

NEW JERSEY

Definitions

Collector Motor Vehicle. A motor vehicle that is less than 25 years old and which was either; originally manufactured as a restricted issue make or model, or in a sufficiently limited quantity; or at the time of qualification for designation exists in such limited numbers; either one or the other or both of the above, according to any generally recognized compilation of motor vehicle statistical information on file with, or supplied by the owner to the Motor Vehicle Commission, as may be accepted by the Chief Administrator in his or her discretion, so as to establish it as a unique commodity having a current monetary value in excess of similar make and model vehicles with routine manufacture and distribution patterns, and, further, that is not driven in excess of the maximum mileage permitted by the terms of a valid limited use motor vehicle insurance policy issued for, and covering such vehicle, proof of which shall be supplied to the Motor Vehicle Commission at the time of application for designation as a collector vehicle, which mileage shall in no event exceed 3,000 miles per year. This term shall not include motor vehicles with elevated chassis height that are subject to inspection in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:20-37.

Historic Motor Vehicle. Any motor vehicle which is:

- (1) at least 25 years old ;
- (2) owned as a collector's item and used solely for exhibition and educational purposes by the owner; and
- (3) unaltered from the manufacturer's original design, except in the case of an authorized emergency vehicle, as defined in R.S.39:1-1, if an alteration was completed in order for the vehicle to operate as an emergency vehicle.

Homemade Vehicle. Any motor vehicle constructed, assembled or modified by a person other than a manufacturer.

Street Rod. A modified antique automobile manufactured before 1949 that is registered in a New Jersey street rod club which is fully affiliated with the National Street Rod Association, Inc.

New Jersey DMV Guidance

Historic and Street Rod

To be considered a historic vehicle, the vehicle must be at least 25 years old and only used for exhibition and educational purposes by the owner. Historic plates can be purchased for \$44.

Owners of modified antique automobiles manufactured before 1949 that are registered in a New Jersey street rod club or an affiliate of the National Street Rod Association Inc. may apply for a Street Rod plate for \$15.

Historic registration guide with sample photos

Download a copy of the historic registration guide - including sample photographs - to learn more about historic vehicle registration.

Note: Photos may be printed and submitted on plain paper providing they are clear and the vehicle is visible.

New Jersey Laws

From New Jersey Administrative Code:

N.J.A.C. 13:21–4.4 Certificate of ownership application for homemade vehicles

(a) The owner of any motor vehicle constructed, assembled or modified by a person other than a manufacturer as defined in N.J.S.A. 39:1–1 shall submit an application for a certificate of ownership on forms supplied by the Motor Vehicle Commission.

(b) The forms referenced in (a) above shall include a certification by the owner:

1. That the vehicle is roadworthy;
2. That all items of equipment requiring approval by statute or Motor Vehicle Commission rule have been so approved; and
3. That construction meets industry standards and the New Jersey inspection requirements.

(c) The owner shall submit a description of the vehicle; construction details and specifications; and photographic illustrations of each side of the vehicle along with a photograph of the dashboard of the vehicle.

(d) The owner shall indicate a location where the completed vehicle may be examined by representatives of the Motor Vehicle Commission.

N.J.A.C. 13:20–43.2 Inspection requirements for motor vehicles; exempt vehicles

(a) Except as otherwise provided in (b) below, all motor vehicles, regardless of model year or fuel type, which are registered or required to be registered in New Jersey and all fleet motor vehicles that are primarily operated in New Jersey shall be inspected in accordance with this subchapter and the applicable emission or OBD inspection standards and test procedures adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection at N.J.A.C. 7:27–15 and 7:27B–5. It shall be the responsibility of the owner or lessee of any motor vehicle primarily operated in New Jersey but which is registered in another jurisdiction to have such motor vehicle inspected in the state or jurisdiction of registration or in this State.

(b) The following vehicles, some of which may be subject to inspection under other provisions of law or rule, shall be exempt from the inspection requirements of this subchapter:

1. Historic motor vehicles registered pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:3–27.4;
2. Collector motor vehicles;
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16. Passenger vehicles with model year 1995 and older;
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From New Jersey Statutes:

N.J.S.A. 39:3-27.4. Registration of historic motor vehicles

An owner of an historic motor vehicle who is a resident of this State may register the motor vehicle under the provisions of P.L.1964, c. 195 (C.39:3-27.3 et seq.). Application for registering an historic vehicle shall be on forms prescribed by the chief administrator. Upon proper application and payment of the prescribed fee, the chief administrator shall issue a special nonconventional registration and special license plate for each historic motor vehicle registered in this State. The registration and license plate shall be valid during the period of time that the vehicle is owned by the registrant. The fee for the registration and license plate shall be \$25. The license plate shall bear the word "historic" and shall be of such design and colors as the chief administrator may determine. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S.39:3-33 or any other law to the contrary, an owner of a vehicle registered as an historic vehicle, or any vehicle manufactured before 1945, shall not be required to display more than one special license plate issued for that vehicle, which plate shall be displayed on the rear of the vehicle.

N.J.S.A. 39:3-27.27. Street rod license plates; fees; display of National Street Rod Association safety inspection sticker; violations; fine

a. The owner of a modified antique automobile manufactured before 1949, referred to as a "street rod," which is registered in this State, may apply to the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles for a special license plate to be displayed in place of the standard license plate.

The special plate shall be issued upon proof that the street rod is registered in a New Jersey street rod club which is fully affiliated with the National Street Rod Association, Inc. The plate shall be issued for the applicant's use only for the registered vehicle and upon a transfer of title he shall surrender the plate to the director.

b. The special plate shall bear the words "street rod" and shall be of a design approved by the director. The fee for the plate shall be \$15.00 in addition to the fees otherwise prescribed by law for the registration of the motor vehicle.

c. A person issued the special plate, in addition to the prescribed inspection sticker, shall display a valid National Street Rod Association safety inspection sticker on the vehicle.

d. The fine for violating this act is not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$50.00.

N.J.S.A. 17:33B-63. Additional registration fees

a. In addition to the registration fees imposed pursuant to Article 2 of chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes, the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles¹ shall impose and collect additional registration fees as follows:

(1) For all motor vehicles, except commercial motor vehicles as defined by R.S.39:1-1 that were manufactured in any model year prior to the 1989 model year, the additional fee shall be \$15, except that on and after January 1, 1998 the additional fee shall be \$12.50, and on and after January 1, 1999 the additional fee shall be \$10 and on and after January 1, 2000 the additional fee shall be \$7.50;

(2) For all motor vehicles, except commercial motor vehicles as defined by R.S. 39:1-1, that were manufactured in model year 1989 and thereafter, the additional fee shall be \$40, except that on and after January 1, 1998 the additional fee shall be \$33.50, and on and after January 1, 1999 the additional fee shall be \$27 and on and after January 1, 2000 the additional fee shall be \$20 for the first two years of registration or renewal and \$15, except that on and after January 1, 1998 the additional fee shall be \$12.50, and on and after January 1, 1999 the additional fee shall be \$10 and on and after January 1, 2000 the additional fee shall be \$7.50 for each year thereafter;

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N.J.S.A. 39:3-8. Fees for registration of passenger automobiles; license of semitrailers and trailers

The applicant for registration for any passenger automobile manufactured in any model year prior to the 1971 model year shall pay to the chief administrator for each registration a fee of \$14 for each such vehicle having a manufacturer's shipping weight of less than 2,700 pounds, a fee of \$23 for each such vehicle having a manufacturer's shipping weight of 2,700 pounds or more, but not greater than 3,800 pounds, and a fee of \$44 for each vehicle having a manufacturer's shipping weight in excess of 3,800 pounds; provided, however, an applicant who has been issued an identification card for a person with a disability pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1949, c. 280 (C.39:4-205) and is registering a private passenger van manufactured in any model year prior to the 1971 model year which has been equipped with a wheelchair lift , or any other specially designed mechanical device for persons with disabilities as designated by the chief administrator that specifically requires installation only in a private passenger van because of the device's dimensions, operating characteristics, or manufacturer's installation requirements, shall pay a fee of \$14 for that vehicle. The applicant for registration for any passenger automobile manufactured in model year 1971 and thereafter, except as determined hereinafter, shall pay to the chief administrator for each registration a fee of \$17 for each such vehicle having a manufacturer's shipping weight of less than 2,700 pounds, a fee of \$28 for each such vehicle having a manufacturer's shipping weight of 2,700 pounds or more, but not greater than 3,800 pounds, and a fee of \$51 for each such vehicle having a manufacturer's shipping weight in excess of 3,800 pounds; provided, however, an applicant who has been issued an identification card for a person with a disability pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1949, c. 280 (C.39:4-205) and is registering a private passenger van manufactured in model year 1971 or thereafter, except as determined hereinafter, which has been equipped with a wheelchair lift , or any other specially designed mechanical device for persons with disabilities as designated by

the chief administrator that specifically requires installation only in a private passenger van because of the device's dimensions, operating characteristics, or manufacturer's installation requirements, shall pay a fee of \$17 for that vehicle. The applicant for registration for any 1980 or thereafter model year passenger automobile registered on or after March 1, 1979 shall pay to the chief administrator for each registration a fee of \$25 for each such vehicle having a manufacturer's shipping weight not greater than 3,500 pounds and a fee of \$50 for each vehicle having a manufacturer's shipping weight in excess of 3,500 pounds; provided, however, an applicant who has been issued an identification card for a person with a disability pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1949, c. 280 (C.39:4-205) and is registering any 1980 or thereafter model year private passenger van which has been equipped with a wheelchair lift , or any other specially designed mechanical device for persons with disabilities as designated by the chief administrator that specifically requires installation only in a private passenger van because of the device's dimensions, operating characteristics, or manufacturer's installation requirements, shall pay a fee of \$25 for that vehicle. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the applicant for registration for any new passenger automobile, for which the registration will expire on the last day of the 48th calendar month following the calendar month in which it was first issued, or for the term of the lease if the new passenger automobile is a leased motor vehicle subject to an extended registration period pursuant to R.S.39:3-4, shall prepay to the chief administrator the full amount due for the 48-month term, or the full amount due based upon the term of the lease if the new passenger automobile is a leased motor vehicle, upon the initial registration. The portion of that prepayment that is dedicated to specific purposes in accordance with section 110 of P.L.2003, c. 13 (C.39:2A-38) and subsections a. and b. of section 1 of P.L.1992, c. 87 (C.39:3-8.2) shall be deposited in their respective dedicated accounts. The chief administrator shall determine the manufacturer's shipping weight and model year for each passenger automobile on the basis of the information contained in the certificate of origin, the application for registration or for renewal of registration, or the records of the division, or any or all of these; and any case in which the manufacturer's shipping weight of any particular passenger automobile is unavailable, or in doubt or dispute, the chief administrator may require that such automobile be weighed on a scale designated by the chief administrator, and such actual weight shall be considered the manufacturer's shipping weight for the purposes of this section; but in all cases the chief administrator's determination of the manufacturer's shipping weight of any such automobile shall be final. The applicant for registration for passenger automobile shall also pay to the chief administrator the inspection fee fixed in R.S.39:8-2 in addition to the fees described hereinabove.

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New Jersey Equipment Exemptions

From New Jersey Statutes:

N.J.S.A. 39:3-61. Lamps and reflectors required on particular vehicles

(a) Every motor vehicle other than a motorcycle and other than a motor-drawn vehicle shall be equipped on the front with at least two headlamps, an equal number at each side, and with two turn signals, one on each side; and on the rear with two tail lamps, two or more stop lamps, as prescribed by section 2 of P.L.2013, c. 230 (C.39:3-66.3), two turn signals, and two reflectors, one of each at each side; except that a passenger vehicle **manufactured before July 2, 1954**, and registered in this State may be equipped with one stop lamp, one reflector, and one tail lamp and is not required to be equipped with turn signals. In addition, every motor vehicle shall be equipped with adequate license plate illumination, and with one or more lamps capable of providing parking light as required in R.S.39:3-62. Turn signals are not required on the rear of a truck tractor equipped with double-faced turn signals on or near the front and so constructed and located as to be visible to passing drivers.

(b) Every truck tractor **manufactured after January 1, 1965**, shall be equipped on the front with two clearance lamps, one at each side, and three identification lamps, which shall be in addition to the lamps provided for in paragraph (a) of this section. Where the cab is not more than 42 inches wide at the front roof line, a single lamp at the center of the cab shall be deemed to comply with the requirement for front identification lamps. Reflectors required on the rear of a truck tractor may be located on the rear of the cab, one at each side.

(c) Every truck 80 inches or more in over-all width except a dump truck and except a truck 80 inches or more in over-all width which is not in excess of 25 feet in over-all length and **manufactured prior to January 1, 1965**, shall be equipped with the following lamps and reflectors in addition to those provided for in paragraph (a) of this section;

On the front, two clearance lamps, one at each side, and three identification lamps except that where the cab is not more than 42 inches wide at the front roof line, a single lamp at the center of the cab shall be deemed to comply with the requirement for front identification lamps;

On the rear, two clearance lamps, one at each side, and three identification lamps;

On each side, one side-marker lamp and one reflector at or near the front, and one side-marker lamp and one reflector at or near the rear.

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From New Jersey Administrative Code:

N.J.A.C. 13:62–5.7 Vehicle equipment

Safety belts, shoulder harness, and crotch belt shall be provided in accordance with Section 16 of the National Hot Rod Association's rules, incorporated by reference at N.J.A.C. 13:62-5.39.

Application for Historic (QQ) Plates

Brief Description & Eligibility - Historic registration may be assigned to an antique vehicle which is at least twenty-five (25) years old. The vehicle must be owned as a collector's item and used solely for exhibition or educational purposes. Please note that the vehicle cannot be altered from the manufacturer's original design in any way and must be equipped for legal operation on New Jersey roadways. Historic registration must be renewed every three (3) years, but there will be no fee for the renewal.

The vehicle must be covered by the minimum automobile insurance coverage required by the State of New Jersey.

Requirements - Please return your fully completed application with the following documents: 1) A photocopy of the current New Jersey title issued in your name. 2) Two color photographs of the vehicle, front and side view (may be printed on plain paper). 3) Pay required fee as follows: \$44.00 – Standard Historic Plates; \$74.00 - Courtesy Historic Plates; \$94.00 – Personalized Historic Plates but if you already own standard historic plates, the personalized fee is \$50.00. Please make all checks payable to "NJMVC."

Owner	Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
	Street Address	City	State Zip
	NJ Driver License No.	Date of Birth	Daytime Telephone Number
	Is your registration privilege now revoked or suspended in any state? <div style="text-align: right;"> <input type="checkbox"/> - Yes <input type="checkbox"/> - No </div>		

Vehicle	Vehicle Identification Number	Body Type	Weight Class
	Year Make	Model	Color
	Insurance Company	Policy Number	

If you would like Courtesy Historic Plates or Personalized Historic Plates, clearly list three choices. Personal plate requests are limited to 6 characters or less.

First Choice:
 Second Choice:
 Third Choice:

I, the applicant, hereby certify that the vehicle described above will be solely used for exhibition and educational purposes and that the statements on this application are correct. A person who makes a misstatement of fact on an application for registration, is subject, upon conviction, to a fine of not more than \$500 and/or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both, at the discretion of the court. Applicant is also subject to suspension of registration privileges for a period of not more than two years. N.J.S.A. 39:3-37.

X _____ / _____
Owner Signature **Date**

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

- DO NOT cut along the dotted line.
- If you have any questions regarding Historic, Personalized Historic, Courtesy Historic, or any other type of Specialty Plate please contact the MVC toll-free at 609-292-6500 ext. 5061 or visit our website at www.njmvc.gov.
- Please note that Personalized, Courtesy, and Motorcycle Historic Plates **MUST** be issued through the mail at the following address: NJ MVC, Special Plate Unit, 225 E. State Street, P.O. Box 015, Trenton, NJ, 08666.
- **Thank you for applying for Historic Vehicle Registration through the State of New Jersey, Motor Vehicle Commission.**



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Application for Collector Vehicle Status

Plate No. _____ Initial Renewal

Owner/Lessee's Name _____

Owner/Lessee's Driver License or Corrcode No. _____

Owner/Lessee's Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Make _____ Model _____ Year _____ Vehicle Identification No. (VIN) _____

Actual Odometer Reading _____

Insurance Company Name _____ Policy No. _____

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

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Instructions for Collector Vehicle Status

For a vehicle to be designated as a "collector vehicle," the owner or lessee must apply at time of registration or renewal and provide evidence of the following:

1. The vehicle is not qualified as an "historic vehicle," under N.J.S.A. 39:3-27.3 et seq., or a "street rod" under N.J.S.A. 39:3-27.27;
2. The vehicle is not driven more than 3,000 miles per year; and
3. The vehicle is insured as a limited use "collector vehicle." (Proof must be supplied at time of odometer verification.)

The Commission shall verify the odometer reading of a "collector vehicle" and may require that the vehicle be equipped with an odometer lock. A special decal, valid for five years, will be issued indicating that the vehicle is exempt from safety and emission inspection. Initial decal is \$25 and \$10 per renewal.

All "collector vehicles" must be taken to a state inspection station for odometer and insurance verification. Please visit the manager's office.

Submit the completed initial application to:

Collector Vehicle Status
I/M Support Unit
P.O. Box 680
Trenton, NJ 08666-0680