

FACT SHEET

Mopeds, Motor-Driven Cycles, and Motorcycles Registration Plates

PURPOSE

This fact sheet outlines the usage for the varying motorcycle registration plates issued by PennDOT.

REGISTRATION PLATE TYPES

Standard Motorcycle



The Standard Motorcycle registration plate is issued for a motor vehicle having a seat or saddle for the use of the rider and designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, or designed to travel on two wheels in contact with the ground which is modified by the addition of two stabilizing wheels on the rear of the motor vehicle.

An Autocycle is a three-wheeled motorcycle that has a steering wheel and seating that does not require the operator to straddle or sit astride. These vehicles typically have bucket seats, seat belts, a steering wheel, and gas and brake pedals similar to a car.

The Standard Motorcycle registration plate can be identified with the letters "MC" at the bottom.

Standard Motorcycle registration plates are issued when Form MV-1, "Application for Certificate of Title," Form MV-4ST, "Vehicle Sales and Use Tax Return/Application for Registration," or [Form MV-140, "Request for Registration Renewals"](#) are completed.

Standard Moped



The Standard Moped registration plate is issued for a motor-driven cycle equipped with operable pedals, a motor rated no more than 1.5 brake horsepower, a cylinder capacity not exceeding 50 cubic centimeters, an automatic transmission, and a maximum design speed of no more than 25 miles per hour, or an electric motor-driven cycle equipped with operable pedals and powered by an electric battery. The Standard Moped registration plate can be identified with the letters "MP" at the bottom.

Standard Moped registration plates are issued when Form MV-1, "Application for Certificate of Title," Form MV-4ST, "Vehicle Sales and Use Tax Return/Application for Registration," or [Form MV-140, "Request for Registration Renewals"](#) are completed.

Standard Vertical Motorcycle



The Vertical Motorcycle registration plate is issued for motorcycles which have a vertical plate assembly. The Vertical Motorcycle registration plate can be identified with the beginning letter of "M" and ending letter of "C" as well as the letters "MC" at the bottom.

Applicants may apply for a Vertical Motorcycle registration plate by completing [Form MV-165, "Application for Vertical Motorcycle Registration Plate."](#)



Antique Motorcycle



The Antique Motorcycle registration plate is issued for motorcycles, but not a reproduction thereof, manufactured more than 25 years prior to the current year which has been **maintained in or restored to** a condition which is substantially in conformance with manufacturer specifications. The Antique Motorcycle registration plate can be identified with the words "Antique MC" at the bottom.

Applicants may apply for an Antique Motorcycle registration plate by completing [Form MV-11, "Application for Permanent, Antique, Classic or Collectible Registration Plate."](#)

Classic Motorcycle



The Classic Motorcycle registration plate is issued for motorcycles, but not a reproduction thereof, manufactured at least 15 years prior to the current year which has been **maintained in or restored to** a condition which is substantially in conformity with manufacturer specifications and appearance. Any Classic motor vehicle registered under Section 1340 (relating to antique, classic and collectible plates) on the effective date of the amendment to this definition which fails to qualify as a classic motor vehicle pursuant to these provisions may retain such classic registration unless another type of registration is applied for and issued for the vehicle. The Classic Motorcycle registration plate can be identified by the vertically stacked letters "CL" plus four digits and has the words "Classic MC" at the bottom.

Applicants may apply for a Classic Motorcycle registration plate by completing [Form MV-11, "Application for Permanent, Antique, Classic or Collectible Registration Plate."](#)

Collectible Motorcycle



The Collectible Motorcycle registration plate is issued for reconstructed motorcycles but not a reproduction thereof, substantially modified from the manufacturer's original specifications and appearance and **maintained in** a collectible condition as determined by PennDOT. The Collectible Motorcycle registration plate can be identified by the vertically stacked letters "CM" plus three digits and has the words "Collectible MC" at the bottom.

Applicants may apply for a Collectible Motorcycle registration plate by completing [Form MV-11, "Application for Permanent, Antique, Classic or Collectible Registration Plate."](#)

Veteran Motorcycle



The Veteran Motorcycle registration plate is issued for motorcycles owned or co-owned by a veteran or service member who served in the Armed Forces of the United States or a branch of the reserves. The Veteran Motorcycle registration plate can be identified by the letter "V" plus four digits and has the word "Veteran" at the bottom.

Applicants may apply for a Veteran Motorcycle registration plate by completing [Form MV-150V, "Application for U.S. Military Veteran Registration Plate."](#)

Persons with Disability Motorcycle



The Persons with Disability Motorcycle registration plate is issued for motorcycles owned or co-owned by a person with a disability. The Persons with Disability Motorcycle registration plate can be identified by the letter "P" plus three digits and has the word "Motorcycle" at the bottom.

Applicants may apply for a Persons with Disability Motorcycle registration plate by completing [Form MV-145, "Application for Person with a Disability or Hearing Impaired Registration Plate or a Person with a Disability Motorcycle Plate."](#)

Municipal Government Motorcycle



The Municipal Government Motorcycle registration plate is issued for motorcycles registered to a governmental or quasi-governmental entity such as a Political Subdivision (any county, city, borough, incorporated town, township, school district, vocational school district and county institution district) or a Municipal Authority (a municipal authority that was created by one or more political subdivisions). The Municipal Motorcycle registration plate can be identified by the letters "MG" plus three digits and has the word "Municipal" at the top.

Applicants may apply for a Municipal Motorcycle registration plate by completing [Form MV-14MG, "Application for Municipal Government Registration Plate."](#)

Honoring Our Veterans Motorcycle



The Honoring Our Veterans Motorcycle registration plate is issued for motorcycles and sale of this registration plate benefits the Veterans Trust Fund. The Honoring Our Veterans Motorcycle registration plate can be identified by the vertically stacked letters "HV" plus four digits and has the words "Honoring Our Veterans" at the bottom.

Applicants may apply for an Honoring Our Veterans Motorcycle registration plate by completing [Form MV-914, "Application for Honoring Our Veterans Special Fund Registration Plate."](#)

PERSONALIZATION

Motorcycle registration plates may be personalized for an additional fee. **NOTE:** For a current listing of motor vehicle fees, refer to [Form MV-70S, "Bureau of Motor Vehicles Schedule of Fees,"](#) found on our website at www.pa.gov/dmv.

To check personalized registration plate availability, visit PennDOT's Driver and Vehicle Services website, www.pa.gov/dmv and select Vehicle Services, then Registration Plates and select [Personalized Registration Plates](#).