

FACT SHEET

Collectible Vehicle

PURPOSE

This fact sheet outlines the procedure for issuance of collectible vehicle registration plates.

DEFINITION OF COLLECTIBLE VEHICLE

A collectible vehicle is a reconstructed or modified motor vehicle substantially modified from the manufacturer's original specifications and appearances and maintained in a collectible condition as determined by PennDOT.

USE OF COLLECTIBLE REGISTRATION PLATES

The use of collectible plates is governed by Section 1340 of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code which states: "It is unlawful for any person to operate a motorcycle or vehicle with antique, classic, vintage, collectible or historic military vehicle registration plates for general daily transportation. Permitted use shall be limited to participation in club activities, exhibits, tours, parades, occasional transportation and similar uses." **Occasional transportation and similar uses are defined as one day a week.**

EXPIRATION OF COLLECTIBLE REGISTRATION PLATES

Collectible registration plates are permanent and are issued for the life of the vehicle while it is owned by the present owner. If the present owner sells the vehicle, the registration plate remains with the seller/owner and may be used on another qualified vehicle, provided the proper registration and title fees are paid. However, if ownership is transferred between spouses, or between parent and child, the original registration plate may be transferred in the usual manner with a title fee and transfer fee.

If the owner sells the vehicle and wants to give the new owner the registration plate, the seller must write a letter of release for the registration plate and give it to the new owner. The new owner should forward the letter to PennDOT, along with all appropriate documents and fees when applying for title and registration of the vehicle. The new owner must pay the full registration fee in order to use the registration plate. The transfer fee is not needed in this case.

For a complete listing of motor vehicle fees, refer to [Form MV-70S, "Bureau of Motor Vehicles Schedule of Fees."](#)

APPLICATION FOR COLLECTIBLE REGISTRATION PLATES

The following steps are necessary for the processing of collectible registration plates:

1. Certificate of title (Form MV-4) and Vehicle Sales and Use Tax Return/Application for Registration (Form MV-4ST) or out-of-state title, or Pennsylvania Certificate of Salvage (Form MV-5) and Application for Certificate of Title (Form MV-1) must be submitted when the vehicle is being transferred to a new owner and the new owner is making application for a collectible registration plate.
2. [Form MV-426B, "Application for Reconstructed, Specially Constructed, Collectible, Modified, Flood, Recovered Theft Vehicles and Street Rods,"](#) must be completed.

NOTE: If the vehicle is already branded as a collectible vehicle, complete [Form MV-11, "Application for Permanent Antique, Classic or Collectible Vehicle Registration Plate."](#) **NOTE:** This application is only used for vehicles currently branded as collectible vehicles. If your vehicle is not currently branded as a collectible vehicle, you must follow the procedures outlined on Form MV-426B.

3. The appropriate sales tax/registration fees and four clearly distinguishable color photographs of the vehicle (front, rear and both sides) must be submitted. Two additional color photographs are required when the engine has been modified. One of the engine compartment that shows the qualifying engine

modifications and the other of the exhaust system that shows the modified changes of the new exhaust system that was installed must be included. (Additional photographs may be necessary to sufficiently show exhaust system modifications.) **NOTE:** If the change is not engine related, i.e., low slung “1950’s” type vehicles, an additional color photograph of the vehicle must be included.

Collectible vehicles must meet all the requirements for a reconstructed vehicle. In addition, the vehicle must be substantially changed in order to qualify as “Collectible.” Substantial changes to the engine or exhaust system must be done to qualify as a “Collectible” motor vehicle. The changes must be documented as required on Form MV-426B. In addition, the vehicle must primarily be used for show and must appear to be in “show” condition.

4. Make check or money order payable to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and mail all forms/photos to the address listed on Form MV-426B.

NOTE: Collectible registration plates may be personalized for an additional fee. To check personalized registration plate availability, visit PennDOT’s Driver and Vehicle Services website, www.dmv.pa.gov and select the [Plate Availability](#) link from the list of services under the Online Services heading.

INSPECTION

Collectible vehicles are subject to an annual vehicle safety inspection, however, collectible vehicles are exempt from emission inspections.

Please Note: Authorized agents are under contract to PennDOT and may charge a market driven service (delivery) fee; these are in addition to any PennDOT statutory fees for temporary, or in some cases, permanent motor vehicle registration plates and cards or other related products and services offered by the agent. The agent’s service (delivery) fees are market driven, and vary by agent. To compare service (delivery) fees, you are encouraged to contact the authorized agents in your area for the applicable service (delivery) fees charged.