

## **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 at least 25 years old and which is owned as a collector's item and used solely for exhibition and educational purposes by the owner

**Homemade Vehicle.** Any motor vehicle constructed, assembled or modified by a person other than a manufacturer as defined in N.J.S.A. 39:1-1.

**Special Vehicles.** Includes kit cars, reconstructed vehicles, glider kits, vehicles with missing VINs and dune buggies.

**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.

## **Titling & Registration**

### **From New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission:**

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#### **"Special vehicle" titles**

The following are designated as "special vehicles". They require titles but the process for titling them is unique.

#### **Titles available at local agencies**

Titles for the special vehicles listed below are issued by any local MVC agency:

- Vehicles purchased from the federal government
- Vehicles purchased from Guam, Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands, including military servicemembers
- Salvage vehicles; available only at 7 select locations
- Homemade trailers
- Homemade boats

#### **Titles available from Central Office**

Titles for the special vehicles listed below **are only issued by mail** from the MVC Central Office in Trenton:

- Reconstructed vehicles-dune buggies, kit cars, etc.
- Glider kits
- Vehicles with missing VINs
- Vehicles registered to the military

For further information on titles available from the MVC Central Office in Trenton, call (888) 486-3339 ext. 5064 toll-free in New Jersey or (609) 292-6500 ext. 5064 from out-of-state.

## 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.



QQ1000-QQ99999 (current)



R1000-R9999

### To purchase Historic plates in-person at select agencies

For your convenience, standard Historic plates - except motorcycles - may be purchased in-person at select motor vehicle locations:

- Complete Application for Historic Vehicle Registration [pdf, Form SP-121]
- Visit local motor vehicle agencies in Eatontown, Flemington, Manahawkin, North Bergen, Randolph, Runnemede, Springfield or Wayne
- Bring two color photographs of the vehicle: front view and side view (right or left)
- Bring a copy of your vehicle's New Jersey title
- Pay \$44 fee

### To purchase Historic plates by mail- standard, motorcycle or personalized

Standard, motorcycle or personalized Historic plates are available by mail from the Special Plate Unit in Trenton.

#### To purchase standard Historic plates by mail:

- Complete Application for Historic Vehicle Registration [pdf, Form SP-21]
- Enclose two color photographs of your vehicle: front view and side view (right or left)
- Enclose a copy of your New Jersey vehicle title
- Enclose \$44 check or money order payable to NJMVC
- Mail to the address listed on the form: NJ Motor Vehicle Commission, Special Plate Unit, 225 East State Street, P.O. Box 015, Trenton, NJ 08666-0015

#### To purchase personalized plates by mail:

Personalized plates - Historic, Courtesy Historic and Motorcycle Historic - must be issued by the Special Plate Unit in Trenton. For a personalized plate application, visit your nearest MVC Agency or call toll free in New Jersey at (888) 486-3339 or (609) 292-6500 from out-of-state

### To purchase Street Rod plates

Contact the Rod Club you belong to or call the MVC Special Plate Unit at (609) 292-6500 ext. 5061 to request an application.

Include the following documents with your application:

- Fully completed application signed by a Street Rod Official
- Photocopy of the current vehicle registration certificate
- Photocopy of your membership card
- National Street Rod Association Vehicle Safety Inspection Form No. 100
- \$15 check or money order payable to NJ MVC

Mail the completed application, supporting documents and fee to the Special Plate Unit at the address listed on the Street Rod Application.

For street rod club information, visit the National Street Rod Association official website online at <http://nsra-usa.com>

## **Collector vehicles**

*Effective September 1, 2007*

### **To be classified as a "collector vehicle" you need to apply when you register and make sure that the vehicle is:**

- A limited production vehicle or a vehicle made in limited quantities
- Less than 25 years old
- Not registered as a "historic vehicle" or a "street rod"
- Not driven more than 3,000 miles per year
- Insured as a limited use "collector vehicle"
- To be classified as a collector vehicle, your vehicle cannot be registered as a "historic vehicle" or a "street rod."

Vehicles applying for collector vehicle status must be approved by MVC. Follow these steps to apply:

- Complete the collector vehicle application
- Submit a letter from the vehicle manufacturer, recognized car club or a collector organization attesting to the vehicle's limited production status. Must be printed on official letterhead
- Show proof of limited-use insurance
- Include photographs of front, driver side, passenger side and rear of the vehicle

Mail all materials and photos to:

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

Applications can only be processed through the mail and will take approximately two weeks. Once you receive an approval letter from the MVC, take the original letter with raised seal, the original application, and \$25 (check, money order, credit card or cash) to any MVC Agency to purchase a collector vehicle status voucher which will be issued immediately.

Call (609) 633-9474 or 9472 for additional information.

**From New Jersey Administrative Code:**

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**§ 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.

**§ 13:20-43.2 Inspection requirements for motor vehicles; exempt vehicles; designation of collector motor 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;
  3. Motorcycles;
  4. Motorized bicycles;
  5. Farm tractors and traction equipment;
  6. Farm machinery and implements;
  7. Fire trucks having a GVWR of more than 8,500 pounds;
  8. In-transit construction equipment registered pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-30;
  9. Diesel-fueled motor vehicles having a GVWR greater than 8,500 pounds but less than 18,000 pounds are required to be inspected by the owner or lessee of the vehicle in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:20-26;
  10. Diesel-fueled motor vehicles having a GVWR greater than 8,500 pounds but less than 10,000 pounds registered as passenger vehicle in accordance with N.J.S.A. 39-3-4;
  11. Light duty diesel-fueled motor vehicles model year 1996 or older having a GVWR 8,500 pounds or less registered as passenger vehicle in accordance with N.J.S.A. 39:3-4;
  12. Omnibuses that are subject to inspection by the Motor Vehicle Commission's Bus Inspection Unit;
  13. School buses that are subject to inspection by the Motor Vehicle Commission's Inspection Services Bus Unit in accordance with N.J.S.A. 39:3B-18 et seq.;
  14. Tactical military vehicles operated on Federal installations within this State;
  15. Electric vehicles and other vehicles not fueled by hydrocarbon-based fuel(s);
  16. Passenger vehicles with model year 1995 and older;
  17. Vehicles registered in accordance with N.J.S.A. 39:3-18;
  18. Gasoline or bi-fueled model year 2007 or older passenger vehicles with a GVWR of 8,501 to 14,000; and
  19. Gasoline or bi-fueled model year 2013 or older passenger vehicles with a GVWR of 14,001 pounds or greater.
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**From New Jersey Statutes:**

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N.J. Stat. § 39:3-27.4 (2016)

§ 39:3-27.4. **Historic** motor **vehicles**; registration, license plates, display

Any owner of an **historic** motor **vehicle** who is a resident of this State may register such motor vehicle under the provisions of this act. Application for registering an **historic vehicle** shall be on forms prescribed by the director. Upon proper application and payment of the prescribed fee, the director shall issue a special nonconventional registration and special license **plate** for each **historic** motor **vehicle** registered in this State. Such registration and license plate shall be valid during the period of time that the vehicle is owned by the registrant. The fee for such registration and license plate shall be \$ 25.00. The license plate shall bear the word "historic" and shall be of such design and colors as the director 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.

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N.J. Stat. § 39:3-27.27 (2016)

§ 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



TITLE 17. CORPORATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS FOR FINANCE AND INSURANCE  
SUBTITLE 3. INSURANCE  
PART 1. INSURANCE COMPANIES; GENERAL PROVISIONS  
CHAPTER 33B. FAIR AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE REFORM ACT

N.J. Stat. § 17:33B-63 (2016)

§ 17:33B-63. Additional registration fees; exemptions

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 Vehicles 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;
- (3) For all commercial motor vehicles as defined in [R.S. 39:1-1](#), the additional fee shall be \$ 75, except that on and after January 1, 1998 the additional fee shall be \$ 62.50, and on and after January 1, 1999 the additional fee shall be \$ 50 and on and after January 1, 2000 the additional fee shall be \$ 37.50;
- (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (3) of this subsection, the additional fee on motorcycle registrations 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 and further provided the additional registration fee on noncommercial trucks registered pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1968, c.429 ([C.39:3-8.1](#)) shall be \$ 50, except that on and after January 1, 1997 the additional fee collected on noncommercial trucks registered pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1968, c.429 ([C.39:3-8.1](#)) shall be \$ 15 for any vehicle manufactured in any **model year prior** to the 1996 **model year** and for any vehicle manufactured in the model year 1996 and thereafter, the additional fee shall be \$ 40 for the first two years of registration or renewal and \$ 15 for each year thereafter and on and after January 1, 1998 the additional fee collected on noncommercial trucks shall be collected pursuant to the provisions of paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection;
- (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (3) of this subsection, there shall not be any additional fee imposed on any vehicle registered pursuant to [R.S. 39:3-24](#).

b. Fees collected pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall be collected on registrations issued and renewed on or after July 1, 1990.

- (1) Fees collected pursuant to subsection a. of this section prior to October 1, 1991 shall be remitted to the New Jersey Automobile Full Insurance Underwriting Association created by section 16 of P.L.1983, c.65 ([C.17:30E-4](#)) and shall be income to the association for purposes of section 20 of P.L.1983, c.65 ([C.17:30E-8](#)).
- (2) Fees collected pursuant to subsection a. of this section on or after October 1, 1991 through December 31, 1996 shall be remitted to the New Jersey Automobile Insurance Guaranty Fund created pursuant to section 23 of this 1990 amendatory and supplementary act.
- (3) Fees collected pursuant to subsection a. of this section on and after January 1, 1997, shall be remitted to the General Fund and so much thereof as is required pursuant to section 20 of P.L.1984, c.73 ([C.27:1B-20](#)) shall be credited to the "Transportation Trust Fund Account" created by section 20 of P.L.1984, c.73

(C.27:1B-20), such credited funds to be used for transportation projects, pursuant to the "New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Authority Act of 1984," P.L.1984, c.73 (C.27:1B-1 et al.).

c. Notwithstanding any provision of subsection a. of this section to the contrary, no fees shall be imposed pursuant to this section on a registration for which no fee is presently collected pursuant to Article 2 of chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes or on a registration for a motor vehicle, except commercial vehicles, if the registrant or, in the case of a leased vehicle, the lessee is eligible for pharmaceutical assistance to the aged and disabled pursuant to P.L.1975, c.194 (C.30:4D-20 et seq.). In the case of a leased vehicle, documentation verifying that the vehicle will be leased for the registration term to a lessee who is entitled to the exemption provided for in this subsection shall be provided according to the requirements established by the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles. The lessor shall not collect from the lessee any payment for the registration of the vehicle that exceeds the amount that the lessor paid to register the vehicle.

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N.J. Stat. § 39:3-8 (2016)

§ 39:3-8. Registration fee for passenger automobile; other vehicles

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 a handicapped person identification card 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 for the handicapped, or any other specially designed mechanical device for the handicapped 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 a handicapped person identification card 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 for the handicapped, or any other specially designed mechanical device for the handicapped 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 a handicapped person identification card 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 for the handicapped, or any other specially designed mechanical device for the handicapped 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 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 him, 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.

The chief administrator may also license private utility and house type semitrailers and trailers with a gross load not in excess of 2,000 pounds at a fee of \$ 4.00 per annum and all other such utility and house-type semitrailers and trailers at \$ 9.00 per annum. Application for such registration shall be made on a blank to be furnished by the commission and the application shall contain a statement to the effect that the vehicle so registered will not be used for the commercial transportation of goods, wares and merchandise, or for hire.

Except as provided in [R.S.39:3-84](#) for recreation vehicles, no private utility or house type semitrailer or trailer with an outside width of more than 96 inches, a maximum height of 13 feet 6 inches, a maximum length for a single vehicle of more than 35 feet, a maximum length for a semitrailer and its towing vehicle of more than 45 feet, and a maximum length for a trailer and its towing vehicle of more than 50 feet, shall be operated on any highway in this State, except that a vehicle exceeding the above limitations may be operated when a special permit so to operate is secured in advance from the chief administrator. A house type semitrailer or trailer with an outside width of no more than 16 feet shall be entitled to operate with such a special permit if the vehicle is a manufactured home on a transportation system that is designed in accordance with the "Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards," 24 CFR part 3280.901 et seq., promulgated by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, as amended and supplemented, provided that the operator complies with the provisions of this Title and the rules and regulations issued thereunder. If such a vehicle has an outside width of more than 16 feet, it shall be entitled to operate with such a special permit if it is transported on a commercial type low-bed trailer, semitrailer or properly registered dolly wheels pursuant to rules and regulations established by the chief administrator. The application for such permit shall be accompanied by a fee fixed by the chief administrator. A special permit issued by the chief administrator shall be in the possession of the operator of the vehicle for which such permit was issued. In computing any dimensions of a vehicle, for the purposes of this section, there shall not be included in the dimensional limitations safety equipment such as mirrors or lights, provided such appliances do not exceed the overall limitations established by the chief administrator by rule or regulation.

## **Equipment Exemptions**

### **From New Jersey Statutes:**

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ARTICLE 3. EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS AND REGULATION

N.J. Stat. § 39:3-61 (2016)

#### § 39:3-61. Lamps and reflectors required on particular vehicles

(a) Every motor vehicle other than a motor cycle 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.

(d) Every trailer or semitrailer shall be equipped on the rear with two tail lamps, two stop lamps, two turn signals, and two reflectors, one of each at each side, and with adequate license plate illumination.

(e) Every trailer or semitrailer 80 inches or more in over-all width, except a dump truck trailer, a dump truck semitrailer, or a converter dolly, shall be equipped with the following lamps and reflectors in addition to those provided for in paragraph (d) of this section:

On the front, two clearance lamps, one at each side;

On the rear, two clearance lamps, one at each side, and except with respect to cable reel trailers, 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; and on any trailer or semi-trailer vehicle 30 feet or more in length, at least one additional side-marker lamp at optional height and at least one additional reflector, the additional lamp or lamps and reflector or reflectors to be at or near the center or at approximately uniform spacing in the length of the vehicle.

(f) Every pole trailer shall be equipped as follows:

On the rear, two tail lamps, one at each side; two stop lamps, one at each side; two turn signals, one at each side; two reflectors, one at each side, placed to indicate extreme width of the pole trailer; three identification lamps mounted on the vertical center line of the pole trailer or in lieu thereof mounted on the vertical center line of the rear of the cab of the truck tractor drawing the pole trailer and higher than the load being transported.

On each side, one amber side-marker lamp at or near the front of the load; one amber reflector at or near the front of the load; on the rearmost support for the load, one combination marker lamp showing amber to the front and red to the rear and side, mounted to indicate maximum width of the pole trailer; on the rearmost support for the load, one red reflector.

Nothing in this subsection shall apply to a single axle, skeleton frame trailer, not exceeding 2,500 pounds net weight and not exceeding 80 inches in over-all width which is designed to transport poles and is owned by a public utility as defined in R.S.48:2-13 except that such vehicles shall be required to have on the rear, two tail lamps, one at each side; stop lamps, one at each side; two turn signals, one at each side; two reflectors, one at each side on each side; and one amber side-marker lamp at or near the front of the load.

(g) Every converter dolly not permanently attached to a semitrailer shall be equipped on the rear with one stop lamp, one tail lamp, two reflectors, one at each side, and adequate license plate illumination. These lamps need be lighted only when the converter dolly is being towed singly by another vehicle. A "converter dolly" is a vehicle with a fifth wheel lower half or equivalent mechanism, the attachment of which converts a semitrailer to a trailer.

(h) Every motor cycle shall be equipped with at least one and not more than two headlamps, one tail lamp, one stop lamp, at least one reflector on the rear, adequate license plate illumination and, if a side car or any other extension is attached to the side thereof, one lamp located on the outside limit of the attachment capable of displaying white light to the front.

(i) Required lamps and reflectors shall be of a type approved by the chief administrator. Turn signals shall be Class A Type 1 lamps except that on passenger cars, and on commercial vehicles less than 80 inches in over-all width they may be Class B lamps. Reflectors shall be Class A reflex reflectors except that on passenger cars they may be Class B reflex reflectors.

(j) Required headlamps, tail lamps, clearance lamps, identification lamps, and side-marker lamps shall be lighted and adequate license plate illumination displayed whenever the vehicle other than a converter dolly is upon a highway when lighted lamps are required except when parked and exhibiting lights as provided for in R.S.39:3-62 or when stopped and displaying emergency warning lights or devices as provided for in R.S.39:3-64 or R.S.39:3-54. Lamps on a converter dolly shall be lighted as provided for in paragraph (g) of this section. Turn signals on the side toward which a vehicle turn is made shall be flashed to indicate the turning movement. Stop lamps shall be lighted as provided in section 9 of P.L.1964, c.136 (C.39:3-61.3).

(k) License plate illumination will be deemed to be adequate when either a tail lamp or a separate lamp is so constructed and placed as to illuminate with a white light the rear license plate on a vehicle and render it clearly legible from a distance of 50 feet to the rear. Any lamp or lamps providing illumination shall be lighted whenever the headlamps or other driving lamps are lighted.

(l) Whenever a law enforcement officer detects a motor vehicle with a lamp not in working order, the driver may be permitted to park the vehicle temporarily at some safe place nearby and make the necessary repairs or replacement to restore the lamp to working order before moving the vehicle, in which event, there is no violation of this Title.

(m) Every motorbus manufactured before January 1, 1960, that has been inspected and approved as to construction and safety devices by the Board of Public Utility Commissioners shall be deemed in compliance with the requirements of this section.

## **From New Jersey Administrative Code:**

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### **§ 13:62-5.7 Vehicle equipment**

[(a)] 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.

1. A quick release type safety belt, shoulder harness and crotch belt in good condition shall be compulsory on all vehicles.
2. Both ends of the safety belt, shoulder harness and crotch belt shall be fastened to the frame of the vehicle.
3. All fittings and connections of the safety belt, shoulder harness and crotch belt shall be metal.
4. All safety belts and shoulder harnesses shall be worn properly the entire time the vehicle is being driven in a race.
5. All five- and six-point harnesses shall bear the date of manufacture and shall not be used more than two years from that date.
6. The shoulder harness shall be secured to the frame of the vehicle and come over a round bar at the driver's shoulder height.
7. No alterations shall be allowed to any manufactured design of seat belts.
8. The exception to this section is for street legal cars. These vehicles shall be equipped with the safety belt(s) that was provided by the manufacturer.]

### **§ 13:62-5.10 Seats**

All seats shall be constructed, located, and mounted, in accordance with Section 16.6:2 of the National Hot Rod Association's rules relative to class of competition, incorporated by reference at N.J.A.C. 13:62-5.39.

### **§ 13:62-5.39 Exceptions**

Except as specifically set forth within this subchapter, all licensees, participants, and participating vehicles shall adhere to the 2014 National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) Rulebook, incorporated herein by reference, as amended and supplemented. Copies of the rulebook are available from the NHRA at National Hot Rod Association, 2035 Financial Way, Glendora, CA 91741 or at [www.nhra.com](http://www.nhra.com).

## **Emissions Exemptions**

New Jersey requires emissions testing every two years in conjunction with the state's safety inspection.

### **Diesel Vehicles:**

Only diesel powered vehicles MY 1997 and later are required to undergo diesel emissions testing. All diesel powered vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) 8,501 to 9,999 that are plated passenger, not for profit, governmental, commuter van, farmer or farm truck except buses, are exempt.

### **Exemptions:**

1. New vehicles for the newest four (4) MYs
2. Vehicles registered as "historic vehicles" (at least 25 years old and specially registered) or "collector vehicles" (insured as a limited use collector vehicle and not driven more than 3,000 miles per year)



**From New Jersey Statutes:**

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TITLE 39. MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC REGULATION  
SUBTITLE 2. ADDITIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE REGULATIONS  
CHAPTER 8. MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION

N.J. Stat. § 39:8-1 (2016)

§ 39:8-1. Motor vehicle inspections, exceptions [Effective May 18, 2010]

a. Every motor vehicle registered in this State which is used over any public road, street, or highway or any public or quasi-public property in this State, and every vehicle subject to enhanced inspection and maintenance programs pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 51.356, except **historic** motor **vehicles** registered as such, collector motor vehicles designated as such pursuant to this subsection, and those vehicles over 8,500 pounds gross weight that are under the inspection jurisdiction of the commission pursuant to Titles 27 and 48 (as amended by this legislation) of the Revised Statutes, shall be inspected by designated inspectors or at official inspection facilities to be designated by the commission or at licensed private inspection facilities. The commission shall adopt rules and regulations establishing a procedure for the designation of motor vehicles as collector motor vehicles, which designation shall include consideration by the commission of one or more of the following factors: the age of the vehicle, the number of such vehicles originally manufactured, the number of such vehicles that are currently in use, the total number of miles the vehicle has been driven, the number of miles the vehicle has been driven during the previous year or other period of time determined by the commission, and whether the vehicle has a collector classification for insurance purposes.

b. The commission shall determine the official inspection facility or private inspection facility at which a motor vehicle, depending upon its characteristics, shall be inspected. The commission, with the concurrence of the Department of Environmental Protection, may exclude by regulation from this inspection requirement any category of motor vehicle if good cause for such exclusion exists, unless the exclusion is likely to prevent this State from meeting the applicable performance standard established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The commission may determine that a vehicle is in compliance with the inspection requirements of this section if the vehicle has been inspected and passed under a similar inspection program of another state, district, or territory of the United States.