

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

Heavy Trucks and Trailers License Plates

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 227.112, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is hereby seeking comment on Heavy Trucks and Trailers License Plates, chs. 340 and 341, a proposed guidance document.

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WEBSITE LOCATION OF FINAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

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Apportioned full trailer

Plate is valid, but no longer issued.



Registration period	1 year
Plate expiration	All 12 months
Fee	Based on weight, mileage, and fees for operation in other states. Plate is valid, but no longer issued.
Number of plates	One
Plates remain with	Registrant
Plate color	Red on white
Statutory reference	s.341.405
DMV inquiry	APT
DOJ "TIME" system inquiry	AL

Apportioned power unit

Apportioned power unit [weight sticker](#).

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Registration period	1 year
Plate expiration	All 12 months
Fee	Based on weight, mileage, and fees for operation in other states.
Number of plates	One
Plates remain with	Registrant
Plate color	Red on white Black on white (beginning July 2018)
Statutory reference	s.341.405

DMV inquiry	APO
DOJ "TIME" system inquiry	AP

Apportioned semi-trailer

This IRP apportioned plate is no longer issued but remains valid throughout the US and Canadian IRP jurisdictions as a non-expiring semi-trailer plate.



Registration period	Non-expiring
Plate expiration	Indefinite
Fee	Originally based on weight, mileage, and fees for operation in other states. However, since 2002 it is a valid non-expiring plate/registration with no recurring fee.
Number of plates	One
Plates remain with	Not transferable to a different vehicle.
Plate color	Black on yellow
Statutory reference	s.341.405
DMV inquiry	APT
DOJ "TIME" system inquiry	AL

Farm trailer

Trailer must be used exclusively for farm purposes.



Current design issued in 2008

Registration period	1 year
Plate expiration	December 31
Fee	Based on vehicle gross weight (see fee chart)
Number of plates	One
Plates remain with	Vehicle
Plate color	Black on gray
Statutory reference	s.340.01(17) , s.341.26(3)(b)
DMV inquiry	FTL
DOJ "TIME" system inquiry	TL

Heavy farm truck

Farm truck in excess of 12,000 pounds. May not be used for any non-farm occupation or commuting to and from work. Farm truck registered at 38,000 pounds or more must be used exclusively for farm purposes. Use of farm truck less than 38,000 pounds must be primarily for farm purposes.



Current design issued in 2008

Registration period	1 year
Fee	Based on vehicle gross weight (see fee chart)
Number of plates	Two
Plates remain with	Vehicle
Plate color	Black on gray
Statutory reference	s.340.01(18) , s.341.045 , s.341.26(3)(a)2
DMV inquiry	HFM
DOJ "TIME" system inquiry	FM

Heavy trailer

Plate validated with a sticker showing month and year of expiration.



Current design issued in 2008

Registration period	1 year, quarterly, or consecutive monthly
Plate expiration	Based on registration period
Fee	Based on vehicle gross weight (see fee chart)
Number of plates	One
Plates remain with	Vehicle
Plate color	Black on gray
Statutory reference	s.340.01(71), s.341.25(1)(g), s.341.25(1)(ge), s.341.26(1), s.341.26(4), s.341.25(2)
DMV inquiry	TRL
DOJ "TIME" system inquiry	TL

Heavy truck

Issued to trucks in excess of 8,000 pounds. Plates validated with a sticker showing month and year of expiration. Issued to a motor truck used as a motor home with a slide-in camper unit (dual-purpose vehicle).



Current design issued in 2008

Registration period	1 year, quarterly, or consecutive monthly
Plate expiration	Based on registration period
Fee	Based on vehicle gross weight <ul style="list-style-type: none"> fee chart dairy/raw forest product truck fee chart special mobile equipment guidelines MV2953

Number of plates	Two
Plates remain with	Vehicle
Plate color	Black on gray
Statutory reference	s.341.13(2), s.341.18, s.341.25(1)(c), s.341.25(1)(cm), s.341.25(2), s.341.26(1), s.341.26(4), s.341.25(2), s.341.30(1)(c)
DMV inquiry	HTK
DOJ "TIME" system inquiry	TLK

Semi-trailer

Plate remains with the vehicle only when the lessee buys the vehicle from the lessor. Plate is not transferable to any other semi-trailer.



Registration period	Non-expiring
Fee	\$50
Number of plates	One
Plates remain with	See remarks above
Plate color	Black on orange
Statutory reference	s.341.264
DMV inquiry	STL
DOJ "TIME" system inquiry	TL

Tractor

Plate validated with a sticker showing month and year of expiration. Plate is also issued to road-tractor and farm truck-tractor.



Current design issued in 2008

Registration period	1 year, quarterly, or consecutive monthly
Plate expiration	Based on registration period
Fee	Based on vehicle gross weight <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> fee chart <input type="checkbox"/> tractor and dairy/raw forest product tractor fee chart <input type="checkbox"/> special mobile equipment guidelines MV2953 for grading, ditching, excavating or hauling fee chart
Number of plates	One
Plates remain with	Vehicle
Plate color	Black on gray
Statutory reference	s.340.01(73) , s.341.25(2) , s.341.26(1) , s.341.26(4)
DMV inquiry	TOR
DOJ "TIME" system inquiry	TR

Transferable trailer

Transferable Trailer is a trailer or temporary under carriage towed by a motor vehicle and used solely for transporting modular housing units or other portable buildings to be used for human occupancy and the return of the empty trailers/temporary undercarriage.



Registration period	1 year, quarterly, or consecutive monthly
Plate expiration	Based on registration period
Fee	Based on vehicle gross weight (see <input type="checkbox"/> fee chart)
Number of plates	One
Plates remain with	Seller
Plate color	Black on yellow
Statutory reference	s.341.25(1)(gm) , s.341.30

DMV inquiry	TRL
DOJ "TIME" system inquiry	TL

"ZA" trailer

Optional annual registration: Trailer with a gross weight of 3,000 pounds or less and not used for hire or rental ([s.341.06\(1\)\(am\)](#)).

Optional 6-year registration: Trailer used for hire or rental with a gross weight of 4,500 pounds or less and part of a fleet of 100 or more trailers ([s.341.308](#)).



Current design issued in 2001

Registration period	See remarks above
Plate expiration	June 30
Fee	Fee \$37.50 - annual (<input type="checkbox"/> Use chart for proration)
Number of plates	One
Plates remain with	Vehicle
Plate color	Black on white graphic
Statutory reference	s.341.25(1)(gd) , s.341.06(1)(am)
DMV inquiry	LTL
DOJ "TIME" system inquiry	TL

Related links:

- [Display of license plates and validation stickers](#)
- [International Registration Plan \(IRP\)](#)
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