

## **NOTICE OF PROPOSED GUIDANCE DOCUMENT**

### **Hobbyist License Plates**

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 227.112, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is hereby seeking comment on Hobbyist License Plates, ch. 341, a proposed guidance document.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION**

Comments may be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for 21 days by:

1. Department's website:

<https://appengine.egov.com/apps/wi/dot/guidance-docs?guidDocId=DMV425>

2. Mailing written comments to:

Division of Motor Vehicles  
Wisconsin Department of Transportation  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
PO Box 7336  
Madison, WI 53707-7336

### **WEBSITE LOCATION OF FINAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT**

The final version of this guidance document will be posted at [wisconsindot.gov](http://wisconsindot.gov) to allow for ongoing comment.

### **AGENCY CONTACT**

[DOTDMVGuidanceDocs@DOT.WI.GOV](mailto:DOTDMVGuidanceDocs@DOT.WI.GOV)



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# Hobbyist license plates

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Hobbyist license plate numbers are assigned to the vehicle owner for a lifetime and the registration does not expire. A letter suffix is added to the number (i.e., 1A, 1B, etc.) for each subsequent hobbyist vehicle owned by the same person. Hobbyist plates **cannot** be personalized.

## Types of hobbyist vehicles

### Street modified vehicles

- Must be at least 20 model years old.
- Can still be recognized as the original vehicle year and make.
- Are altered from the original vehicle.
- Are typically known as "hot rods" or "street rods".

### Replica vehicles

- Must replicate a vehicle at least 20 model years old.
- Are reproductions of vehicles originally made by another manufacturer. (Indicate the year and make that the vehicle replicates in Section A of the application.)

### Reconstructed vehicles

- Are constructed from a vehicle at least 20 model years old.
- Are no longer recognizable as the original vehicle.
- If newly reconstructed, the application must include a bill of sale for all major parts used in the construction of the vehicle.
- May need an inspection by a Wisconsin State Patrol inspector. You will receive a letter requesting an inspection, if needed.

### Homemade motorized vehicles

- Must have been constructed from new or used parts with a body and frame not originating from or resembling a previously manufactured motor vehicle.
- Homemade motorcycles must replicate a motorcycle 20 or more model years old.
- May need an inspection by a Wisconsin State Patrol inspector. You will receive a letter requesting an inspection, if needed.

Refer to [Wisconsin Statutes 341.268](#) for vehicle definitions and [Administrative Rule Trans 149](#) for homemade or reconstructed vehicle requirements.

## Things you should know:

- The owner of a Hobbyist vehicle must own or lease one other motor vehicle for regular transportation with current, valid registration in Wisconsin under the same name(s) as the hobbyist vehicle. If jointly owned, each owner must own or lease a vehicle with valid registration in Wisconsin to qualify.
- Hobbyist registration fees are twice the regular annual registration fee for the type of vehicle, plus a one-time fee of \$50 for the first Hobbyist plate. Example:
  - regular annual registration fee for an auto is \$75
  - $\$75 \times 2 = \$150$
  - $\$150 + \$50 = \$200$
  - The fee for a first auto with Hobbyist plates is \$200; the fee for a second auto is \$150.
- Truck-type vehicles with Hobbyist plates are registered by gross weight.
  - To determine the gross vehicle weight, use the weight of the vehicle, a full tank of gas, driver, passengers and any load you plan to carry. Hobbyist truck-type vehicles cannot haul more than 500 pounds.
- Hobbyist registration does not expire for as long as you own the vehicle.
- **Hobbyist license plates are not valid for operation during the month of January.** To operate the vehicle in January, use the Collector or Hobbyist Vehicle Temporary License Plate Application form [MV2750](#) to apply for temporary registration for a maximum of five consecutive days in January.
- Vehicles with Hobbyist plates cannot be used for commercial purposes or operated for hire.
- Except for motorcycles, which receive one plate, WisDOT issues two Hobbyist license plates that must

be displayed on the vehicle.

- For more information, visit [personalized and special plates FAQs](#).

## How to apply

Hobbyist license plates are **not** available at local [DMV customer service centers](#). To apply, send the following items:

1. Complete and sign the Hobbyist Registration Application form  [MV2388](#). Check the type of hobbyist vehicle on page 1.
2. Send the above items with your original title (not a photocopy) and Hobbyist registration fee to:
 

Wisconsin Department of Transportation  
Special Plates Unit  
P.O. Box 7911  
Madison WI 53707-7911
3. If the vehicle is **not** titled in your name, you must also complete form  [MV1](#) Wisconsin Title and License Plate Application (or MV11 for dealer sales) and include appropriate fees.
4. If the vehicle qualifies as a reconstructed or homemade vehicle, the vehicle must pass a safety and equipment inspection with the Wisconsin State Patrol. You will receive a letter requesting an inspection, **if needed**.

### Registration fees

Vehicle type	Gross weight*	First plate	Second and subsequent plate, or transfer from a vehicle you no longer own
Automobile	NA	\$200	\$150
Truck	4,500 lbs. or less	\$200	\$150
	6,000 lbs. or less	\$218	\$168
	over 6,000 lbs.	\$262	\$212
Motor home	5,000 lbs. or less	\$147	\$97
	over 5,000 lbs.	\$160	\$110
Motorcycle/moped		\$73	\$23

### For more information:

- [Collector license plates](#)

#### Special Plates Unit

**Email** [Wisconsin DMV email service](#)

**Phone** (608) 266-3041

**Fax** (608) 267-5106

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