

Definitions

Classic Motor Vehicle. A motor vehicle that is over twenty-six years old.

Collector's vehicle. Any motor vehicle or agricultural tractor or traction engine that is of special interest, that has a fair market value of one hundred dollars or more, whether operable or not, and that is owned, operated, collected, preserved, restored, maintained, or used essentially as a collector's item, leisure pursuit, or investment, but not as the owner's principal means of transportation. "Licensed collector's vehicle" means a collector's vehicle, other than an agricultural tractor or traction engine, that displays current, valid license tags issued under section 4503.45 of the Revised Code, or a similar type of motor vehicle that displays current, valid license tags issued under substantially equivalent provisions in the laws of other states.

Historical Motor Vehicle. Any motor vehicle that is over twenty-five years old and is owned solely as a collector's item and for participation in club activities, exhibitions, tours, parades, and similar uses, but that in no event is used for general transportation.

Self-Assembled Motor Vehicle. A motor vehicle, other than a manufactured home, a mobile home, or a motor vehicle, that is assembled from component parts by a person other than the manufacturer.

Titling & Registration

From ODPS Bureau of Motor Vehicles:

Salvage & Self-Assembled Vehicle Inspections

Before a self-assembled vehicle or a salvage vehicle can be titled in Ohio, an inspection of the vehicle must be completed by the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

The purpose of this inspection is to verify the ownership of all parts and to review all required documentation. The inspection is not intended to certify the vehicle's safety, road worthiness, or the quality of workmanship. Contact your local deputy registrar's office for fees involved. Anyone needing a vehicle inspection shall proceed as follows:

I. Obtain an application for the inspection at any Deputy Registrar location.

II. Telephone your local inspection location for an appointment. You must be prompt when reporting for the inspection to avoid being rescheduled.

III. Present all required documentation for salvage inspections:

- Ohio salvage title in the name of the person applying for title. Assigned titles and out-of-state salvage titles are not accepted.
- Receipts for all replaced "major component parts" (listed below). This includes the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) of the source vehicle. If receipts are from a casual sale by an individual, they must be notarized. Photocopies of receipts are not acceptable.
- The inspection officer may require receipts or documentation for any part of questionable origin (ORC, Section 4505.11).
- The inspection receipt

Major Component Parts List *

Air Bag(s)	Bumper	Dash	Deck Lid	Doors	Engine	Frame
Front Fenders	Hatchback	Hood	Rear Door	Rear Quarters	Transmission	Tailgate

* Receipts may also be required for any parts with a fair market value of \$100.00 or more.

Any parts presented that are questionable or missing vehicle identification numbers are subject to seizure.

IV. Documentation required for self-assembled inspections:

- Titles, receipts, and documentation of the source for the replaced major component parts, which includes the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) of the source vehicle. If receipts are from a casual sale from an individual, they must be notarized. Photocopies of receipts are not acceptable.
- The inspecting officer may require receipts or documentation for any part of questionable origin (ORC, Section 4505.11).
- When "kits" are used, the manufacturer's certificate of origin must be presented.

- The inspection receipt.

V. Inspection Procedures:

- The vehicle must be completely rebuilt and ready for highway operation.
- Before either a salvage or self-assembled inspection is conducted, all receipts and documents will be examined. The inspection will not be completed if any are incomplete, incorrect, or missing.
- The person presenting the vehicle for inspection will be permitted in the inspection area only when authorized by the inspecting officer.
- The applicant may be instructed to remove certain body parts from the vehicle before arriving for inspection. During the inspection, it may be necessary to remove certain parts to allow examination of VIN's. It may also be necessary to leave the vehicle overnight.
- Any vehicle or component part bearing a VIN or VIN derivative determined to be stolen/missing or altered will result in the vehicle being impounded and held as evidence and/or seized for forfeiture.

Failure to meet all the requirements as set forth above, will necessitate a rescheduling of the inspection.

The State of Ohio assumes no liability for any damage resulting from removing parts to permit examination or for any damage resulting from replacement of these parts.

Ohio State Highway Patrol Salvage Vehicle Inspection Facility Locations

The following locations are permanent inspection sites open from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. weekdays.

Crawford County	Cuyahoga County	Franklin County	Hamilton County
Bucyrus	Cleveland	Columbus	Blue Ash
1653 Marion Road Bucyrus, Ohio 44820	12323 Broadway Avenue Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125	1583 Alum Creek Drive Columbus, Ohio 43209	9971 Cincinnati-Dayton Rd Westchester, Ohio 45069
Phone: (419) 563-0272 Fax: (419) 563-2806	Phone: (216) 587-4305 (Ext. 2) Fax: (216) 587-1071	Phone: (614) 644-1667 Fax: (614) 644-1668	Phone: (513) 777-5547 Fax: (513) 777-6315
Hancock County	Jackson County	Miami County	Muskingum County
Findlay	Jackson	Piqua	New Concord
8210 Suite # D, C.R. 140 Findlay, Ohio 45840	25 McCarty Lane Jackson, Ohio 45640	1275 Experiment Farm Rd Troy, Ohio 45373	95 Wildflower Drive New Concord, Ohio 43762
Phone: (419) 423-2957 Fax: (419)423-2627	Phone: (740) 286-3457 Fax: (740) 286-2413	Phone: (937) 335-6412 Fax: (937) 335-6934	Phone: (740) 826-1030 Fax: (740) 826-1214

Stark County

Massillon

8730 Lake Road
Seville, Ohio 44273

Phone: (330) 769-5089
Fax: (330) 769-1498

Trumbull County

Warren

3424 U.S. Route 422
Southington, Ohio 44470

Phone: (330) 898-2894
Fax: (330) 898-4386

Inspection Receipts may be purchased in person at the following Ohio Department of Public

Safety office:

Customer Service Center

1970 West Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43223
Phone: (614) 995-5353

From Ohio Administrative Code:

4501:1 Bureau of Motor Vehicles.
Chapter 4501:1-7 Vehicle Registration.

OAC 4501:1-7-14 (2016)

4501:1-7-14. Collector's Vehicles.

(A) The registrar of motor vehicles shall issue a validation sticker and collector's plates or a validation sticker alone to the owner of a collector's vehicle in accordance with this rule.

(B) The registrar, in order to determine whether a motor vehicle is owned, operated, collected, preserved, restored, maintained, or used essentially as a collector's item, leisure pursuit or investment, shall pursue the following steps:

(1) The registrar shall consult the national automobile dealers association classic, collectible and special interest car appraisal guide or any other published source previously approved by the registrar to determine whether the motor vehicle is listed therein.

(2) If the vehicle is not listed in that publication, the registrar may consult one or more similar publications that he deems similarly authoritative.

(3) If the motor vehicle is not listed in one of those publications, the registrar shall review original correspondence and related documentation, if any, from the manufacturer submitted by the applicant demonstrating that the motor vehicle was in limited production or is at the time of application a make or model of significant value to collectors.

(4) The applicant may demonstrate to the registrar's satisfaction that the vehicle was in limited production or is at the time of application a make or model of significant value to collectors.

If the applicant does not demonstrate that the vehicle qualifies under this paragraph, the registrar may refuse registration as a collector's vehicle.

(C) The registrar may refuse registration as a collector's vehicle if the vehicle is a reproduction of a make or model previously manufactured, or if the vehicle has not been maintained in or restored to a condition that is substantially in conformity with the manufacturer's specifications and appearance.

(D) The registrar may refuse an application to register a collector's vehicle unless the applicant can sufficiently demonstrate that the vehicle is not used as primary transportation.

(E) A registration as a collector's vehicle that was issued in error is automatically canceled, after notice, on the day before its normal expiration unless the registrar has previously canceled it or unless the registrar issues an extension either before, on, or after the date of cancellation. After such a cancellation the vehicle owner, if otherwise eligible, may within one year apply for regular license plates without payment of the fee for replacement plates. If the vehicle owner comes into compliance with the Revised Code, this rule, and other applicable laws within one year after the original date of cancellation, he may apply for registration as a collector's vehicle without payment of the fee for replacement plates.

(F) In accordance with rule 3745-26-12 of the Administrative Code, a vehicle that qualifies as a collector's vehicle under paragraphs (B), (C), and (D) of this rule is permanently exempt from the emissions inspection required in the designated program area.

4501:1 Bureau of Motor Vehicles.
Chapter 4501:1-7 Vehicle Registration.

OAC 4501:1-7-04 (2016)

4501:1-7-04. Registration and titling of all-purpose vehicles and off-highway motorcycles.

(A) (A) Effective July 1, 2016, no person shall register an all-purpose vehicle or off-highway motorcycle without first obtaining a certificate of title.

(B) Before issuance of a certificate of title for an all-purpose vehicle or off-highway motorcycle proof of ownership shall be established by evidence satisfactory to the clerk of the court of common pleas consisting of one or more of the following: A manufacturer's or importer's certificate; a bill of sale that has been notarized or is otherwise trustworthy; a current or prior registration in this or another state; a declarations page from a policy of liability insurance or such policy issued to the applicant in this or another state and describing the vehicle by make, year, series or model, if any, and vehicle identification number; a warranty statement describing the vehicle by make, year, series or model, if any, and vehicle identification number; a security agreement listing the vehicle, owner, and secured party; evidence prescribed by rules issued by the registrar of motor vehicles to the clerks of court of common pleas; evidence approved by the registrar on a case-by-case basis; or a certificate of title, bill of sale, or other evidence of ownership required by law of another state from which the vehicle was brought into this state.

(C) If proof of ownership cannot be established under paragraph (B) of this rule it shall be established by evidence satisfactory to the clerk consisting of two or more of the following: A sworn statement of ownership; an affidavit of another person establishing ownership; receipts from purchase of parts or components; or photographs and tracings of the vehicle identification number.

4501:1 Bureau of Motor Vehicles.
Chapter 4501:1-11 Replacement of Vehicle Identification.

OAC 4501:1-11-01 (2016)

4501:1-11-01. Application for a replacement vehicle identification number (VIN) plate.

(A) Any person who is the owner of a motor vehicle, or any owner's insurer, may apply for a replacement vehicle identification number (VIN) plate or replacement vehicle parts derivative VIN plates or stickers in accordance with the requirements of paragraphs (B) and (C) of this rule.

(B) Before a person applies for a replacement vehicle identification number (VIN) plate or replacement vehicle parts derivative VIN plates or stickers, an inspection of the vehicle must be conducted by the state highway patrol in accordance with provisions of division (E) of section 4505.11 of the Revised Code. The inspection shall include the following:

- (1) The federal safety decal number;
- (2) The engine and transmission numbers;
- (3) Any manufacturer's applied number that can be traced by available record to the original VIN;
- (4) Any owner's applied number that can be traced to the original owner or VIN;
- (5) Any other number determined by the registrar or the state highway patrol to be relevant to the inspection.

(C) The applicant shall obtain an "Application for Replacement Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) to a Motor Vehicle," form "BMV 3713," (December, 2014), available on the bureau of motor vehicles' website at http://www.bmv.ohio.gov/bmv_forms.stm and hereinafter referred to as the "application." The application shall be submitted to the registrar of motor vehicles with the following documents:

- (1) The evidence of an inspection by state highway patrol;
- (2) The valid Ohio certificate of title or certificate of title or other lawful evidence of title issued in another state.

(D) If the registrar determines that the applicant has complied with the requirements of paragraphs (B) and (C) of this rule, the registrar shall authorize the issuance of the original VIN or shall assign a new VIN. If a replacement VIN plate is required, the following procedures apply:

- (1) The dies, plates, stickers, or other suitable devices, materials, or equipment required to replace a VIN or derivative VIN on any vehicle part shall be obtained and produced by the bureau of motor vehicles or the state highway patrol;
- (2) The applicant may be required to pay the bureau of motor vehicles the actual cost incurred by the bureau of motor vehicles or state highway patrol in obtaining or producing the replacement VIN plates or replacement vehicle parts derivative VIN plates or stickers for the vehicle;
- (3) The registrar shall send, a copy of all documentation pertaining to the replacement VIN plate or replacement vehicle parts derivative VIN plates or stickers to the state highway patrol;
- (4) The registrar shall send the Ohio certificate of title or other lawful evidence of ownership to the appropriate clerk of courts.

4501:1 Bureau of Motor Vehicles.
Chapter 4501:1-11 Replacement of Vehicle Identification.

OAC 4501:1-11-02 (2016)

4501:1-11-02. Issuance of a replacement vehicle identification number (VIN) plate.

- (A) Upon receipt of all documentation pertaining to the replacement VIN plate or replacement vehicle parts derivative VIN plates or stickers, the state highway patrol inspection station shall set a date and time for the inspection and installation of the replacement VIN plates and other devices. The state highway patrol inspection station shall attempt to schedule a date and time that is mutually agreeable to both the owner and the state highway patrol.
- (B) Upon proper identification of the motor vehicle by the state highway patrol officer, the officer shall supervise the installation of the replacement VIN plate.
- (C) If it is practical to do so, the replacement original or Ohio replacement VIN plate shall be installed in the manufacturer's original location. If it is not practical to do so, the replacement original or Ohio replacement VIN plate shall be installed in the following manners:
- (1) In passenger cars, affix replacement VIN plate to a clean surface located on a portion of the left front door pillar post. If this is not practical because of the construction of the vehicle, alternate locations should be used in the following order of preference: first, in an engine compartment on the body of the driver's side of cowl; second, any portion of the left front vehicle main frame that is visible and yet protected from possible damage or destruction. A windshield decal shall be placed on the inside left lower corner of the windshield, near the original VIN plate location, stating that the vehicle is equipped with an Ohio replacement VIN plate. The registrar shall prescribe the design and specifications of the windshield decal;
 - (2) On motorcycles, affix the replacement VIN plate to a clean surface area on the left side near the headstock;
 - (3) On trailers and semitrailers, affix the replacement VIN plate to the left front corner of the trailer or semitrailer body six inches from the traffic side;
 - (4) On commercial cars, affix the replacement VIN plate to the left front door pillar post;
 - (5) On school buses, buses, house cars, and motor homes, affix the replacement VIN plate to a portion of the left front door pillar post if available. If a left front door pillar post is not available, then affix the replacement VIN plate to the main passenger entryway door pillar post. If the pillar post is not available, then affix the replacement VIN plate to any portion of the left front main frame which is visible and protected from possible damage or destruction;
 - (6) On mobile homes, affix the replacement VIN to the left front corner of the vehicle six inches from the traffic side.
- (D) The replacement VIN or derivative replacement VIN plate shall be riveted securely to the body or on any other vehicle part by, or under the direct supervision of, a state highway patrol officer.
- (E) The installation of any replacement derivative replacement VIN shall be done by, or under the direct supervision of, a state highway patrol officer. The applicant shall bear the cost of any professional, mechanical, or labor costs incurred in the installation of any VIN plate, replacement derivative VIN, or decal.
- (F) The state highway patrol inspection station shall give written notification to the applicant of the results of the inspection as soon after the completion of the inspection as is practical.

4501:1 Bureau of Motor Vehicles.
Chapter 4501:1-11 Replacement of Vehicle Identification.

OAC 4501:1-11-03 (2016)

4501:1-11-03. Installation of a replacement vehicle identification number (VIN) plate.

(A) Upon a motor vehicle owner's presentation of documentation that an authorized replacement VIN or derivative thereof has been successfully installed by the state highway patrol, the clerk of courts shall issue a replacement Ohio certificate of title. The face of the title shall be clearly marked "replacement vehicle identification number installed" or "replacement VIN installed."

4501:1 Bureau of Motor Vehicles.
Chapter 4501:1-11 Replacement of Vehicle Identification.

OAC 4501:1-11-04 (2016)

4501:1-11-04. Duties of the clerk of courts. [RESCINDED]

From Ohio Revised Code:

TITLE 45. MOTOR VEHICLES -- AERONAUTICS -- WATERCRAFT
CHAPTER 4505. CERTIFICATE OF MOTOR VEHICLE TITLE LAW

ORC 4505.111 (2016)

§ 4505.111. State highway patrol to inspect **vehicle assembled** by person other than manufacturer.

(A) Every motor vehicle, other than a manufactured home, a mobile home, or a motor vehicle as provided in divisions (C), (D), and (E) of section [4505.11](#) of the Revised Code, that is **assembled** from **component** parts by a person other than the manufacturer, shall be inspected by the state highway patrol prior to issuance of title to the motor vehicle. The inspection shall include establishing proof of ownership and an inspection of the motor number and vehicle identification number of the motor vehicle, and any items of equipment the director of public safety considers advisable and requires to be inspected by rule. A fee of forty dollars in fiscal year 1998 and fifty dollars in fiscal year 1999 and thereafter shall be assessed by the state highway patrol for each inspection made pursuant to this section, and shall be deposited in the state highway safety fund established by section [4501.06](#) of the Revised Code.

(B) Whoever violates this section shall be fined not more than two thousand dollars, imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

TITLE 45. MOTOR VEHICLES -- AERONAUTICS -- WATERCRAFT
CHAPTER 4501. MOTOR VEHICLES -- DEFINITIONS; GENERAL PROVISIONS

ORC 4501.01 (2016)

§ 4501.01. Definitions

As used in this chapter and Chapters 4503., 4505., 4507., 4509., 4510., 4511., 4513., 4515., and 4517. of the Revised Code, and in the penal laws, except as otherwise provided:

(F) "**Collector's vehicle**" means any motor vehicle or agricultural tractor or traction engine that is of special interest, that has a fair market value of one hundred dollars or more, whether operable or not, and that is owned, operated, collected, preserved, restored, maintained, or used essentially as a collector's item, leisure pursuit, or investment, but not as the owner's principal means of transportation. "Licensed collector's vehicle" means a collector's vehicle, other than an agricultural tractor or traction engine, that displays current, valid license tags issued under [section 4503.45 of the Revised Code](#), or a similar type of motor vehicle that displays current, valid license tags issued under substantially equivalent provisions in the laws of other states.

(G) "**Historical motor vehicle**" means any motor vehicle that is over twenty-five years old and is owned solely as a collector's item and for participation in club activities, exhibitions, tours, parades, and similar uses, but that in no event is used for general transportation.

TITLE 45. MOTOR VEHICLES -- AERONAUTICS -- WATERCRAFT
CHAPTER 4503. LICENSING OF MOTOR VEHICLES
SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES AND STICKERS

ORC 4503.45 (2016)

§ 4503.45. "**Collector's vehicle**" license

An owner of a **collector's vehicle**, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon payment of the regular license fee as prescribed under [section 4503.04 of the Revised Code](#) and any tax levied under [section 4504.02](#) or [4504.06 of the Revised Code](#), and the payment of an additional fee of five dollars, which shall be for the purpose of compensating the bureau of motor vehicles for additional services required in the issuing of such licenses, shall be issued validation stickers and license plates, or validation stickers alone when required by [section 4503.191 \[4503.19.1\] of the Revised Code](#), upon which, in addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed thereon, shall be inscribed the words "**collector's vehicle.**"

TITLE 45. MOTOR VEHICLES -- AERONAUTICS -- WATERCRAFT
CHAPTER 4503. LICENSING OF MOTOR VEHICLES
MISCELLANEOUS

ORC 4503.181 (2016)

§ 4503.181. **Historical motor vehicles**

(A) (A) As used in this section, "historical motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle that is more than twenty-five years old and that is owned solely as a collector's item and for participation in club activities, exhibitions, tours, parades, and similar uses. A historical motor vehicle shall not be used for general transportation, but may be operated on the public roads and highways to and from a location where maintenance is performed on the vehicle.

(B) In lieu of the annual license tax levied in sections 4503.02 and 4503.04 of the Revised Code, a license fee of ten dollars is levied on the operation of a historical motor vehicle.

(C) A person who owns a historical motor vehicle and applies for a historical license plate under this section shall execute an affidavit that the vehicle for which the plate is requested is owned and operated solely for the purposes enumerated in division (A) of this section. The affidavit also shall set forth that the vehicle has been inspected and found safe to operate on the public roads and highways in the state. A person who owns a historical motor vehicle and desires to display a model year license plate on the vehicle as permitted by this section shall execute at the time of registration an affidavit setting forth that the model year license plate the person desires to display on the person's historical motor vehicle is a legible and serviceable license plate that originally was issued by this state. No registration issued pursuant to this section need specify the weight of the vehicle.

(D) A vehicle registered under this section may display either a historical vehicle license plate issued by the registrar of motor vehicles or a model year license plate procured by the applicant. A historical vehicle license plate shall not bear a date, but shall bear the inscription "Historical Vehicle—Ohio" and the registration number, which shall be shown thereon. A model year license plate shall be a legible and serviceable license plate issued by this state and inscribed with the date of the year corresponding to the model year when the vehicle was manufactured. Two model year license plates, duplicates of each other, may be displayed on the historical motor vehicle at any time, one plate on the front and one plate on the rear of the vehicle. The registration certificate and the historical vehicle license plate issued by the registrar shall be kept in the vehicle at all times the vehicle is operated on the public roads and highways in this state.

Notwithstanding section 4503.21 of the Revised Code, the owner of a historical motor vehicle that was manufactured for military purposes and that is registered under this section may display the assigned registration number of the vehicle by painting the number on the front and rear of the vehicle. The number shall be painted, in accordance with the size and style specifications established for numerals and letters shown on license plates in section 4503.22 of the Revised Code, in a color that contrasts clearly with the color of the vehicle, and shall be legible and visible at all times. Upon application for registration under this section and payment of the license fee prescribed in division (B) of this section, the owner of such a historical motor vehicle shall be issued a historical vehicle license plate. The registration certificate and the license plate shall be kept in the vehicle at all times the vehicle is operated on the public roads and highways in this state. If ownership of such a vehicle is transferred, the transferor shall surrender the historical vehicle license plate or transfer it to another historical motor vehicle the transferor owns, and remove or obliterate the registration numbers painted on the vehicle.

(E) Historical vehicle and model year license plates are valid without renewal as long as the vehicle for which they were issued or procured is in existence. A historical vehicle plate is issued for the owner's use only for such vehicle unless later transferred to another historical motor vehicle owned by that person. In order to effect such a transfer, the owner of the historical motor vehicle that originally displayed the historical vehicle plate shall comply with division (C) of this section. In the event of a transfer of title, the transferor shall surrender the historical vehicle license plate or transfer it to another historical motor vehicle owned by the transferor, but a model year license plate or plates may be retained by the transferor. The registrar may revoke license plates issued under this section, for cause shown and after hearing, for failure of the applicant to comply with this section. Upon revocation, a historical vehicle license plate shall be surrendered; a model year license plate or plates may be retained, but the plate or plates are no longer valid for display on the vehicle.

(F) The owner of a historical motor vehicle bearing a historical vehicle license plate may replace it with a model year license plate by surrendering the historical vehicle license plate and motor vehicle certificate of

registration to the registrar. The owner, at the time of registration, shall execute an affidavit setting forth that the model year plate is a legible and serviceable license plate that originally was issued by this state. Such an owner is required to pay the license fee prescribed by division (B) of this section, but the owner is not required to have the historical motor vehicle reinspected under division (C) of this section.

A person who owns a historical motor vehicle bearing a model year license plate may replace it with a historical vehicle license plate by surrendering the motor vehicle certificate of registration and applying for issuance of a historical vehicle license plate. Such a person is required to pay the license fee prescribed by division (B) of this section, but the person is not required to have the historical motor vehicle reinspected under division (C) of this section.

TITLE 45. MOTOR VEHICLES -- AERONAUTICS -- WATERCRAFT
CHAPTER 4505. CERTIFICATE OF MOTOR VEHICLE TITLE LAW

ORC 4505.111 (2016)

§ 4505.111. Inspection of **vehicle assembled** by person other than manufacturer

(A) Every motor vehicle, other than a manufactured home, a mobile home, or a motor vehicle as provided in divisions (C), (D), and (E) of [section 4505.11 of the Revised Code](#), that is assembled from component parts by a person other than the manufacturer, shall be inspected by the state highway patrol prior to issuance of title to the motor vehicle. The inspection shall include establishing proof of ownership and an inspection of the motor number and vehicle identification number of the motor vehicle, and any items of equipment the director of public safety considers advisable and requires to be inspected by rule. A fee of forty dollars in fiscal year 1998 and fifty dollars in fiscal year 1999 and thereafter shall be assessed by the state highway patrol for each inspection made pursuant to this section, and shall be deposited in the state highway safety fund established by [section 4501.06 of the Revised Code](#).

(B) Whoever violates this section shall be fined not more than two thousand dollars, imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

Equipment Exemptions

From Ohio Administrative Code:

Chapter 4501-33 Self-Assembled Motor Vehicle Inspections

4501-33-01 Application, fees, receipts for inspection.

(A) Application for inspection by the state highway patrol of a motor vehicle assembled from component parts by a person other than the manufacturer as provided in section 4505.111 of the Revised Code.

(1) An applicant shall contact a deputy registrar location to purchase a motor vehicle inspection receipt.

(2) Upon application completion and proper payment of the applicable fees for a motor vehicle inspection receipt, the deputy registrar location assigns a sequential number and issues a motor vehicle "Receipt for Inspection" for each vehicle to be inspected.

(3) Once a motor vehicle inspection receipt has been purchased, an applicant may request a refund by contacting the Ohio state highway patrol, office of licensing and commercial standards, with a letter of explanation as to why the refund is being requested. The original receipt shall accompany this request. In the case of a lost, stolen, or mutilated motor vehicle inspection receipt, an applicant must reapply with the proper fee before issuance of another receipt for inspection.

(4) At the time of the inspection, the applicant shall give one inspection receipt to the inspection officer for each vehicle to be inspected. No inspection will be made without an original motor vehicle inspection receipt.

(5) Upon receipt of the original motor vehicle inspection receipt, the inspecting officer shall inspect the vehicle, record the inspection receipt number on the motor vehicle inspection form, and provide to the applicant a copy of the motor vehicle inspection form.

(B) Application for inspection by the state highway patrol of a motor vehicle titled with a salvage certificate of title and restored for operation upon the highways as provided in section 4505.11 of the Revised Code.

(1) An applicant shall contact a deputy registrar location to purchase a motor vehicle inspection receipt.

(2) Upon application completion and proper payment of the applicable fees for a motor vehicle inspection receipt, the deputy registrar location assigns a sequential number and issues a motor vehicle "Receipt for Inspection" for each vehicle to be inspected.

(3) Once a motor vehicle inspection receipt has been purchased, an applicant may request a refund by contacting the Ohio state highway patrol, office of licensing and commercial standards, with a letter of explanation as to why the refund is being requested. The original receipt shall accompany this request. In the case of a lost, stolen, or mutilated motor vehicle inspection receipt, an applicant must reapply with the proper fee before issuance of another receipt for inspection.

(4) At the time of the inspection, the applicant shall give one inspection receipt to the inspection officer for each vehicle to be inspected. No inspection will be made without an original motor vehicle inspection receipt.

(5) Upon receipt of the original motor vehicle inspection receipt, the inspecting officer shall inspect the vehicle, record the inspection receipt number on the motor vehicle inspection form, and provide to the applicant a copy of the motor vehicle inspection form.

4501-33-02 Presentation of evidence of ownership.

(A) Every applicant for a state highway patrol inspection of a motor vehicle assembled from parts by a person other than the manufacturer as provided in section 4505.111 of the Revised Code shall at the time of inspection present notarized bills of sale for all casual sales of each major component part, or an official business receipt for all business sales of each major component part, or any certificate of title for each major component part used to build the particular vehicle. Such major component parts shall include, but not be limited to, major body parts, frame, and drive train.

(B) Every applicant for a state highway patrol inspection of a motor vehicle titled with a salvage certificate of title and restored for operation upon the highways as provided in section 4505.11 of the Revised Code shall at the time of inspection present notarized bills of sale for all casual sales of each major component part, or an official business receipt for all business sales of each major component part, or any certificate of title for each major component part used to rebuild the particular vehicle. Such major component parts shall include, but not be limited to, major body parts, frame, and drive train.

4501-33-03 Inspection of additional numbers.

(A) In addition to motor vehicle number and vehicle identification number, inspection of a motor vehicle assembled from component parts by a person other than the manufacturer as provided in section 4505.111 of the Revised Code shall include, but not be limited to, the following numbers:

- (1) The federal safety decal number;
- (2) The confidential manufacturer's applied number;
- (3) Any manufacturer's applied number which can be traced by available records to the original vehicle identification number;
- (4) Any owner's applied number which can be traced to the original owner or identification number.

(B) In addition to motor vehicle numbers and vehicle identification number, inspection of a motor vehicle titled with a salvage certificate of title and restored for operation upon the highways as provided in section 4505.11 of the Revised Code shall include, but not be limited to, the following numbers:

- (1) The federal safety decal number;
- (2) The confidential manufacturer's applied number;
- (3) Any manufacturer's applied number which can be traced by available records to the original vehicle identification number;
- (4) Any owner's applied number which can be traced to the original owner or identification number.

4501-33-04 Identification of component parts.

(A) Each inspection of a motor vehicle assembled from component parts by a person other than the manufacturer as provided in section 4505.111 of the Revised Code shall include inspection for identification for all component parts used to build the particular vehicle.

(B) Each inspection of a motor vehicle titled with a salvage certificate of title and restored for operation upon the highways as provided in section 4505.11 of the Revised Code shall include inspection for identification for all component parts used to rebuild or restore the particular vehicle.

4501-33-05 Equipment inspection for self-assembled motor vehicles.

(A) All self-assembled vehicles shall be inspected to determine compliance with Chapter 4513. of the Revised Code, and the following chapters of the Administrative Code: 4501:2-1 (addressing motor vehicle inspection), 4501-15 (addressing lighting), 4501-17 (addressing motorcycles-lighting and helmets), 4501-41 (addressing windows of vehicles), and 4501-43 (addressing maximum height of bumpers).

(B) Inspecting employees will document that the vehicle has not been inspected to meet federal motor vehicle safety standards.

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ORC 4513.38 (2016)

§ 4513.38. Collector's or **historical** motor **vehicle** test exemptions

No person shall be prohibited from owning or operating a licensed collector's **vehicle or historical** motor **vehicle** that is equipped with a feature of design, type of material, or article of equipment that was not in violation of any motor vehicle equipment law of this state or of its political subdivisions in effect during the calendar year the vehicle was manufactured, and no licensed collector's **vehicle or historical** motor **vehicle** shall be prohibited from displaying or using any such feature of design, type of material, or article of equipment.

No person shall be prohibited from owning or operating a licensed collector's **vehicle or historical** motor **vehicle** for failing to comply with an equipment provision contained in Chapter 4513. of the Revised Code or in any state rule that was enacted or adopted in a year subsequent to that in which the vehicle was manufactured, and no licensed collector's **vehicle or historical** motor **vehicle** shall be required to comply with an equipment provision enacted into Chapter 4513. of the Revised Code or adopted by state rule subsequent to the calendar year in which it was manufactured. No political subdivision shall require an owner of a licensed collector's **vehicle or historical** motor **vehicle** to comply with equipment provisions contained in laws or rules that were enacted or adopted subsequent to the calendar year in which the vehicle was manufactured, and no political subdivision shall prohibit the operation of a licensed collector's **vehicle or historical** motor **vehicle** for failure to comply with any such equipment laws or rules.

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ORC 4513.02 (2016)

§ 4513.02. Unsafe vehicles, prohibition against operation; inspection by state highway patrol

(A) No person shall drive or move, or cause or knowingly permit to be driven or moved, on any highway any vehicle or combination of vehicles which is in such unsafe condition as to endanger any person.

(B) When directed by any state highway patrol trooper, the operator of any motor vehicle shall stop and submit such motor vehicle to an inspection under division (B)(1) or (2) of this section, as appropriate, and such tests as are necessary.

(1) Any motor vehicle not subject to inspection by the public utilities commission shall be inspected and tested to determine whether it is unsafe or not equipped as required by law, or that its equipment is not in proper adjustment or repair, or in violation of the equipment provisions of Chapter 4513. of the Revised Code.

Such inspection shall be made with respect to the brakes, lights, turn signals, steering, horns and warning devices, glass, mirrors, exhaust system, windshield wipers, tires, and such other items of equipment as designated by the superintendent of the state highway patrol by rule or regulation adopted pursuant to sections 119.01 to 119.13 of the Revised Code.

Upon determining that a motor vehicle is in safe operating condition and its equipment in conformity with Chapter 4513. of the Revised Code, the inspecting officer shall issue to the operator an official inspection sticker, which shall be in such form as the superintendent prescribes except that its color shall vary from year to year.

(2) Any motor vehicle subject to inspection by the public utilities commission shall be inspected and tested in accordance with rules adopted by the commission. Upon determining that the vehicle and operator are in compliance with rules adopted by the commission, the inspecting officer shall issue to the operator an appropriate official inspection sticker.

(C) The superintendent of the state highway patrol, pursuant to sections 119.01 to 119.13 of the Revised Code, shall determine and promulgate standards for any inspection program conducted by a political subdivision of this state. These standards shall exempt licensed collector's vehicles and historical motor vehicles from inspection. Any motor vehicle bearing a valid certificate of inspection issued by another state or a political subdivision of this state whose inspection program conforms to the superintendent's standards, and any licensed collector's vehicle or historical motor vehicle which is not in a condition which endangers the safety of persons or property, shall be exempt from the tests provided in division (B) of this section.

(D) Every person, firm, association, or corporation that, in the conduct of its business, owns and operates not less than fifteen motor vehicles in this state that are not subject to regulation by the public utilities commission and that, for the purpose of storing, repairing, maintaining, and servicing such motor vehicles, equips and operates one or more service departments within this state, may file with the superintendent of the state highway patrol applications for permits for such service departments as official inspection stations for its own motor vehicles. Upon receiving an application for each such service department, and after determining that it is properly equipped and has competent personnel to perform the inspections referred to in this section, the superintendent shall issue the necessary inspection stickers and permit to operate as an official inspection station. Any such person who has had one or more service departments so designated as official inspection stations may have motor vehicles that are owned and operated by the person and that are not subject to regulation by the public utilities commission, excepting private passenger cars owned by the person or the person's employees, inspected at such service department; and any motor vehicle bearing a valid certificate of inspection issued by such service department shall be exempt from the tests provided in division (B) of this section.

No permit for an official inspection station shall be assigned or transferred or used at any location other than therein designated, and every such permit shall be posted in a conspicuous place at the location designated.

If a person, firm, association, or corporation owns and operates fifteen or more motor vehicles in the conduct of business and is subject to regulation by the public utilities commission, that person, firm, association, or corporation is not eligible to apply to the superintendent for permits to enable any of its service departments to serve as official inspection stations for its own motor vehicles.

(E) When any motor vehicle is found to be unsafe for operation, the inspecting officer may order it removed from the highway and not operated, except for purposes of removal and repair, until it has been repaired pursuant to a repair order as provided in division (F) of this section.

(F) When any motor vehicle is found to be defective or in violation of Chapter 4513. of the Revised Code, the inspecting officer may issue a repair order, in such form and containing such information as the superintendent shall prescribe, to the owner or operator of the motor vehicle. The owner or operator shall thereupon obtain such repairs as are required and shall, as directed by the inspecting officer, return the repair order together with proof of compliance with its provisions. When any motor vehicle or operator subject to rules of the public utilities commission fails the inspection, the inspecting officer shall issue an appropriate order to obtain compliance with such rules.

(G) Sections 4513.01 to 4513.37 of the Revised Code, with respect to equipment on vehicles, do not apply to implements of husbandry, road machinery, road rollers, or agricultural tractors except as made applicable to such articles of machinery.

(H) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

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ORC 4513.071 (2016)

§ 4513.071. Stop lights

(A) Every motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer when operated upon a highway shall be equipped with two or more stop lights, except that passenger **cars** manufactured or **assembled** prior to January 1, 1967, motorcycles, and motor-driven cycles shall be equipped with at least one stop light. Stop lights shall be mounted on the rear of the vehicle, actuated upon application of the service brake, and may be incorporated with other rear lights. Such stop lights when actuated shall emit a red light visible from a distance of five hundred feet to the rear, provided that in the case of a train of vehicles only the stop lights on the rear-most vehicle need be visible from the distance specified.

Such stop lights when actuated shall give a steady warning light to the rear of a vehicle or train of vehicles to indicate the intention of the operator to diminish the speed of or stop a vehicle or train of vehicles.

When stop lights are used as required by this section, they shall be constructed or installed so as to provide adequate and reliable illumination and shall conform to the appropriate rules and regulations established under [section 4513.19 of the Revised Code](#).

Historical motor **vehicles** as defined in [section 4503.181 of the Revised Code](#), not originally manufactured with stop lights, are not subject to this section.

(B) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

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ORC 4513.20 (2016)

§ 4513.20. Brake equipment

(A) The following requirements govern as to brake equipment on vehicles:

(1) Every trackless trolley and motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, when operated upon a highway shall be equipped with brakes adequate to control the movement of and to stop and hold such trackless trolley or motor vehicle, including two separate means of applying the brakes, each of which means shall be effective to apply the brakes to at least two wheels. If these two separate means of applying the brakes are connected in any way, then on such trackless trolleys or motor **vehicles** manufactured or **assembled** after January 1, 1942, they shall be so constructed that failure of any one part of the operating mechanism shall not leave the trackless trolley or motor vehicle without brakes on at least two wheels.

(2) Every motorcycle, when operated upon a highway shall be equipped with at least one adequate brake, which may be operated by hand or by foot.

(3) Every motorized bicycle shall be equipped with brakes meeting the rules adopted by the director of public safety under [section 4511.521 of the Revised Code](#).

(4) When operated upon the highways of this state, the following vehicles shall be equipped with brakes adequate to control the movement of and to stop and to hold the vehicle, designed to be applied by the driver of the towing motor vehicle from its cab, and also designed and connected so that, in case of a breakaway of the towed vehicle, the brakes shall be automatically applied:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, every trailer or semitrailer, except a pole trailer, with an empty weight of two thousand pounds or more, manufactured or assembled on or after January 1, 1942;

(b) Every manufactured home or travel trailer with an empty weight of two thousand pounds or more, manufactured or assembled on or after January 1, 2001.

(5) Every watercraft trailer with a gross weight or manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating of three thousand pounds or more that is manufactured or assembled on or after January 1, 2008, shall have separate brakes equipped with hydraulic surge or electrically operated brakes on two wheels.

(6) In any combination of motor-drawn trailers or semitrailers equipped with brakes, means shall be provided for applying the rearmost brakes in approximate synchronism with the brakes on the towing vehicle, and developing the required braking effort on the rearmost wheels at the fastest rate; or means shall be provided for applying braking effort first on the rearmost brakes; or both of the above means, capable of being used alternatively, may be employed.

(7) Every vehicle and combination of vehicles, except motorcycles and motorized bicycles, and except trailers and semitrailers of a gross weight of less than two thousand pounds, and pole trailers, shall be equipped with parking brakes adequate to hold the vehicle on any grade on which it is operated, under all conditions of loading, on a surface free from snow, ice, or loose material. The parking brakes shall be capable of being applied in conformance with the foregoing requirements by the driver's muscular effort or by spring action or by equivalent means. Their operation may be assisted by the service brakes or other source of power provided that failure of the service brake actuation system or other power assisting mechanism will not prevent the parking brakes from being applied in conformance with the foregoing requirements. The parking brakes shall be so designed that when once applied they shall remain applied with the required effectiveness despite exhaustion of any source of energy or leakage of any kind.

(8) The same brake drums, brake shoes and lining assemblies, brake shoe anchors, and mechanical brake shoe actuation mechanism normally associated with the wheel brake assemblies may be used for both the service brakes and the parking brakes. If the means of applying the parking brakes and the

service brakes are connected in any way, they shall be so constructed that failure of any one part shall not leave the vehicle without operative brakes.

(9) Every trackless trolley, motor vehicle, or combination of motor-drawn vehicles shall be capable at all times and under all conditions of loading of being stopped on a dry, smooth, level road free from loose material, upon application of the service or foot brake, within the following specified distances, or shall be capable of being decelerated at a sustained rate corresponding to these distances:

(a) Trackless trolleys, vehicles, or combinations of vehicles having brakes on all wheels shall come to a stop in thirty feet or less from a speed of twenty miles per hour.

(b) Vehicles or combinations of vehicles not having brakes on all wheels shall come to a stop in forty feet or less from a speed of twenty miles per hour.

(10) All brakes shall be maintained in good working order and shall be so adjusted as to operate as equally as practicable with respect to the wheels on opposite sides of the trackless trolley or vehicle.

(B) Whoever violates this section shall be punished as provided in [section 4513.99 of the Revised Code](#).

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ORC 4513.261 (2016)

§ 4513.261. Directional signals

(A) (1) No person shall operate any motor **vehicle** manufactured or **assembled** on or after January 1, 1954, unless the vehicle is equipped with electrical or mechanical directional signals.

(2) No person shall operate any motorcycle or motor-driven cycle manufactured or assembled on or after January 1, 1968, unless the vehicle is equipped with electrical or mechanical directional signals.

(B) "Directional signals" means an electrical or mechanical signal device capable of clearly indicating an intention to turn either to the right or to the left and which shall be visible from both the front and rear.

(C) All mechanical signal devices shall be self-illuminating devices when in use at the times mentioned in [section 4513.03 of the Revised Code](#).

(D) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

Emissions Exemptions

Ohio requires emissions tests for vehicles every other year in Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Portage, and Summit counties (Cleveland Metropolitan area), Franklin County (Columbus), and Hamilton County (Cincinnati). Even model year vehicles must be tested during even-numbered years and odd model year vehicles must be tested during the odd-numbered years.

Diesel Vehicles:

Diesel vehicles must undergo emissions testing in the same way as gasoline powered vehicles, and are provided with the same exemptions provided to gasoline powered vehicles.

Exemptions:

1. New vehicles for the newest four (4) MYs
2. Vehicles that are 26 MY old or older
3. Vehicles with a GVWR of more than 10,000 lbs
4. Vehicles registered as "historical" or "collector" vehicles
5. Parade and exhibition vehicles