measuring the tax imposed by this chapter, the bureau shall determine the value of each vehicle as of the time it is first offered for sale as a new vehicle in Indiana. The bureau shall adopt rules for determining the value of vehicles, using the "factory advertised delivered price" or the "port of entry price".

**(b)** If the bureau is unable to ascertain a value by this method in respect to any vehicle or class of **vehicles because the vehicle** is a **specially** constructed **vehicle** or for any other reason, the bureau shall determine, from any information available, the true tax value subject to review and adjustment by the department of local government finance.

**(c)** For each vehicle, beginning with the 1990 model year, the bureau shall reduce the value determined under subsection (a) or (b) by dividing:

**(1)** the price determined under subsection (a) or (b); by

**(2)** one (1) plus the average percentage increase in new automobile prices using the most recent annual reference to the Consumer Price Index for Private New Automobiles as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, United States Department of Labor.

**From Indiana Administrative Code:**

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**ARTICLE 2. EXCISE TAX AND REGISTRATION**

**Rule 1. Administration of Motor Vehicle Excise Tax**

**140 IAC 2-1-2 Valuation of vehicles**

Authority: IC 9-14-2-2

A vehicle's value used to determine its classification for excise tax purposes shall be based upon the FADP for each vehicle make and model, disregarding special equipment, at the time that it is first offered for sale in Indiana.

*(Bureau of Motor Vehicles; Vehicle Excise Tax Rule II; filed Dec 22, 1971: Rules and Regs. 1972, p. 10; filed Sep 23, 1988, 8:30 a.m.: 12 Ind. Reg. 246; readopted filed Jul 30, 2001, 10:24 a.m.: 24 Ind. Reg. 4228; readopted filed Nov 14, 2007, 1:31 p.m.: 20071212- Ind. Reg. -140070562RFA; filed Oct 7, 2008, 10:23 a.m.: 20081105- Ind. Reg. -140080215FRA; readopted filed Nov 3, 2014, 1:43 p.m.: 20141203- Ind. Reg. -140140375RFA)*

**140 IAC 2-1-3 Valuation of unlisted vehicles**

Authority: IC 9-14-2-2

Affected: IC 6-6-5-3; IC 6-6-5-4

Sec. 3. Whenever the FADP of a vehicle does not appear in the publication compiling the manufacturer's price information, which the bureau uses, because the vehicle is specially constructed, then the vehicle shall be classified according to the FADP for the make and year of the chassis, subject to review by the board of state tax commissioners. If the chassis' make or year is unknown or cannot be determined, the customer shall provide the bureau with receipts to determine the cost to build such vehicle. Then, the bureau shall classify the vehicle in the appropriate class based on the bureau's determination of the vehicle's value.

*(Bureau of Motor Vehicles; Vehicle Excise Tax Rule III; filed Dec 22, 1971: Rules and Regs. 1972, p. 10; filed Sep 23, 1988, 8:30 a.m.: 12 Ind. Reg. 246; readopted filed Jul 30, 2001, 10:24 a.m.: 24 Ind. Reg. 4228; readopted filed Nov 14, 2007, 1:31 p.m.: 20071212- Ind. Reg. -140070562RFA; filed Oct 7, 2008, 10:23 a.m.: 20081105- Ind. Reg. -140080215FRA; readopted filed Nov 3, 2014, 1:43 p.m.: 20141203- Ind. Reg. -140140375RFA)*

## **Equipment Exemptions**

### **From Indiana Statutes:**

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Title 13 Environment  
Article 11 Definitions  
Chapter 2 Definitions

Ind. Code § 13-11-2-245 (2016)

#### **13-11-2-245. Vehicle.**

(a) "Vehicle", for purposes of IC 13-17-5, refers to a vehicle required to be registered with the bureau of motor vehicles and **required to have brakes**. The term does **not include** the following:

- (1) Mobile homes (house trailers).
- (2) Trailers weighing not more than three thousand (3,000) pounds.
- (3) **Antique motor vehicles**.
- (4) Special machinery (as defined in IC 9-13-2-170.3).

(b) "Vehicle", for purposes of IC 13-18-12, means a device used to transport a tank.

(c) "Vehicle", for purposes of IC 13-20-4, refers to a municipal waste collection and transportation vehicle.

(d) "Vehicle", for purposes of IC 13-20-13-7, means a motor vehicle, a farm tractor (as defined in IC 9-13-2-56, an implement of agriculture (as defined in IC 9-13-2-77), a semitrailer (as defined in IC 9-13-2-164(a) or IC 9-13-2-164(b)), and types of equipment, machinery, implements, or other devices used in transportation, manufacturing, agriculture, construction, or mining. The term does not include a lawn and garden tractor that is propelled by a motor of not more than twenty-five (25) horsepower.

(e) "Vehicle", for purposes of IC 13-20-14, has the meaning set forth in IC 9-13-2-196.

Title 9 Motor Vehicles  
Article 19 **Motor Vehicle Equipment**  
Chapter 8 **Mufflers and Noise Limits**

Ind. Code § 9-19-8-1 (2016)

**9-19-8-1. Applicability of chapter.**

This chapter applies to every motor **vehicle** except an **antique** motor **vehicle** registered under IC 9-18-12-1.

Title 9 Motor Vehicles  
Article 19 Motor Vehicle Equipment  
Chapter 10 Passenger Restraint Systems

Ind. Code § 9-19-10-5 (2016)

**9-19-10-5. Safety belts in vehicles required.**

A person may not buy, sell, lease, trade, or transfer from or to Indiana residents at retail an **automobile** that is manufactured or **assembled**, commencing with the 1964 models, unless the automobile is equipped with safety belts installed for use in the front seat.

Title 9 Motor Vehicles  
Article 19 Motor Vehicle Equipment  
Chapter 11 Passenger Restraint Systems for Children

Ind. Code § 9-19-11-1 (2016)

**9-19-11-1. Applicability of chapter.**

This chapter does not apply to a person who operates any of the following vehicles:

- (1) A bus.
- (2) A taxicab.
- (3) A medical services vehicle.
- (4) A passenger motor vehicle or truck that was manufactured without a safety belt as a part of the standard equipment installed by the manufacturer at each designated seating position, before the requirement of the installation of safety belts in the motor vehicle according to the standards stated in the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard Number 208 (49 CFR 571.208).
- (5) A motorcycle.
- (6) A motor driven cycle.
- (7) A motor vehicle that is owned or leased by a governmental unit and is being used in the performance of official law enforcement duties.
- (8) A motor vehicle that is being used in an emergency.
- (9) A motor vehicle that is funeral equipment used in the operation of funeral services when used in:
  - (A) a funeral procession;
  - (B) the return trip to a funeral home (as defined in IC 25-15-2-15); or
  - (C) both the funeral procession and return trip.
- (10) A motor vehicle used to provide prearranged rides (as defined in IC 8-2.1-17-13.5).

P.L.2-1991, § 7; P.L.67-2004, § 3; P.L.24-2006, § 3; P.L.175-2015, § 11, effective July 1, 2015; P.L.198-2016, § 335, emergency effective July 1, 2016.

Title 9 Motor Vehicles  
Article 19 Motor Vehicle Equipment  
Chapter 6 Lights, Reflectors, and Turn Signals

Ind. Code § 9-19-6-21 (2016)

**9-19-6-21. Requirements for single distribution of light lamps.**

Head lamps arranged to provide a single distribution of light are permitted on motor **vehicles manufactured** and sold **before** March 9, 1956, instead of the multiple-beam road-lighting equipment specified in this chapter, if the single distribution of light meets the following requirements:

**(1)** The head lamps must be aimed so that when the vehicle is not loaded none of the high-intensity part of the light will:

**(A)** At a distance of twenty-five (25) feet ahead, project higher than a level of five (5) inches below the level of the center of the lamp from which light comes; and

**(B)** At a distance of seventy-five (75) feet ahead, project higher than forty-two (42) inches above the level on which the vehicle stands.

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

## **Emissions Exemptions**

Vehicles registered in Lake County and Porter County (Chicago metropolitan area) are required to undergo emissions testing biennially upon registration and registration renewal.

### **Diesel Vehicles:**

Diesel vehicles are not tested for emissions.

### **Exemptions:**

1. New vehicles for the newest four (4) MYs
2. Pre-1976 MY vehicles
3. Kit cars and dune buggies that meet established criteria for a "Specialty Exemption"
4. Show cars that meet established criteria for a "Show Car Exemption"
5. Ceremonial vehicles
6. Vehicles with a GVWR of more than 9,000 lbs
7. Antique vehicles that met established criteria for an "antique vehicle"

## **From Indiana Administrative Code:**

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The following definitions establish the criteria for determining if an antique vehicle or show vehicle is exempt from the Lake County and Porter County motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program.

### **326 IAC 13-1.1-1 Definitions**

Sec. 1. The following definitions apply throughout this rule:

(1) "**Antique vehicle**" means a vehicle that is at least twenty-five (25) years old and meets either of the following criteria:

(A) The vehicle is insured under a **collectible vehicle** or **classic automobile** insurance policy.

(B) The vehicle is presented at a clean air car check vehicle emission test site in accordance with the applicable test cycle to verify that the following requirements have been met:

(i) The vehicle has been driven a maximum of three thousand (3,000) miles per calendar year.

(ii) Federally required pollution control equipment for that make and model year vehicle is in place.

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(32) "**Show vehicle**" means a vehicle that meets the following criteria:

(A) The vehicle must be exhibited at a **car show** at least twice a calendar year as verified through car show registration or entrance forms.

(B) The vehicle shall be restricted to the addition of three thousand (3,000) miles per calendar year to the vehicle.

(C) The condition of the vehicle must be show quality, indicated by the interior and exterior of the vehicle maintained in good condition.

(D) The vehicle must be presented at a clean air car check vehicle emission test site in accordance with the applicable test cycle to verify that it is still a show vehicle.