

ANTIQUE, CLASSIC AND COLLECTIBLE VEHICLES

PURPOSE

This fact sheet outlines the policy for issuance of antique, classic and collectible registration plates.

DEFINITION OF ANTIQUE, CLASSIC AND COLLECTIBLE MOTOR VEHICLES

Antique Motor Vehicle - A motor vehicle, 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.

Classic Motor Vehicle - A motor vehicle, 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.

Collectible Motor Vehicle - A reconstructed motor vehicle, 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. **NOTE:** Generally, substantial changes to the engine and exhaust systems must be done to qualify the vehicle as a collectible motor vehicle. If the extensive changes are other than engine, be sure to give very detailed and specific information in Section C on the form MV-11. In addition, the vehicle must primarily be used for show and must appear to be in "show" condition in the photographs submitted with the application.

USE OF ANTIQUE, CLASSIC AND COLLECTIBLE REGISTRATION PLATES

The use of antique, classic and 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 or collectible 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 is defined as one day a week.

EXPIRATION OF ANTIQUE, CLASSIC AND COLLECTIBLE REGISTRATION PLATES

Antique, classic and 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 plate remains with the seller/owner and may be used on another qualified vehicle, provided the proper \$75.00 registration and \$22.50 title fees are paid. However, if ownership is transferred between spouses, or between parent and child, the original plate may be transferred in the usual manner with a \$22.50 title fee and \$6.00 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 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 of \$75.00 in order to use the plate. The \$6.00 transfer fee is not needed in this case.

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APPLICATION FOR ANTIQUE, CLASSIC AND COLLECTIBLE REGISTRATION PLATES

A. The following forms are necessary for the processing of antique and classic registration plates:

1. Certificate of Title (MV-4) and Vehicle Sales and Use Tax Return/Application for Registration (MV-4ST) or out-of-state title and Application for Certificate of Title (MV-1) are required to be submitted when the vehicle is being transferred to a new owner and the new owner is making application for an antique or classic plate. **NOTE: When a vehicle is already properly titled in the owner's name, and the owner is making application for an antique or classic plate, only the vehicle's certificate of title (MV-4) is required to be submitted along with the MV-11 application.**
2. Form MV-11, Application for Antique, Classic or Collectible Registration Plate.
3. The appropriate sales tax, title/registration fees and four clearly distinguishable color photographs of the vehicle (front, rear, and both sides). **NOTE: Photos of the vehicle taken from a mall or a sizeable parking lot are not acceptable.**

B. The following forms are necessary for the processing of collectible registration plates:

1. Certificate of Title (MV-4) and Vehicle Sales and Use Tax Return/Application for Registration (MV-4ST), or out-of-state title or Pennsylvania Certificate of Salvage (MV-4) and Application for Certificate of Title (MV-1) are required to be submitted when the vehicle is being transferred to a new owner and the new owner is making application for a collectible plate. **NOTE: When a vehicle is already properly titled with an "R" title brand in the owner's name, and the owner is making application for a collectible plate, only the vehicle's Pennsylvania certificate of title (MV-4) or out-of-state certificate of title branded with a reconstructed brand is required to be submitted along with the MV-11 application. Neither the MV-4ST nor the MV-1 form is needed in this case.**
2. Form MV-426, Report of Investigation Specially Constructed, Reconstructed Vehicle or Street Rod. **NOTE: This form is required only when the vehicle's certificate of title does not have an "R" title brand or when a certificate of salvage is being used to title the vehicle.**
3. Form MV-11, Application for Antique, Classic or Collectible Registration Plate.
4. The appropriate sales tax, title/registration fees and four clearly distinguishable color photographs of the vehicle (front, rear and both sides). **NOTE: Photos of the vehicle taken from a mall or a sizeable parking lot are not acceptable.** 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 or the new exhaust system that was installed, must be included. **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.**

Make check or money order payable to the "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania" and mail all forms and fees to: Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Special Tag Unit, P.O. Box 68293, Harrisburg, PA 17106-8293. Department forms are available at most motor vehicle dealerships, messenger services and notary public offices.

CHANGE FROM CLASSIC TO ANTIQUE

When a registered classic vehicle becomes of age to be an antique, the owner may choose to apply for an antique registration plate. If the owner wishes to change the registration, the title must be changed from classic to antique. Form MV-11 is required to be completed and four color photographs (front, rear and both sides) are necessary to determine the condition of the vehicle to qualify as an antique motor vehicle. **NOTE: Photos of the vehicle taken from a mall or a sizeable parking lot are not acceptable.** There is a \$22.50 title fee for this change. In addition, a \$75.00 antique registration fee would have to be paid.

INSPECTION

Classic and collectible vehicles are subject to vehicle safety inspection annually. Antique vehicles operated exclusively between sunrise and sunset are exempt from the normal lighting requirements of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code but must have their original lighting equipment. Antique vehicles are not subject to the annual vehicle safety inspection. Antique, classic and collectible vehicles are not subject to emissions inspection.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you need additional information or have any questions, please call the Customer Call Center at one of the numbers listed below:

If calling within PA	1-800-932-4600
If calling from out-of-state	(717) 391-6190
If calling within PA on a TDD	1-800-228-0676
If calling from out-of-state on a TDD	(717) 391-6191