

SOUTH CAROLINA

Definitions

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

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

Titling & Registration

From South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles:

Obtaining a Title Only

If you do not plan to drive your vehicle, you may wish to obtain a title only for your newly purchased vehicle. You have 45 days to title your vehicle from the date of purchase. It is important to note that South Carolina will only issue a certificate of title for a vehicle that is physically located in South Carolina. If the seller's title to the vehicle is from another state or the vehicle will not be registered in South Carolina, a DMV staff member must verify the vehicle identification number (VIN) before a title can be processed.

You may apply for the title by mail. The Form 400, Application for Certificate of Title/Registration, which must be completed, contains the proper mailing address for the department.

To obtain a title only, you must have the following:

- **Title or Manufacturer's Certificate of Origin.**
If you have purchased a used vehicle, you must have the title of the vehicle and the previous owner of the vehicle must have signed the title over to you. If this title does not have the Bill of Sale and odometer information on the back of the document, you must also submit a Bill of Sale. If you have purchased a new vehicle, you must have the Manufacturer's Statement of Origin.
- **Lien Information.**
If there is a lien on your vehicle, you must provide the name and address of the lien holder and the date of the lien.
- **Completed Form 400, Application for Certificate of Title/Registration.**
To complete the form, you must have your vehicle odometer mileage reading and any current lien information.
- **Paid Vehicle Property Tax Receipt.**
Before you can register your vehicle in South Carolina, you must first pay the vehicle property taxes that are required in the county in which you reside.
- **Casual Sales Tax.**
Sales tax totaling 5% of the vehicle purchase price (\$300.00 maximum) must be paid when you register a newly purchased vehicle in South Carolina. Truck fees may vary according to the gross vehicle weight of the truck.
- **Title Fee.**
The title fee is \$15.00.

Antique

To obtain an antique license plate, your current title must be surrendered and the department will issue a new title marked Antique. The fee for a new title is \$15.00. To qualify for an antique license plate, the automobile or motorcycle must be at least 25 years old. The vehicle is to be used in club activities, exhibits, tours, parades and similar events, but shall not be used for general transportation. When the vehicle is sold, junked, or otherwise disposed of, you must surrender the antique license plate to the department. The fee for the plate is \$10.00.



From South Carolina Code of Laws:

Title 56 - Motor Vehicles
CHAPTER 3. MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND LICENSING
ARTICLE 23. SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES; ANTIQUE MOTOR VEHICLES AND MOTORCYCLES

SECTION 56-3-2210. Department of Motor Vehicles may classify certain motor vehicles as antique.

Every motor vehicle as herein defined which is over twenty-five years old, is owned solely as a collector's item and is used for participation in club activities, exhibits, tours, parades, and similar uses, but in no event used for general transportation, may be classified by the Department of Motor Vehicles as an antique motor vehicle.

SECTION 56-3-2220. Issuance of special license plates for antique motor vehicles authorized; duration; fee.

Upon receipt of an application on a form prescribed by the Department of Motor Vehicles, it may issue appropriate designated license plates to owners of antique motor vehicles. Such license plate shall be valid so long as title to such vehicle is vested in the applicant. The fee for the certificate of registration and license plate of any such vehicle shall be ten dollars.

TITLE 56. MOTOR VEHICLES
CHAPTER 3. MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND LICENSING
ARTICLE 10. YEAR OF MANUFACTURE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES

S.C. Code § 56-3-1450 (2009)

§ 56-3-1450. Year of manufacture license plates.

(A) An owner of a motor **vehicle** that is thirty **years old** or older, may apply to the department to use a license plate issued by this State in the year corresponding to the model year of the vehicle, if the license plate is legible and serviceable, as determined by the department. If the department determines that the plate is legible and serviceable, the applicant must submit the regular vehicle registration fee contained in Article 5, Chapter 3 of this title, and the special license plate fee required by [Section 56-3-2020](#). The biennial renewal fee for these plates shall be the regular vehicle registration fee contained in Article 5, Chapter 3 of this title, and the special license plate fee required by [Section 56-3-2020](#).

(B) Once the department approves use of the plate and the applicant submits the required fees, the department shall register the plate to the applicant. The department may not register a license plate that has a sequence of numbers, letters, or other characters identical to any other license plate already issued by the department. The applicant may only use the special license plate on the vehicle with which the license plate registration corresponds.

(C) License plates registered pursuant to this section may only be transferred to vehicles of the same model year as the year the license plate was originally issued.

TITLE 56. MOTOR VEHICLES
CHAPTER 3. MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND LICENSING
ARTICLE 25. MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS' LICENSES; DEMONSTRATION PLATES

S.C. Code § 56-3-2345 (2009)

§ 56-3-2345. Antique dealer license plates.

(A) Upon application being made and the required fee being paid to the Department of Motor Vehicles, the department may issue antique dealer license plates to a licensed motor vehicle dealer. The license plates, notwithstanding other provisions of this chapter to the contrary, may be used exclusively on antique motor vehicles owned by, assigned, or loaned for test driving purposes to the dealer when operated on the highways of this State by the dealer, its corporate officers, its employees, or a prospective purchaser of the antique motor vehicle. The use by a prospective purchaser is limited to seven days, and the dealer shall provide the prospective purchaser with a dated demonstration certificate. The certificate must be approved by the department. Antique dealer plates must not be used to operate wreckers or service vehicles in use by the dealer nor to operate vehicles owned by the dealer that are leased or rented by the public. No antique dealer plates may be issued by the department unless the dealer furnishes proof in a form acceptable to the department that he has a retail business license as required by Chapter 36 of Title 12 and has made at least five sales of antique motor vehicles in the twelve months preceding his application for a dealer plate. The sales requirement may be waived by the department if the dealer has been licensed for less than one year. For purposes of this section, the transfer of ownership of an antique motor vehicle between the same individual or corporation more than one time is considered as only one sale. Multiple transfer of antique motor vehicles between licensed dealers for the purpose of meeting eligibility requirements for antique motor vehicle dealer plates is prohibited.

(B) For good cause shown, the department may issue extra plates. If a dealer has been licensed less than one year, the department shall issue a number of license plates based on an estimated number of sales for the coming year. The department may increase or decrease the number of plates issued based on actual sales made.

(C) The cost of each plate is twenty dollars.

(D) For purposes of this section, "antique motor vehicle" means a motor **vehicle** which is over thirty **years old**.

Equipment Exemptions

From South Carolina Code of Laws:

TITLE 56. MOTOR VEHICLES
CHAPTER 5. UNIFORM ACT REGULATING TRAFFIC ON HIGHWAYS
ARTICLE 35. EQUIPMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

S.C. Code § 56-5-4790 (2009)

§ 56-5-4790. Single-beam road-lighting equipment.

Head lamps arranged to provide a single distribution of light not supplemented by auxiliary driving lamps shall be permitted on motor **vehicles manufactured** and sold **prior** to April 29, 1939 in lieu of multiple-beam road-lighting equipment herein specified, if the single distribution of light complies with the following requirements and limitations:

- (1) The head lamps shall be so aimed that when the vehicle is not loaded none of the high-intensity portion of the light shall at a distance of twenty-five feet ahead project higher than a level of five inches below the level of the center of the lamp from which it comes and in no case higher than forty-two inches above the level on which the vehicle stands at a distance of seventy-five feet ahead; and
- (2) The intensity shall be sufficient to reveal persons and vehicles at a distance of at least two hundred feet.

TITLE 56. MOTOR VEHICLES
CHAPTER 5. UNIFORM ACT REGULATING TRAFFIC ON HIGHWAYS
ARTICLE 3. DEFINITIONS
SUBARTICLE I. VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT

S.C. Code § 56-5-170 (2009)

§ 56-5-170. Authorized emergency vehicles.

(A) Authorized emergency vehicles for purposes of this section include the following:

- (1) fire department vehicles;
- (2) police vehicles;
- (3) ambulances and rescue squad vehicles which are publicly owned;
- (4) vehicles of coroners and deputy coroners of the forty-six counties as designated by the coroners;
- (5) emergency vehicles designated by the fire department or the chief of police of a municipality;
- (6) county government litter enforcement vehicles used by certified law enforcement Class 3 litter control officers;
- (7) Department of Natural Resources vehicles, federal natural resources vehicles, and forestry commission vehicles when being used in the performance of law enforcement duties;
- (8) public and private vehicles while transporting individuals actually engaged in emergency activities because one or more occupants belong to a fire department, volunteer fire department, police department, sheriff's office, authorized county government litter enforcement office, rescue squad, or volunteer rescue squad;
- (9) county or municipal government jail or corrections vehicles used by certified jail or corrections officers, and emergency vehicles designated by the Director of the South Carolina Department of Corrections;
- (10) vehicles designated by the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Environmental Control when being used in the performance of law enforcement or emergency response duties; and
- (11) federal law enforcement, military, and emergency vehicles.

(B) Only authorized emergency vehicles and private security patrol vehicles regulated by the State Law Enforcement Division are allowed use or display of any blue lights or red lights. This includes light bars and smaller lights such as dash, deck, or visor lights. To "display" means to be seen, whether activated or not.

(C) A vehicle shall not display the word 'police' unless it is an authorized emergency vehicle for use only by sworn police or other officers who are approved and certified by the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy.

(D) The provisions of this section do not apply to automobile dealerships, to police equipment suppliers that sell, deliver, or equip police vehicles to or for a law enforcement agency, to **vehicles** owned solely as **collector's** items and used only for participation in club activities, exhibits, tours, parades, and similar uses, or to persons designated by an agency owning such a vehicle to drive the vehicle or drive an auxiliary vehicle transporting such a vehicle.

Emission Exemptions

South Carolina does not operate a vehicle emissions testing program.



South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles

Application for Certificate of Title and Registration for Motor Vehicle or Manufactured Home/Mobile Home

Form 400
(Rev. 4/10)

No strikeovers, erasures, or correction fluid is acceptable on this form. For more information, visit our website at www.scdmvonline.com or call our Customer Call Center at (803) 896-5000.

SECTION A **EXPEDITE (additional \$20.00 fee)** Check here to expedite this title.

Check the box next to the type of transaction you need. Please enclose the required documents and fees with your completed and signed application. For expedited services (within 3 business days) include an additional \$20.00 fee. Make checks payable to: SC DMV. **DO NOT SEND CASH.**

<input type="checkbox"/> NEW TITLE & REGISTRATION 1) Manufacturer Certificate of Origin (MCO) or Title. 2) Paid Property Tax Receipt 3) \$15.00 title fee and 4) Regular registration fee. 5) Sales Tax (5% of selling price or \$300.00 max.) 6) Insurance Information	<input type="checkbox"/> TITLE AND PLATE TRANSFER 1) Manufacturer Certificate of Origin (MCO) or Title. 2) List Previous Tag # _____ 3) Previous registration in owner's name. 4) \$15.00 title 5) \$10.00 transfer fee 6) Sales Tax (5% of selling price or \$300.00 max.) 7) Insurance Information	<input type="checkbox"/> TITLE FOR MOBILE OR MANUFACTURED HOME 1) Manufacturer Certificate of Origin (MCO) or Title. 2) Consumer Insulation Report required for \$300.00 sales tax cap, if mobile home is energy efficient. 3) \$15.00 title fee	<input type="checkbox"/> TITLE ONLY 1) Manufacturer Certificate of Origin (MCO) or Title. 2) \$15.00 title fee 3) Sales Tax (5% of selling price or \$300.00 max.) <input type="checkbox"/> DUPLICATE TITLE 1) Lost Stolen or Destroyed Title 2) \$15.00 title fee.	<input type="checkbox"/> LEASED VEHICLE 1) Do not complete Section D. Complete Section E and all other applicable sections. MAIL YOUR APPLICATION TO: SC DMV P.O. Box 1498 - 10311 Wilson Blvd. Blythewood, SC 29016 - 0024
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SECTION B - VEHICLE INFORMATION *Please print or type in black ink only.*

VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	MAKE	YEAR MAKE	BODY STYLE	MODEL	EMPTY WEIGHT	GVW
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SECTION C - ODOMETER MILEAGE *(Miles not kilometers)*

FEDERAL AND STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT YOU STATE THE MILEAGE IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP. FAILURE TO COMPLETE OR PROVIDING A FALSE STATEMENT MAY RESULT IN FINES AND/OR IMPRISONMENT.

I STATE THAT THE ODOMETER NOW READS _____ (NO TENTHS) AND TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE THAT IT REFLECTS THE **ACTUAL MILEAGE** OF THE VEHICLE DESCRIBED ABOVE **UNLESS** ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS IS CHECKED:



DO NOT CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING UNLESS IT APPLIES.

- EXEMPT
- I CERTIFY THAT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE THE ODOMETER READING REFLECTS THE AMOUNT OF MILEAGE IN EXCESS OF ITS MECHANICAL LIMITS.
- I CERTIFY THAT THE ODOMETER READING IS NOT THE ACTUAL MILEAGE. **WARNING ODOMETER DISCREPANCY.**

SECTION D - OWNER INFORMATION *Your complete legal name must be used on all title and registration documents.*

NEW PRIMARY OWNER COMPLETE LEGAL NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)		SC CUSTOMER NO., DRIVER LICENSE NO., SOC. SEC., OR FEIN		DATE OF BIRTH
NEW CO-OWNER COMPLETE LEGAL NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)	SHARED OWNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> AND <input type="checkbox"/> OR	SC CUSTOMER NO., DRIVER LICENSE NO., SOC. SEC., OR FEIN		DATE OF BIRTH
PRIMARY OWNER'S RESIDENCE STREET ADDRESS (APT. NO. IF APPLICABLE)		CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)		CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
ADDRESS WHERE VEHICLE IS HOUSED (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)		CITY	STATE SC	ZIP CODE
DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER	TEMPORARY ADDRESS (IF APPLICABLE)	EXPIRATION OF TEMPORARY ADDRESS		

SECTION E - LEASING INFORMATION *Complete only for a leased vehicle.*

LEASING COMPANY NAME		PHONE NO.	CONTACT PERSON	CUSTOMER NO.
ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
NAME OF LESSEE (PERSON LEASING VEHICLE)		DRIVER LICENSE NO., SOC. SEC. NO., OR FEIN		DATE OF BIRTH
LESSEE'S SC RESIDENCE STREET ADDRESS (APT. NO. IF APPLICABLE)		CITY	STATE SC	ZIP CODE
LESSEE'S MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)		CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
ADDRESS WHERE VEHICLE IS HOUSED (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)		CITY	STATE SC	ZIP CODE

SECTION F - LIEN INFORMATION *If you are a lienholder, are you a SC ELT participant?* **YES** **NO**

CUSTOMER NO., OR FEIN	LIENHOLDER NAME (FIRST LIEN) Write "None" if vehicle is paid in full.	DATE OF LIEN	CONTACT PERSON	TELEPHONE NUMBER
MAILING ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
CUSTOMER NO., OR FEIN	LIENHOLDER NAME (SECOND LIEN)	DATE OF LIEN	CONTACT PERSON	TELEPHONE NUMBER
MAILING ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE

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SECTION G - SALES TAX EXEMPTION

Complete this section if you are entitled to a sales tax exemption and sign in the space provided verifying the exemption.

VEHICLE PURCHASED FROM INDIVIDUALS AND TITLED IN SOUTH CAROLINA ARE SUBJECT TO SALES TAX UNLESS EXEMPT. THE TAX IS 5% OF THE SALES PRICE UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$300.00. (MOBILE HOMES ARE CALCULATED DIFFERENTLY.)

THE VEHICLE WAS TRANSFERRED FROM:
 MY PARENT
 MY SPOUSE
 MY CHILD
 MY BROTHER/SISTER
 MY GRANDPARENT
 MY GRANDCHILD
 THE VEHICLE WAS TRANSFERRED TO ME AS:
 LEGAL HEIR
 BENEFICIARY
 DISTRIBUTE
 I AM NON-RESIDENT MILITARY PERSONNEL
 THE VEHICLE WAS A BONAFIDE GIFT
 SIGNATURE _____

SECTION H - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

DATE OF PURCHASE		DATE FIRST OPERATED IN S.C.	ENERGY EFFICIENT MANUFACTURED/MOBILE HOME? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
NEW OR USED?	PRIOR TITLE NUMBER		PRIOR TITLE STATE	
THE VEHICLE DESCRIBED ON THIS APPLICATION IS: <input type="checkbox"/> REBUILDABLE <input type="checkbox"/> NON-REBUILDABLE				
THE VEHICLE SUSTAINED THE FOLLOWING DAMAGE: <input type="checkbox"/> COLLISION <input type="checkbox"/> FIRE <input type="checkbox"/> WATER <input type="checkbox"/> STOLEN (RECOVERED) <input type="checkbox"/> STOLEN (UNRECOVERED)				
AGENCY REFERENCE NUMBER	SALVAGE% _____		Calculate the Salvage Percentage: Predamaged Value _____ Estimate for Repairs _____ Percentage _____	

SECTION I - SELLER INFORMATION

Applicant should initial verifying the sales price of the vehicle.

SELLER OR DEALER NAME		SC DEALER/WHOLESALER NUMBER	SC SALES TAX NUMBER	SALES PRICE	CUSTOMER INITIALS
ADDRESS			CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE

SECTION J - INSURANCE CERTIFICATION

A VEHICLE MUST BE INSURED WITH LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE WHEN IT IS REGISTERED AND IT MUST REMAIN INSURED WHILE REGISTERED, WHETHER OR NOT IT IS OPERATED, OR THE UNINSURED MOTORIST FEE MUST BE PAID. PENALTIES ARE SEVERE FOR VIOLATION OF THIS REQUIREMENT.

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I (WE) DECLARE THAT THIS VEHICLE IS **INSURED** BY A **LIABILITY INSURANCE** POLICY ISSUED THROUGH AN INSURANCE COMPANY LICENSED TO DO BUSINESS IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND IT WILL REMAIN INSURED THROUGHOUT THE REGISTRATION PERIOD.

NAME OF INSURANCE COMPANY _____

SECTION K - DONATE LIFE SC

YES, I WISH TO DONATE \$5.00, MORE OR LESS, TO DONATE LIFE SC. AMOUNT OF DONATION: \$ _____ .00

SECTION L - SIGNATURE OF OWNER

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I AM THE OWNER OF THIS VEHICLE AND REQUEST THAT A SOUTH CAROLINA CERTIFICATE OF TITLE AND/OR REGISTRATION BE ISSUED. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION ON THIS APPLICATION IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. THE VEHICLE IS SUBJECT TO THE LIENS NAMED AND NO OTHERS. ALSO, IF REGISTERING A COMMERCIAL VEHICLE OVER 10,000 lbs., I CERTIFY THAT I AM FAMILIAR WITH THE FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY REGULATIONS AND/OR FEDERAL HAZARDOUS MATERIALS REGULATIONS.

SIGNATURE OF OWNER (S) - MUST BE SIGNED IN INK BY OWNER OR AUTHORIZED AGENT (ATTACH POWER OF ATTORNEY IF APPLICABLE) _____ DATE _____

DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

56-3-240 (SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS) - THE DEPARTMENT SHALL OBTAIN THE FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER WHEN A VEHICLE IS REGISTERED WITH A GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT OF MORE THAN 26,000 POUNDS OR A BUS COMMON CARRIER. THE DRIVER PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT OF 1994 (DPPA), 18 USC SECTION 2721-2725 RESTRICT THE DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION CONTAINED IN OUR RECORDS.

PENALTY FEES

FAILURE TO REGISTER WITHIN 45 DAYS OF THE DATE OF PURCHASE OR THE DATE OF OPERATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA WILL RESULT IN PENALTY FEES IN ADDITION TO REGULAR TITLE AND/OR REGISTRATION FEES. THE LATE PENALTY FEE SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

46 - 60 DAYS LATE - \$10.00
 61 - 75 DAYS LATE - \$25.00
 76 - 135 DAYS LATE - \$50.00
 OVER 135 DAYS LATE - \$75.00

THIS SECTION FOR DMV USE ONLY

CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX: <input type="checkbox"/> BRAND <input type="checkbox"/> NO BRAND		
RATED BY	TRANSACTION FEES	
OFFICE/OFFICE NUMBER	EXPEDITED FEE	WEIGHT INCREASE
PLATE NUMBER	LICENSE FEE	TRANSFER
EXPIRATION DATE	UNINSURED FEE	TITLE
PLATE CLASS	USE OR SALES TAX	DONATE LIFE SC
SUSPENSE REASON	PENALTY	TOTAL



South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles

Instructions for Completing the Application for Title (Form 400)

IS-400
(Est. 4/10)

Section A

Check the appropriate box for the type transaction you are applying:

1. **Expedite Title** – If you wish to have the title processed within 3 days, or the same day in a field office or headquarters, check here. **An additional \$20 fee will apply.** Note that one of the options below (1-6) should be checked and option 7 if this is for a leased vehicle.
2. **New Title & registration** – If you wish to register the vehicle and receive a license plate, check here.
3. **Title and Plate Transfer** – If you are transferring an existing plate already in your name, check here.
4. **Title for Mobile or Manufactured Home** – If you are titling a mobile or manufactured home, check here.
5. **Title Only** – If you are applying for a title only (no registration or plates), check here.
6. **Duplicate Title** – If you wish to receive a duplicate title of a vehicle or mobile home that is already titled, check here.
7. **Leased Vehicle** – If the vehicle you are titling is leased, check here. Do not complete section D if the vehicle is leased. Note that one of the above options (1-6) should also be selected.

Section B – Vehicle Information

You must complete all fields from the supporting documents, including the VIN, Make, Year Make, Body Style, Model, and Empty Weight. The GVW (Gross Vehicle Weight) box must be completed, if applicable. The Gross Vehicle Weight is the combined empty weight of the vehicle and the weight of the load and/or what is being pulled. Passenger only vehicles (other than trucks) do not require a GVW. If the vehicle is designed to carry property, the GVW is required. See the GVW rate chart below to determine the GVW fees for your vehicle. These fees are paid in addition to required registration fees.

Gross Vehicle Weight	Annual	Biennial	Gross Vehicle Weight	Annual	Biennial
0001 lbs. – 4000 lbs.	\$15.00	\$30.00	8001 lbs. - 9000 lbs.	\$45.00	\$90.00
4001 lbs. - 5000 lbs.	\$20.00	\$40.00	9001 lbs. - 10000 lbs.	\$50.00	\$100.00
5001 lbs. - 6000 lbs.	\$30.00	\$60.00	10001 lbs. - 11000 lbs.	\$55.00	\$110.00
6001 lbs. - 7000 lbs.	\$35.00	\$70.00	11001 lbs. - 12000 lbs.	\$60.00	\$120.00
7001 lbs. - 8000 lbs.	\$40.00	\$80.00			

Section C – Odometer Mileage

In the odometer mileage field, enter the current mileage at the time of titling and/or registration. The mileage must be the current mileage and not the mileage listed at the time of sale. Mileage is required unless the vehicle is over 10 years old. If the vehicle is over 10 years, the mileage may be indicated as 'exempt'. However once the vehicle is branded "exempt", this brand can not be removed. If the current mileage is known for a vehicle 10 years old or older, the actual mileage may be listed. Do not check one of the mileage options – Exempt, Excess of Mechanical Limits or Not Actual Mileage – unless it applies.

Section D – Owner Information –If the vehicle is leased, this section should not be completed with lessee information.

1. **New Primary Owner Complete Legal Name (Last, First, Middle)** – Enter the last name, first name, and middle name of the new primary owner. The person with the most vested interest in the vehicle or mobile home is the primary owner. All correspondence, including tax notices will be sent to the primary owner.
2. **SC Customer No., SC Driver License No., Soc. Sec. or FEIN** – Enter the customer number or driver’s license number issued by the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles for the primary owner. Do not enter an Out of State driver’s license number. If the primary owner has not obtained a South Carolina customer number or driver’s license number, enter the primary owner’s social security number. If the primary owner is a business or company, enter the social security number or FEIN (FEDERAL EMPLOYEE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER) for the business or company.
3. **Date of Birth** – If the primary owner is an individual, enter the date of birth of the primary owner. If the primary owner is a business or company, leave this space blank.
4. **New Co-Owner Complete Legal Name (Last, First, Middle)** – If ownership of the vehicle or mobile home is shared by two persons, enter the last name, first name and middle name of the new co-owner of the vehicle or mobile home. Note: If the existing primary owner of a vehicle is adding a co-owner to an existing South Carolina title, property taxes will have to be paid in both names to obtain a new plate and registration; or the primary owner or co-owner may transfer a plate that is currently in both names, or either name, to this vehicle (a \$10.00 transfer fee will apply even if the plate is currently on the vehicle).

Additional co-owners are to be listed on a separate Form 400 with Sections B, D, and L completed. The primary owner is required to sign all additional Forms 400 regardless of the relationship.

5. **Shared Ownership** – If there is a co-owner of the vehicle or mobile home, choose “and” if both signatures are required for future title transactions; or choose “or” if only one signature is required. If both items are checked, both signatures will be required for future transactions. Please note that the “or” relationship does not allow the surviving owner to bypass probate requirements.
6. **SC Customer No., SC Driver License No., Soc. Sec. or FEIN** – Enter the customer number or driver’s license number issued by the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles for the co-owner. Do not enter an Out of State driver’s license number. If the co-owner has not obtained a South Carolina customer number or driver’s license number, enter the primary owner’s social security number. If the co-owner is a business or company, enter the social security number or FEIN (FEDERAL EMPLOYEE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER) for the business or company.
7. **Date of Birth** – If the co-owner is an individual, enter the date of birth of the co-owner. If the co-owner is a business or company, leave this space blank.
8. **Primary Owner’s Resident Street Address (Apt. No. If applicable)** – Enter the complete residential street address for the primary owner. A post office box address is not acceptable in this space. If the address is in an apartment complex, include the apartment number. If the primary owner receives mail at an address other than the residential street address, that address should be entered in the mailing address section. This is the address that the title and/or registration and all other SCDMV correspondence or credentials will be mailed to if a mailing address or temporary address is not entered,
9. **City** – Enter the city for the primary owner’s residential street address.
10. **State** – Enter the state for the primary owner’s residential address.
11. **Zip Code** – Enter the zip code for the primary owner’s residential street address.
12. **County** – Enter the South Carolina county number or name for the primary owner’s residential street address, if the residential address is in South Carolina.
13. **Mailing Address (If Different from Above)** – If the primary owner receives mail at an address other than the residential street address, that address should be entered in this space. Unlike the residential street address, this address may be out of state. If the address is in an apartment complex, include the apartment number. This is the address that the title and/or registration and all other SCDMV correspondence and credentials will be mailed to unless left blank or a temporary address is indicated. SCDMV correspondence and credentials will be sent here unless changed or removed by the primary owner.
14. **City** – Enter the city for the primary owner’s mailing address.
15. **State** – Enter the state for the primary owner’s mailing address.
16. **Zip Code** – Enter the zip code for the primary owner’s mailing address.
17. **County** – If the mailing address is in South Carolina, enter the South Carolina county number or name for the mailing address.
18. **Address where vehicle is housed (If Different from above)** – If the vehicle or mobile home is kept in a location in South Carolina other than the residential address of the primary owner, indicate that address here. If the address is in an apartment complex, include the apartment number.
19. **City** – Enter the city of the vehicle or mobile home’s housed address.
20. **State** – The state is marked “SC” because the housed address for the vehicle must be a South Carolina address.
21. **Zip Code** – Enter the zip code of the vehicle or mobile home’s housed address.
22. **County** – Enter the South Carolina county number or name for the vehicle or mobile home’s housed address.
23. **Daytime Telephone Number** – Enter the daytime telephone number of the primary owner here.
24. **Temporary Address (If applicable)** – If the primary owner will be receiving mail at a temporary address for a specified period of time, enter the address, city, state and zip code of the temporary address. If the address is in an apartment complex, include the apartment number. The title and/or registration and all other SCDMV correspondence and credentials will be mailed to this address until the expiration date listed for this address.
25. **Expiration Date of Temporary Address** – Enter the date that the primary owner will no longer be receiving mail at the temporary address. After the date indicated, all SCDMV correspondence and credentials will be mailed to the residential street address or the mailing address, if indicated.

Section E – Leasing Information (Complete only if the vehicle is leased)

1. **LEASING COMPANY NAME** - enter the name of the leasing company for the vehicle.
2. **PHONE NO** - enter the phone number of the leasing company for the vehicle.
3. **CONTACT PERSON** - enter the name of the person we should contact at the leasing company if there are any questions about the transaction.
4. **CUSTOMER NUMBER** – If known, enter the DMV issued customer number for the company that is leasing this vehicle.

5. **ADDRESS, CITY, STATE and ZIP CODE** - enter the address of the leasing company for the vehicle.
6. **NAME OF LESSEE** - enter the name of the person or company leasing the vehicle.
7. **DRIVER LICENSE NO., SOC. SEC. NO., OR FEIN** – enter one of the following numbers in this field: the driver’s license number or social security number of the individual or company leasing the vehicle, or the Federal Employment Identification Number (FEIN) of the company leasing the vehicle.
8. **DATE of BIRTH** - enter the date of birth of the individual leasing the vehicle.
9. **LESSEE’S SC RESIDENCE STREET ADDRESS, CITY, and ZIP CODE** - enter the complete South Carolina street address of the individual or company leasing the vehicle. If the address is in an apartment complex, include the apartment number.
10. **COUNTY** - enter the South Carolina county code or the name of the county in which the lessee resides.
11. **LESSEE’S MAILING ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE, and COUNTY** – enter the lessee’s complete mailing address if it is different than the lessee’s SC residence address. If the address is in an apartment complex, include the apartment number.
12. **ADDRESS WHERE VEHICLE IS HOUSED, CITY, ZIP CODE, and COUNTY** – enter the address where the vehicle is being kept if it is different than the lessee’s SC residential street address. If the address is in an apartment complex, include the apartment number.

Section F – Lien Information (Complete only if there is an outstanding lien on the vehicle)

The lien information on the Form 400 must agree with the supporting documents.

1. Check one of the boxes (YES or NO) to indicate whether or not the lien holder is set up with South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles for electronic lien transfers (ELT).
2. **CUSTOMER NO., OR FEIN** – If known, enter one of the following numbers in this field: the DMV issued customer number for the lien holder or the company’s Federal Employment Identification Number (FEIN). **NOTE:** If the lien holder is an ELT customer, the DMV customer number is required in this field.
3. **LIENHOLDER NAME** - enter the complete name of the lien holder. If transferring an out of state title, use the name as it appears on the out of state title.
4. **DATE OF LIEN** - enter the date the loan was obtained.
5. **CONTACT PERSON** - enter the complete name of the individual handling the loan in case DMV needs to contact them.
6. **TELEPHONE NUMBER** - enter the contact person’s telephone number, including area code.
7. **MAILING ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, and ZIP CODE** - enter the complete mailing address of the lien holder. Use the home office address which may be different than the address they are sending their payments. If transferring a vehicle from another state, use the address as it appears on the out of state title.
8. If there is more than one lien on the vehicle or mobile home, the second lien holder’s information would be entered in this section. Please see #2 through 7 above for an explanation of these fields.

Section G – Sales Tax Exemption

Complete this section only if you are entitled to a sales tax exemption. This exemption applies to the owner applying for the title. The customer should only complete and sign this section if entitled to a sales tax exemption. Please note primary owners 85 years or older may qualify for reduced sales taxes. If you qualify for a sales tax exemption, you should sign in the space provided and check one of the boxes as described in items 1-4, below.

1. **The vehicle was transferred from**—Check () the appropriate box of the individual who transferred the vehicle to you. Indicate my parent, my spouse, my child, my brother/sister, my grandparent, or my grandchild.
2. **The vehicle was transferred to me as** – Check () the appropriate box if the vehicle was transferred to you as a legal heir, beneficiary, or distributee. You will need to complete a Form 4036, “Affidavit of Inheritance of Vehicle.” A Probate Order with a notary seal listing the legal heir that is to receive the vehicle will be accepted in lieu of form 4036. **NOTE:** A “Certificate of Death” cannot be used in lieu of these documents.
3. **I am non-resident military personnel** – Check () if you are non-resident military personnel. You should provide a copy of your Leave and Earnings Statement (LES). The nonresident military exemption for sales, casual excise and use tax only applies to passenger motor vehicles (cars, passenger vans & sports utility vehicles) and motorcycles, not trucks or cargo vans.
4. **The vehicle was a bonafide gift** - Check () this box if the vehicle or mobile home was given to you as a gift.

Section H – Additional Information

1. **Date of Purchase** – Enter the date the vehicle was purchased by the applicant.

2. **Date First Operated in South Carolina** – Enter the date the vehicle was first operated in South Carolina by the applicant. If the applicant is moving from out of state, enter the date the vehicle was moved to the state of South Carolina.
3. **Energy Efficient Manufactured/Mobile Home?** – If you are applying for a title for a mobile home or manufactured home designated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Department of Energy as meeting or exceeding each agency's energy saving efficiency requirements check “Yes”. If the manufactured or mobile home does not meet these requirements, check “No”.
4. **New or Used?** – If this title is for a vehicle or mobile home that has it’s original owner, enter “New”. If the vehicle has been previously owned, enter “Used”.
5. **Prior Title Number** – If vehicle or mobile home has been previously titled, indicate the title number from the previous title. This will be the title document submitted to obtain the new South Carolina title.
6. **Prior Title State** – If the vehicle or mobile home has been previously titled, indicate the state that previously titled the vehicle. This will be the state that issued the title that is being submitted to obtain the new South Carolina title.
7. **The Vehicle described on this application is** – If this title application is for a vehicle that has sustained damages due to a vehicular or other accident, check if the vehicle is “rebuildable” or “non-rebuildable”. This item is used only by insurance companies settling claims on salvage vehicles.
8. **The Vehicle Sustained the Following Damage** – If this title application is for a vehicle that has sustained damages due to a vehicular or other accident, indicate if the vehicle was involved in a collision, and if there has been fire damage and/or if there has been water damage. This item is used only by insurance companies settling claims on salvage vehicles.
9. **Agency Reference Number** – This item is optional for government agencies to indicate additional vehicle or owner information that will printed on the title. This item is often used to indicate the fleet number of a vehicle for a company or governmental agency.
10. **Calculate The Salvage percentage and Salvage %** – Calculate the salvage percentage by indicating the value of the vehicle before the damages were incurred and the estimated cost of repairs. Divide the estimated cost of repairs by the pre-damaged value to obtain the Salvage %. For example, if the value of the vehicle before damages was \$20,000 and repairs are estimated at \$15,000, the salvage percentage is 75% ($\$15,000/\$20,000$). SCDMV Form TR3 is required if the salvage percentage is less than 75% or the vehicle’s pre-damaged value is less than \$2000. This item is used only by insurance companies settling claims on salvage vehicles.

Section I – Seller Information

The section is not required for duplicate titles, corrections, or vehicles transferred from out of state without a sale.

1. **Seller or Dealer Name** – enter the seller’s or dealer’s name.
2. **SC Dealer/Wholesaler Number** – if the vehicle was purchased from a dealer, enter the dealer or wholesaler number.
3. **SC Sales Tax Number** – If the vehicle was not purchased from a dealer, leave this field blank; otherwise, enter the dealer or wholesaler’s sales tax number.
4. **Sales Price** –the sales price of the vehicle. **You should initial to verify the sales price if the sales price is entered here.**
5. **Address** – enter the complete address of the seller or dealer.
6. **City** –enter the city of the seller or dealer.
7. **State** –enter the state of the seller or dealer.
8. **Zip Code** –enter the zip code of the seller or dealer.

Section J – Insurance Certification

This section is required if a vehicle registration is requested. Enter the name of the liability insurance company; not the insurance agency’s name.

Section K – Donate Life SC

Indicate whether you would like to make a donation to Donate Life SC. If you would like to make a donation, indicate the amount to contribute on the blank line. For more information on Donate Life SC, visit www.donatelifesc.org.

Section L – Signature of Owner

After verifying that all information is accurate and correct, the owner(s) must sign. If *Shared Ownership* is marked with “*And*” (Section D, #5), both owners must sign the application. If someone other than the owner signs the application, the application must be accompanied by an official POA (Power of Attorney). If you are registering a commercial vehicle over 10,000 lbs., you are also certifying that you are familiar with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations and/or Federal Hazardous Materials Regulations. If the vehicle registered is not a commercial vehicle over 10,000 lbs., this statement is not applicable to this application.



South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles

AFFIDAVIT OF REBUILT OR HOMEMADE VEHICLE

4038
(Rev. 6/03)

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I am the legal and rightful owner of the vehicle described below and that I purchased or came into possession of the motor, body, frame and other necessary parts in a legal and lawful manner and that these component parts were acquired or purchased for the purpose of assembling or rebuilding the vehicle described below.

MAKE _____ YEAR _____ MODEL _____ BODY STYLE _____

VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NO. _____

LAST REGISTERED _____ LICENSE YEAR _____

VEHICLE IS CLASSIFIED AS: (Check only one)

REBUILT

HOMEMADE

CUSTOM KIT CAR

The vehicle has had the following major components replaced: _____

AFFIDAVIT OF RESPONSIBILITY: (Check only if previous title is not available)

I shall be responsible for any liens or encumbrances which may be filed against the above described vehicle, as I have exhausted all means of obtaining the previous title for same as shown by the attached documentation.

Signature of Applicant

WARNING: Making a material false statement, failing to disclose a security interest or concealing any material fact in an application for vehicle title with fraudulent intent constitutes a felony. A felony under this act is punishable by imprisonment of not more than five (5) years.

CERTIFICATION OF AN AUTHORIZED AGENT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

This is to certify that I have examined the above described vehicle and found the vehicle identification number listed on this form is properly affixed on this vehicle.

Signature of Agent

Title

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR INSTRUCTIONS

INSTRUCTIONS

NOTE: If it is available, the previous certificate of title must always be turned in to the Department. If the certificate of title is not available, the Department will inform you what documents are needed. The Department will not issue you a title based on this affidavit alone.

1. You must complete Form 400 (Application for Title). If you are purchasing a license plate or transferring a plate from another vehicle to this vehicle, you must also complete Section 2 of the Form 400.
2. You must turn in the previous certificate of title and/or registration with this form and the application for title.
3. The title to the vehicle must be properly assigned to you. Any lien listed on the title must be released or cleared.
4. A bill of sale and/or receipts for parts and any custom kit documents used to rebuild or make the vehicle must also be attached.
5. If you are not submitting the previous certificate of title to the Department, you must submit the Salvage Title.
6. If no vehicle identification number (VIN) is on the vehicle, a number must be assigned to it. The VIN number must be placed on the vehicle and inspected by an authorized agent of the Department. The agent will sign this form verifying the vehicle identification (VIN) number.
7. A paid personal property tax receipt in the owner's name is required to purchase plates for the vehicle. The tax receipt should be for the current year.
8. You must pay for a title, and, if applicable, a registration fee and casual sales tax or excise tax on the vehicle.



South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles
OWNER'S/REBUILDER'S AFFIDAVIT

S-2
(Rev. 4/06)

Owner's Affidavit

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that I, _____, am the owner and in possession of the vehicle described below and that I purchased said vehicle on

_____ from _____
Date Name

_____ Street City State Zip Code

_____ Year Make Model Vehicle Identification Number

I understand that this affidavit will be used to apply for a Certificate of Title for this vehicle and that any false statements in this affidavit will subject me to civil and criminal liability.

Signature of Owner

Print Name of Owner

Street

_____ City State Zip Code Phone Number

Rebuilder's Affidavit for a Reconstructed Vehicle

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that I, _____, am the person who has rebuilt the vehicle identified above and that the fair market value of the vehicle is \$ _____ as estimated in the _____ edition of _____, and that the total cost of repairs made to the _____
Year/Month (Here print name of source relied on to estimate value, e.g. NADA)
vehicle, included all parts and labor, was \$ _____ which is _____% of the Fair Market retail value, and that the damage was substantially repaired.

I understand that this affidavit will be used to apply for a Certificate of Title for this vehicle and that any false statements in this affidavit will subject me to civil and criminal liability.

Signature of Rebuilder

Print Name of Rebuilder

Street

_____ City State Zip Code Phone Number

For Department Use Only

This certification must be signed by an authorized agent for the Department of Motor Vehicles, and submitted with all applications and documents when application for Certificate of Title is being made regarding a reconstructed vehicle.

This statement is to certify that I have inspected the below listed vehicle and to the best of my knowledge and belief, the Vehicle Identification Number is correct.

Vehicle Identification Number _____

Year Model _____ Make _____

Date _____

Department Agent's Signature

Title



South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles

APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL SERIAL NUMBER

401-A
(Rev. 5/06)

APPLICANT'S INFORMATION

Name _____ Driver's License Number _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone Number () _____

VEHICLE INFORMATION

Make _____ Year of Vehicle _____ Model _____

VIN _____ Body Style _____ Trailer Size _____

Has vehicle/trailer ever been registered? Yes No State _____ Year _____

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO OBTAIN SERIAL NUMBER

1. On a separate sheet of paper describe how the vehicle was built and by whom. If your application is for a trailer include a drawing of the frame with a materials list.
2. Attach original receipts for the following major parts: frame, engine, transmission, axles, body tub, and welding receipts. If your application involves a trailer, receipts are needed for axles, steel or other framing materials and welding. If you purchased a vehicle or trailer already constructed, a title, bill of sale, manufacture statement of origin, or construction receipts and ownership history will be required.
3. Attach photographs of vehicle/trailer showing all sides.

Note: Photos and receipts will not be returned. The Department may require a field inspection or additional documents when necessary.

AFFIDAVIT OF RESPONSIBILITY/ WAIVER

By completing this application for a special serial number, I hereby certify all information in this application to be true and correct. I further certify that I am the legal and rightful owner of the property described above. I accept all responsibility for any outstanding liens, or encumbrances.

I, the undersigned hereby accept all responsibility and liability related to this application. I further explicitly release the Department and its employees of same. The Department in no way expresses nor implies this vehicle/trailer to be safe or road worthy.

MAIL TO:

**SCDMV
Office of Integrity & Accountability
Attn: Special Serial Numbers
P.O. Box 1498
Blythewood, SC 29016-0005**

Signature of Applicant



South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles

APPLICATION FOR YEAR OF MANUFACTURE LICENSE PLATE

RG-505A
(Est. 04/07)

Please complete the application and mail it along with:

- Color copy and/or photograph of the plate.
- Copy of paid property tax receipt for current tax year
- Special Plate Fee of \$30.00
- Required registration fees (see schedule to right)

Mail application and required documents to: S.C. Department of Motor Vehicles, Personalized Plate Unit P.O. Box 1498, Blythewood, S.C. 29016-0008. Tel. (803)896-9638

- The plates are for cars or light trucks with an empty weight of 9,000 pounds or less and a gross vehicle weight of 11,000 pounds or less.
- Motorcycles and motorcycle plates are not eligible for Year of Manufacture consideration.

The fee for a Year of Manufacture plate is \$30.00 plus the regular registration fee.

****NOTE: No Senior Citizen discount on the \$30.00 Year of Manufacture Special Plate fee****

Registration Fees are as follows:

Passenger Cars - \$24.00

Light Trucks GVW Fees:

0001-4000	\$30.00	7001-8000	\$80.00
4001-5000	\$40.00	8001-9000	\$90.00
5001-6000	\$60.00	9001-10,000	\$100.00
6001-7000	\$70.00	10,001-11,000	\$110.00

Senior Citizens are entitled to reduced fees for REGULAR REGISTRATION FEES ONLY as follows:

Cars - \$20.00 (age 65) \$22.00 (age 64)

Light trucks with a GVW of no more than 6,000 lbs.
Fees are \$30.00

Discounts are not available for trucks with a GVW of more than 6000 lbs.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	
Street Address			
Mailing Address			
City	State	ZIP Code	Daytime Telephone No. (with Area Code)
Vehicle Identification Number	Make	Year	Vehicle Plate Number
Do you wish to donate \$1.00 to the Donate Life of South Carolina fund? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Amount \$			

INSURANCE INFORMATION

Under penalties of perjury, I declare this vehicle is insured with the company named below and I will maintain liability insurance throughout the registration period.

Name of Insurance Company _____

CERTIFICATION

I certify that I am the owner of the vehicle for which I am seeking a Year of Manufacture plate, and that the vehicle is 30 or more years old. I further certify that I came into possession of the plate in a lawful manner.

Signature of Applicant _____

DMV USE ONLY			
Check No. _____	Amount \$ _____	Plate No. _____	Clerk Initials _____



South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles

APPLICATION FOR YEAR OF MANUFACTURE LICENSE PLATE

Information Sheet

RG-505A
(Rev. 10/08)

To be eligible to apply for use of a Year of Manufacture plate as the vehicle's regular registration, the plate must meet prescribed criteria and the applicant must meet all the requirements. Year of Manufacturer license plates can be issued for use only for automobiles or trucks having an empty weight of nine thousand pounds or less and a gross weight of eleven thousand pounds or less. Motorcycles and motorcycle plates are not eligible for Year of Manufacture consideration.

DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS

1. To apply for the Year of Manufacture plate, the applicant must own the vehicle to which the plate will be registered. Leased vehicles and vehicles registered in the name of a company are NOT eligible for Year of Manufacture plates.
2. Vehicles eligible for Year of Manufacture plates must also be titled in South Carolina.
3. Owners applying for a Year of Manufacture plate must meet all South Carolina titling and registration requirements, including payment of applicable sales and/or property taxes and maintenance of appropriate automobile liability insurance.
4. The vehicle to which the plate is registered may not be used as a service vehicle, for commercial purposes or for transporting passengers on a compensated basis.
5. The license plate must be a South Carolina plate issued in the year matching the model year of the vehicle.
6. The department will not register a license plate that has a sequence of numbers, letters, or other characters identical to any other license plate already issued by the department.
7. The Department reserves the right to exclude certain letter and number series assigned to special issue plates from use as a year of manufacture plate. **The Department will publish restricted and available number series on its website at www.scdmvonline.com. Applicants should consult the website for guidance prior to obtaining the plate.**
8. **It is the owner's responsibility to ensure that the submitted plate meets the specifications and permissible number series before s/he purchases the plate to be registered.**
9. Only plates available to the general public in the year they were issued can be used as a Year of Manufacture plate. The Department will not approve as Year of Manufacture plates specialty plates originally issued to commissions, organizations, elected officials or for any other special purpose.
10. The Department may approve the display of only one (1) Year of Manufacture plate even though the Department may have issued two (2) plates in the year the plate was originally issued.
11. Plates can be transferred to another of the owner's vehicles, but only to vehicles of the same model year.
12. The approved Year of Manufacture plate can only be used on the vehicle for which the Department issued the corresponding registration certificate.
13. The Department will issue with the registration certificate an annual renewal decal. The decal need not be displayed on the Year of Manufacture plate; however, the registration and decal must be kept in the vehicle at all times and must be presented to law enforcement upon request.
14. If a Year of Manufacture plate is ever suspended or revoked, the Department may require that the plate be surrendered to the Department. The plate then becomes the property of the Department.

PLATE SPECIFICATIONS

1. The plate must be in its original condition. The plate may not have been repainted or otherwise altered from its original condition.
2. The plate must be serviceable. The plate must be free from rust and corrosion and its letters, numbers and markings must be clearly legible.
3. The plate can contain no more than seven (7) characters.
4. The plate characters cannot include a letter/number sequence that has been excluded from use as a Year of Manufacture plate.
5. Plate text cannot be duplicated. If an owner seeks a letter/number sequence that is already in circulation, the Department will not approve its use.
6. Owners are responsible for ensuring that they provide a plate with an approved number series.
7. The plate must be sufficiently distinctive in appearance so as not to be confused with currently issued plates.



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- If the Department has already approved the use of a plate as a Year of Manufacture plate containing a specific combination of letters and numbers (or letter or numbers alone), that same combination on a different Year Of Manufacture plate is not sufficiently distinctive and will not be approved for another Year of Manufacture plate.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

Customers must comply with the following registration procedures in order to register a Year of Manufacture license plate:

- Customers must contact the Department’s Personalized Plate Unit in Blythewood by mail or phone prior to obtaining the Year of Manufacture plate to ensure that the plate number can be used for general circulation.
 Personalized Plate Unit
 SC Department of Motor Vehicles
 PO Box 1498
 Blythewood, SC 29016-0008
 (803) 896-9638
- The Personalized Plate unit checks the system to ensure that the plate number is from an approved number series and does not duplicate any plate already in the system.
- If the plate number is available, the Personalized Plate unit reserves the number for the customer and instructs the customer to obtain the plate.
- Once the customer has obtained the plate, he or she completes application form RG-505A for approval to use the Year of Manufacture license plate and mails to Personalized Plate Unit Blythewood with a clear color copy or photograph of the plate, a copy of a paid property tax receipt for the current year, and all required fees.
- If the vehicle was never previously titled, the owner can submit a Form 400 to make application for title, along with all applicable title fees.
- The Personalized Plate unit verifies that the plate is a general issue plate and meets all specifications for the year in which it was manufactured, that the vehicle has been titled (or that title application accompanies the form RG-505A) and that the vehicle to which the plate is to be registered is of the same YEAR MAKE.
- Based on the appearance of the plate from the copy or photograph, the Personalized Plate unit either approves the condition of the plate or contacts the customer to have the condition of the plate verified by a local DMV office.
- Once the condition of the plate is approved, the Personalized Plate unit will process the registration.
- The Personalized Pate unit will mail the customer the registration and decal, along with a standard form letter advising the customer of the requirement to keep the decal with the registration in the vehicle at all times.

FEES

The fee for a Year of Manufacture plate is \$30.00 special plate fee, plus the regular registration fee.

SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT IS NOT AVAILABLE ON THE SPECIAL PLATE FEE.

Regular Registration Fees are as follows:

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0 - 4000	\$30.00	7001 - 8000	\$80.00
4001 - .5000	\$40.00	8001 - 9000	\$90.00
5001 - 6000	\$60.00	9001 - 10,000	\$100.00
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Cars - \$20.00 (age 65) \$22.00 (age 64)
 Light trucks (with a GVW up to 6,000 lbs.)
 Fees are \$30.00
 Discounts are not available for trucks with a GVW of more than 6000 lbs.