

Definitions

Kit vehicle. Means a passenger-type motor **vehicle assembled**, by other than a licensed manufacturer, from a manufactured kit that includes a prefabricated body and chassis and is accompanied by a manufacturer's statement of origin.

Reconstructed vehicle. Means any vehicle which has been assembled or constructed largely by means of essential parts, new or used, derived from other vehicles or makes of vehicles of various names, models, and types or which, if originally otherwise constructed, has been materially altered by the removal of essential parts or by the addition or substitution of essential parts, new or used, derived from other vehicles or makes of vehicles.

Specially constructed vehicle. means any vehicle which has not been originally constructed under a distinctive name, make, model, or type by a generally recognized manufacturer of vehicles.

Bonded title vehicle. A vehicle the owner of which has posted a bond for title pursuant to the provisions of [section 42-6-115](#).

Homemade vehicle. A vehicle which is constructed by a manufacturer not licensed by the state of Colorado and which is not recognizable as a commercially manufactured vehicle.

Rebuilt vehicle. A vehicle which has been assembled from parts of two or more commercially manufactured vehicles or which has been altered in such a manner that it is not readily recognizable as a commercially manufactured vehicle of a given year. "Rebuilt vehicle" includes a street rod vehicle.

Reconstructed vehicle. A vehicle constructed from two or more commercially manufactured vehicles of the same type and year which has not been altered and which is recognizable as a commercially manufactured vehicle of a given year.

Kit vehicle. A passenger-type motor **vehicle assembled**, by other than a licensed manufacturer, from a manufactured kit that includes a prefabricated body and chassis and is accompanied by a manufacturer's statement of origin.

Street rod vehicle. A vehicle manufactured in 1948 or earlier with a body design that has been modified for safe road use, including, but not limited to, modifications of the drive train, suspension, and brake systems, modifications to the body through the use of materials such as steel or fiberglass, and modifications to any other safety or comfort features.

Collector's item. A motor vehicle, including a truck or truck tractor, that is of: a) (I) Model year 1975 or earlier; or (II) Model year 1976 or later that was registered as a collector's item prior to September 1, 2009; except that a vehicle so registered shall not be eligible for registration as a collector's item upon sale or transfer to a new owner. This paragraph (a) is effective September 1, 2016.

Titling & Registration

From Colorado Department of Revenue:

5 Year Collector Passenger

About: Motor vehicles that are model year 1975 or earlier or motor vehicles with a model year 1976 or later that were registered as a collector's item prior to September 1, 2009 which are not to be used in a commercial manner. All taxes and fees shall be five times the annual taxes and fees normally assessed.

Available For: Passenger cars and trucks that do not exceed sixteen thousand pounds empty weight.

Misc. Info: Motor vehicles that were grandfathered in prior to September 1, 2009 may remain registered as a collector's item until registration is allowed to expire or upon sale or transfer of ownership.

Fees: One time fee of \$50.00 for issuance or replacement, in addition to other taxes and fees.



Horseless Carriage

About: Vehicles are limited to driving to and from assemblies, conventions for demonstrations and parades, occasional leisure drives, and on other occasions when their operations will not constitute a traffic hazard. Plates are registered for a set 5-year cycle with all plates expiring on the same date within that set 5-year cycle regardless of the date of issue. Cycles are 2009, 2014, 2019 etc. Upon sale or transfer, the plate shall remain with the vehicle and be transferred to the new owner.

Available For: Passenger, light trucks that do not exceed sixteen thousand pounds empty weight and motorcycles.

Who Qualifies: Vehicles that are fifty (50) years or older from the date of registration and that are valued principally because of the vehicles early date of manufacturer, design, or historical interest or valued as collectors items.

Number of Plates Allowed: Unlimited.



Street Rod

About: Vehicles manufactured in 1948 or earlier.

Available For: Passenger cars, light trucks, and recreational trucks.

Requirements:

Applicant must submit a copy of their title or registration to verify the year of vehicle the plate is to be registered to along with form DR 2810.

Number of Plates Allowed: Unlimited.



Year of Manufacture Plates

****Plate must be supplied by the applicant**

About: The Year of Manufacture license plate is an original plate for motor vehicles valued principally because of the vehicle's early date of manufacture, design, or historical interest or value as collectors' items. Motor vehicles using such plates may be used exclusively for:

- Driving such vehicle to and from assemblies, conventions, or other meetings where such vehicles and their ownership are the primary interest.
- Demonstrations, parades, and when their operation on the street and highway will not constitute a traffic hazard.
- Traveling to and from and while on local, state, or national tours held primarily for exhibition and enjoyment.

Available for: Year of Manufacture license plates are authorized for passenger cars, trucks, and motorcycles.

Who qualifies: Any person with a qualifying vehicle and plates.

Requirements: The original plate shall meet the following criteria:

- The plates were made at least thirty years prior to registration
- Are embossed with the year of original issue
- Are legible
- Were issued with the year of manufacture of the vehicle upon which they are to be displayed
- Do not exceed seven characters

The vehicle must have a current Colorado registration to allow the issuance of a Year of Manufacture plate. The applicant is responsible for providing the original plate.

Fees: None

Number of Plates Allowed: Unlimited.

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*** THIS DOCUMENT REFLECTS CHANGES RECEIVED THROUGH APRIL 8, 2010 ***
*** ANNOTATIONS CURRENT THROUGH OCTOBER 15, 2009 ***
TITLE 42. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC
CERTIFICATES OF TITLE
ARTICLE 6.CERTIFICATES OF TITLE - USED MOTOR VEHICLE SALES
PART 1. CERTIFICATES OF TITLE

COLORADO STATUTES

C.R.S. 42-6-107 (2016)

• 42-6-107. Certificates of title - contents

(1) (a) (I) The department or authorized agent shall mail or deliver certificates of title to motor or off-highway vehicles issued under this part 1 to the applicant, except as provided in [section 42-6-124](#), and the director shall retain and appropriately index and file information appearing and concerning the issuance of the certificates of title. The certificates may be electronic records in compliance with rules adopted by the director.

- **(II)** In addition to other information that the director may by rule require, the certificates of title must contain the make and model of the motor or off-highway vehicle described in the record, if the information is available, together with the motor and any other serial number of the vehicle, and a description of any other marks or symbols placed upon the vehicle by the vehicle manufacturer for identification purposes.
- **(III)** If a vehicle shows a brand in its title history, or if the vehicle is subject to a brand, the department shall place the appropriate brand on the certificate of title. If the vehicle has multiple brands, the department shall place the most recent brand on the certificate of title and the notice "other brands exist". If the brand is from a certificate of title issued in another jurisdiction, the brand must be carried forward to the Colorado certificate of title along with the name of the jurisdiction originating the brand.
- **(IV)** The year listed on the certificate of title of a kit vehicle is the year of manufacture of the kit from which the vehicle was assembled, as indicated in the manufacturer's statement of origin.
 - **(b)** The department may require those vehicle-related entities specified by regulation to verify information concerning a vehicle through the physical inspection of such vehicle. The information required to be verified by such a physical inspection shall include the vehicle identification number or numbers, the make of vehicle, the vehicle model, the type of vehicle, the year of manufacture of such vehicle, the type of fuel used by such vehicle, the odometer reading of such vehicle, and such other information as may be required by the department. For the purposes of this paragraph (b), "vehicle-related entity" means an authorized agent or designated employee of such agent, a Colorado law enforcement officer, a licensed Colorado dealer, a licensed inspection and readjustment station, or a licensed diesel inspection station.

- **(2)** The department or authorized agent shall include in the electronic record of the certificate or the paper version of the certificate a description of every lien on the motor or off-highway vehicle that appears in the application for the certificate of title or is unreleased upon a prior certificate of title for the vehicle, including the date of the lien, the original amount secured by the vehicle, the named lienee, and the county in which the lien appears of record if it is of public record. The department or authorized agent shall number certificates and electronic records consecutively by counties, beginning with number one. The certificate of title filed with the authorized agent is prima facie evidence of the contents of the record and that the person in whose name the certificate is registered is the lawful owner of the vehicle. Except as provided in [section 42-6-118](#), the certificate remains effective after filing until the vehicle described in the record is sold or ownership is otherwise transferred.

HISTORY: Source: . L. 94: L. 94: Entire title amended with relocations, p. 2451, § 1, effective January 1, 1995.L. 2000: (1)(a) and (2) amended, p. 1657, § 3, effective July 1, 2001.L. 2001: (1)(b) amended, p. 591, § 4, effective May 30.L. 2005: Entire section amended, p. 810, § 5, effective August 8.L. 2006:

(1)(a) amended, p. 1412, § 4, effective July 1, 2007.L. 2013: (1)(a) and (2) amended, (SB 13-280), ch. 407, p. 2380, § 5, effective June 5.L. 2014: (1)(a) amended, (HB 14-1100), ch. 122, p. 433, § 3, effective August 6.Entire title amended with relocations, p. 2451, § 1, effective January 1, 1995.L. 2000: (1)(a) and (2) amended, p. 1657, § 3, effective July 1, 2001.L. 2001: (1)(b) amended, p. 591, § 4, effective May 30.L. 2005: Entire section amended, p. 810, § 5, effective August 8.L. 2006: (1)(a) amended, p. 1412, § 4, effective July 1, 2007.

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C.R.S. 42-6-108.5 (2016)

42-6-108.5. Rebuilder's certificate of title (Repealed)

42-12-102. Rebuilder's certificate of title

- **(1)** (a) If the applicant for a certificate of title to a motor vehicle is unable to provide the director or the authorized agent with a certificate of title duly transferred to the applicant or other evidence of ownership that satisfies the director that the applicant owns the vehicle, the director may issue a rebuilder's title for a motor vehicle valued principally because of the vehicle's early date of manufacture, design, or historical interest or valued as a collector's item if:
 - **(I)** The motor vehicle is not roadworthy;
 - **(II)** The motor vehicle is at least twenty-five years old;
 - **(III)** The components of the motor vehicle include at least a rolling chassis;
 - **(IV)** The application contains or is accompanied by a statement that complies with paragraph (b) of this subsection (1);
 - **(V)** The applicant obtains a certified vehicle identification number inspection; and
 - **(VI)** The applicant provides surety that complies with subsection (3) of this section.
 - **(b)** The statement required by subparagraph (IV) of paragraph (a) of this subsection (1) must contain an account of the facts by which the applicant acquired ownership of the vehicle, the source of the title to the vehicle, and such other information as the director may require. The statement must contain a written declaration that it is made under the penalties of perjury in the second degree, as defined in [section 18-8-503, C.R.S.](#)
- **(2)** If a motor vehicle titled under this section is later made roadworthy, the department shall issue to an applicant a standard certificate of title if the applicant:
 - **(a)** Obtains a certified vehicle identification number inspection; and
 - **(b)** Furnishes a bond under subsection (3) of this section.
- **(3)** (a) To convert a rebuilder's title to a standard certificate of title, the applicant shall furnish evidence of a savings account, deposit, or certificate of deposit meeting the requirements of [section 11-35-101, C.R.S.](#), or a good and sufficient bond with a corporate surety. The account, deposit, certificate, or bond must be in an amount fixed by the director, but not less than twice the

reasonable value of the vehicle, determined as of the time of application. The applicant and the applicant's surety shall hold harmless any person who suffers loss or damage by reason of the filing of a certificate of title under this section.

- **(b)** If a person suffers loss or damage by reason of the filing of a certificate of title under this section, the person has a right of action against the applicant and the surety on the applicant's bond, against either of whom the person damaged may proceed independently of the other.
- **(4)** (a) A person shall not drive a motor vehicle titled under this section on the highways until it complies with subsection (5) of this section.
 - **(b)** The department or its authorized agent shall not classify a vehicle issued a title under this section as a salvage vehicle.
- **(5)** (a) If the motor vehicle's frame and body identification numbers do not match the manufacturer's numbering system as being originally mated or if the motor vehicle is reconstructed from salvage parts or other motor vehicles or reproduction parts, an application for title using subsection (1) or (2) of this section must include evidence of ownership of the parts, other motor vehicles, or reproduction components used in the reconstruction. If the evidence is not acceptable to the director, the director shall reject the application for certificate of title.
 - **(b)** The evidence required by paragraph (a) of this subsection (5) must include or be accompanied by an affidavit stating the facts concerning the reconstruction and an affidavit of physical inspection that includes a computer check of the state and national compilations of wanted and stolen vehicles.
 - **(c)** Before issuing a certificate of title under paragraph (a) of this subsection (5), the department shall issue a special vehicle identification number to the vehicle.

History

Source:

L. 2011: Entire article amended with relocations, [\(SB 11-031\)](#), [ch. 86](#), [p. 234](#), [§ 1](#), effective August 10.

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C.R.S. 42-6-108 (2016)

42-6-108. Identification number - title - street rod vehicles. (Repealed)

42-12-203. Identification number - title - street-rod vehicles

- **(1)** When a person applies for a certificate of title for a street-rod vehicle, the department shall accept the serial number of the street-rod vehicle as its vehicle identification number or the special vehicle identification number assigned to such vehicle by the department under [section 42-12-202](#).
- **(2)** A person who applies for a certificate of title for a street-rod vehicle having frame and body identification numbers that do not match the manufacturer's numbering system as being originally mated or that is reconstructed from salvage parts or other motor vehicles or reproduction parts shall furnish evidence of ownership, acceptable to the director, of such salvage parts, other motor vehicles, or reproduction components used in the reconstruction of such vehicle. In addition, the applicant shall furnish an affidavit stating the facts concerning the reconstruction and an affidavit of physical inspection that includes a computer check of the state and national compilations of wanted and stolen vehicles. The department may issue a special vehicle identification number and title the street-rod vehicle as a rebuilt vehicle. The model year and the year of manufacture that are listed on the certificate of title of a street-rod vehicle are the model year and the year of manufacture that the body of such vehicle resembles.

L. 2011: Entire article amended with relocations, ([SB 11-031](#)), [ch. 86](#), [p. 236](#), [§ 1](#), effective August 10.

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AUTOMOBILE THEFT LAW

ARTICLE 5. AUTOMOBILE THEFT LAW - INSPECTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS

PART 2. VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER INSPECTION

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C.R.S. 42-5-202 (2016)

42-5-202. Vehicle identification number inspection

(1) No bonded title **vehicle, homemade vehicle, rebuilt vehicle, reconstructed vehicle, or vehicle assembled** from a **kit** shall be sold in the state of Colorado or issued a Colorado certificate of title unless the seller or owner of such vehicle has had its vehicle identification number inspected and recorded by an inspector on the inspection form approved by the department of revenue.

(2) No bonded title commercial **vehicle, homemade** commercial **vehicle, rebuilt** commercial **vehicle, reconstructed** commercial **vehicle**, or commercial **vehicle assembled** from a **kit** shall be issued a Colorado certificate of title unless an inspector inspects the vehicle identification number and records the number on the inspection form approved by the department of revenue.

(2.5) The department is authorized to perform a vehicle identification number inspection on any motor vehicle subject to this article that the department determines is necessary or convenient in carrying out its duties pursuant to this article and to charge and receive an inspection fee pursuant to [section 42-5-204](#) for such inspection.

(3) The inspections required by this section include a physical inspection of the vehicle or commercial vehicle and a computer check of the state and national compilations of wanted and stolen vehicles or commercial vehicles. If the inspector determines that the vehicle identification number has not been removed, changed, altered, or obliterated and that it is not the identification number of a wanted or stolen vehicle or commercial vehicle, the inspection form shall be transmitted to the executive director of the department of revenue, who shall then act upon the application for a Colorado certificate of title for such vehicle or commercial vehicle.

(4) If the inspector determines that the vehicle identification number has been removed, changed, altered, or obliterated or if the inspector has good and sufficient reason to believe that the vehicle or commercial vehicle is wanted or was stolen in the state of Colorado or another state, the inspector shall proceed according to the provisions of part 1 of this article.

HISTORY: Source: . L. 94: Entire title amended with relocations, p. 2446, § 1, effective January 1, 1995. L. 2001: (2.5) added, p. 591, § 2, effective May 30.

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C.R.S. 42-5-203 (2016)

42-5-203. Inspections - **street rod** vehicles (Repealed)

42-12-201. Inspections - street-rod vehicles

When an inspector performs a vehicle identification number inspection on a street-rod vehicle, the inspector shall accept the serial number of such street-rod vehicle as the vehicle's identification number or, if the street-rod vehicle has frame and body identification numbers that do not match or is reconstructed from salvage parts, other vehicles, or reproduction parts, the inspector shall accept the special vehicle identification number assigned to such vehicle by the department by section 42-12-202 as the vehicle identification number.

HISTORY: L. 2011: Entire article amended with relocations, (SB 11-031), ch. 86, p. 236, § 1, effective August 10.

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C.R.S. 42-5-205 (2016)

42-5-205. Assignment of a special vehicle identification number by the department of revenue (Repealed)

42-12-202. Assignment of a special vehicle identification number by the department

The department may assign a special vehicle identification number to any street-rod vehicle whenever required by [section 42-12-203](#) and to any vehicle or commercial vehicle whenever no vehicle identification number is found on the vehicle or whenever a vehicle identification number has been removed, changed, altered, or obliterated. The special number must be affixed to the vehicle or commercial vehicle in the manner and position determined by the department. The special number is the vehicle identification number required to be recorded by an inspector on the inspection form that is transmitted to the department, which shall register and title the motor vehicle using the special vehicle identification number.

Source:

L. 2011: Entire article amended with relocations, [\(SB 11-031\)](#), [ch. 86](#), [p. 236](#), [§ 1](#), effective August 10.

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C.R.S. 42-6-115 (2016)

42-6-115. Furnishing bond for certificates.

- (1) (a) If the applicant for a certificate of title to a motor or off-highway vehicle is unable to provide the director or the authorized agent with a certificate of title duly transferred to the applicant or other evidence of ownership satisfactory to the director as specified in rules established under [section 42-6-104](#), the director or the authorized agent may file a certificate of title for the vehicle if the applicant furnishes the director or the authorized agent with a statement, in a form specified by the director, that contains:
 - **(I)** A recital of the facts and circumstances by which the applicant acquired the ownership and possession of the vehicle;
 - **(II)** The source of the title to the vehicle; and
 - **(III)** Other information as the director may require to determine:
 - **(A)** Whether any liens are attached to the motor vehicle;
 - **(B)** The date of the liens;
 - **(C)** The amount secured by the vehicle;
 - **(D)** Where the liens are of public record; and
 - **(E)** The right of the applicant to have a certificate of title filed on behalf of the applicant.
 - **(b)** The statement specified in paragraph (a) of this subsection (1) must contain or be accompanied by a written declaration that it is made under penalty of perjury in the second degree, as defined in [section 18-8-503, C.R.S.](#), and must accompany the application for the certificate as required in [section 42-6-116](#).

- **(c)** The director or the authorized agent may maintain any evidence submitted to the director or the authorized agent in a paper or electronic version.
 - **(d)** Upon receipt of an application by the owner of a motor or off-highway vehicle that is subject to a lien or mortgage, the authorized agent shall not issue a certificate of title unless the owner includes a signed original or signed duplicate of the mortgage or copy thereof, certified by the holder of the mortgage or the holder's agent to be a true copy of the signed original mortgage. Upon receiving the mortgage, the authorized agent shall comply with [sections 42-6-121 \(2\)](#), [42-6-122](#), and [42-6-123](#) concerning the lien or mortgage.
- **(2)** If the director or the authorized agent finds that the applicant is the same person to whom a certificate of title for the vehicle has previously been issued or filed and to whom a license was issued for the year during which the application for the certificate of title is made and that a certificate of title should be filed on behalf of the applicant, the director or authorized agent may file the certificate.
- **(3)** (a) Except as provided by paragraph (b) of this subsection (3) or [section 42-12-402](#), the department or an authorized agent shall not file a certificate of title under this section until the applicant furnishes evidence of a savings account, deposit, or certificate of deposit meeting the requirements of [section 11-35-101, C.R.S.](#), or a good and sufficient bond with a corporate surety, to the state, in an amount fixed by the director, not less than twice the reasonable value of the vehicle determined as of the time of application. The applicant and the applicant's surety shall hold harmless any person who suffers loss or damage by reason of the filing of a certificate under this section.
 - **(b)**
 - **(I)** If a vehicle is twenty-five years old or older, the applicant has had a certified vehicle identification number inspection performed on the vehicle, and the applicant presents a notarized bill of sale within twenty-four months after the sale with the title application, the applicant need not furnish surety under this subsection (3). To be excepted from the surety requirement, an applicant must submit an affidavit to the department that is sworn to under penalty of perjury and that states that the required documents submitted are true and correct.
 - **(II)** An applicant need not furnish surety under this subsection (3) for an off-highway vehicle if the applicant submits an affidavit under penalty of perjury attesting to ownership of the vehicle and if the vehicle:
 - **(A)** Was moved to Colorado from a state not issuing certificates of title for off-highway vehicles;
 - **(B)** Is used and held as inventory by a powersports dealer;
 - **(C)** Was owned by an agency of the United States or another state or a political subdivision thereof;
 - **(D)** Was owned by an agricultural producer and used strictly for agricultural purposes;

- **(E)** Was owned exclusively for the purpose of being operated in an organized competitive or noncompetitive event on publicly or privately owned or leased land; except that this exemption does not apply unless the agency exercising jurisdiction over the land specifically authorizes the organized competitive or noncompetitive event; or
- **(F)** Was used by a dealer, manufacturer, or authorized designee for an off-highway vehicle operator education or safety program.
- **(4)** If any person suffers loss or damage by reason of the filing of the certificate of title as provided in this section, the person has a right of action against the applicant and the surety on the applicant's bond against either of whom the person damaged may proceed independently of the other.

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ARTICLE 3. REGISTRATION, TAXATION, AND LICENSE PLATES
PART 2. LICENSE PLATES

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C.R.S. 42-3-211 (2016)

- (1) The department may issue personalized license plates for motor vehicles in accordance with this section.
- **(2)** (a) "Personalized license plates", as used in this section, means license plates that have displayed upon them the registration number assigned to the motor vehicle for which such registration number was issued in a combination of letters or numbers requested by the owner of the vehicle, subject to the limitations of this section.
 - **(b)** "Personalized license plates", as used in this section, includes special license plates that bear the words "street rod" and that may be issued only to a street rod vehicle.
 - **(3)** (a) Personalized license plates must be the same color and design as regular motor vehicle license plates, must consist of any combination of numbers or letters not exceeding seven positions and not less than two positions except as otherwise provided in section 24-30-2210, C.R.S., and must not conflict with existing passenger, commercial, trailer, motorcycle, or other special license plates series; except that personalized license plates bearing the words "street rod" shall be of a design determined by the executive director of the department, which design shall be different from those used by the state for regular motor vehicle license plates.
 - **(b)** If number plates issued for vehicles include the county of vehicle registration, a vehicle owner shall have the option of obtaining a personalized license plate that does not include such county designation.
 - **(4)** Any person who is the registered owner of a motor vehicle registered with the department or who applies to register a motor vehicle or renew personalized license registration of a motor vehicle, upon payment of the fee prescribed in subsection (6) of this section, may apply to the department for personalized license plates in the manner prescribed in this section. Personalized license plates shall be issued for the annual registration period immediately following the year in which the application is made.
 - **(5)** An applicant for issuance of personalized license plates or renewal of such plates shall apply in such form and by such date as the department may require, indicating thereon the combination of letters or numbers requested as a registration number. There shall be no duplication of registration numbers, and the department may refuse to issue any combination of letters or numbers that carry

connotations offensive to good taste and decency, are misleading, or duplicate any other license plates provided for in this article.

- **(6)** (a) A fee of thirty-five dollars shall be charged in addition to the registration fee normally due upon the vehicle for the issuance of the same number of personalized license plates for a vehicle as are specified in [section 42-3-201](#) for the issuance of number plates. Upon reissuance of the same personalized license plates in subsequent years, the additional fee shall be twenty-five dollars. Such fee shall be due upon the original issuance or reissuance of personalized license plates other than a renewal of registration under paragraph (b) of this subsection (6).
 - **(b)** The department may provide for renewals of personalized license plates whereby such plates are retained by the applicant in subsequent years upon the payment, in addition to the normal registration fee, of an annual renewal fee of twenty-five dollars for which the department shall provide a distinctive tag or insignia to be affixed to such plates to signify that such vehicle has been properly registered for the year for which such license plate was renewed.
 - **(c)** The fee for transferring previously issued personalized license plates to another vehicle shall be twelve dollars in addition to other applicable fees.
 - **(d)** A person who fails to apply for the renewal or transfer of issued personalized license plates according to subsection (5) of this section shall lose the priority right to use the combination of letters or numbers displayed on the personalized license plates.
 - **(e)** Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) to (d) of this subsection (6), in lieu of such fees, the fee for a license plate that contains only two alphabetic figures and up to four numeric figures shall be the actual cost of issuing such plate.
- **(7)** All applications for special registration of motor vehicles shall be made directly to the department, and shall be administered by the department. All fees received from special registrations shall be credited to the highway users tax fund created in [section 43-4-201, C.R.S.](#), and allocated and expended as specified in [section 43-4-205 \(5.5\) \(b\), C.R.S.](#); except that two dollars of each such special registration fee collected pursuant to paragraphs (a) to (d) of subsection (6) of this section shall be remitted to the county general fund.
- **(8)** The executive director of the department may prepare any special forms and issue any rules necessary to implement this section.
- **(9)** (a) A person who has been issued personalized license plates may retain the unique combination of letters or numbers of such plate, notwithstanding that the person no longer has a registered motor vehicle, if the person pays an annual fee of twenty-five dollars, which shall be transferred to the highway users tax fund.
 - **(b)** This subsection (9) shall not be construed to authorize a person to reserve license plates for which no motor vehicle has ever been registered according to this article. This subsection (9) shall not be construed to require the department to send a renewal notice to the person who retains the unique combination of letters or numbers.

HISTORY: Source: L. 2005: (9) amended, p. 143, § 10, effective April 5, (9) further amended and relocated to (7), p. 1185, § 40, effective August 8; (9) added, p. 194, § 1, effective April 7; entire article amended with relocations, p. 1115, § 2, effective August 8. L. 2012: (3)(a) amended, (SB 12-170), ch. 207, p. 820, § 2, effective August 8. L. 2016: (3)(a) amended, (HB 16-1362), ch. 319, p. 1296, § 4, effective August 10.

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C.R.S. 42-3-201 (2016)

42-3-201. Number plates furnished - style - periodic reissuance - tabs - rules

(1) (a) (I) The department shall issue to every owner whose vehicle is registered two number plates; except that the department shall issue one number plate for the following:

- **(A)** A motorcycle;
- **(B)** A street rod vehicle;
- **(C)** A trailer or semitrailer;
- **(D)** A vehicle drawn by a motor vehicle;
- **(E)** An item of special mobile machinery; or
- **(F)** An autocycle.
 - **(II)** At the discretion of the executive director of the department, the department may issue one number plate for any vehicle not listed in subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (a).
 - **(III)** The department may require the return to the department of all number plates upon termination of the lawful use of such plates by the owner.
 - **(b)**
 - **(I)** The department may issue the number plates required in this section for one or more registration periods. If the number plates are issued for multi-year use, the department may issue a validating tab or sticker to indicate the year of registration of the vehicle.
 - **(II)** Any validating tab or sticker that evidences the receipt of taxes under this article may be obtained by the department through normal purchasing procedures and may be produced and issued by the department through its authorized agents. Such validation tab or sticker shall be produced in accordance with the minimum specifications of the department, and such specifications shall reflect, at a minimum, the same quality control standards employed by the department of corrections in the production of such validation tab or sticker as those standards existed on January 1, 1999.

- **(2)** Except as provided in subsection (7) of this section, the owner shall display on every number plate the registration number assigned to the vehicle and owner, the year number for which it is issued, the month in which it expires, and any other appropriate symbol, word, or words designated by the department. The department may adopt rules for the issuance of permanent number plates that do not display the year number for which it is issued or the month in which it expires. Such plate and the required letters and numerals, except the year number for which issued, must be of sufficient size to be plainly readable from a distance of one hundred feet during daylight.

- **(3)** The department shall issue for every passenger motor vehicle, rented without a driver, the same type of number plates as the type of plates issued for private passenger vehicles.
- **(4)** The department shall issue, for every noncommercial or recreational vehicle registered as such pursuant to this article, numbered plates or other insignia of a color or design different from any other Colorado plates, to be determined by the department, in order that such numbered plates or other insignia may be plainly recognized at a distance of at least one hundred feet during daylight.
- **(5)** (a) A new or replacement license plate issued by the department shall, to the extent that it is practical, have standardized coloring and identifying characters limited to no more than a total of six numbers and letters; except that such character limitation does not apply to personalized license plates issued under [section 42-3-211](#).
 - **(b)** The department of revenue may require the replacement of any license plate as necessary to ensure that license plates are legible as required by [section 42-3-202 \(2\)](#).
- **(6)** (a) The department shall promulgate rules that require the destruction, recycling, or other permanent disposal of license plates that are no longer used to evidence registration of a motor vehicle and are voluntarily given to the department, an authorized agent, or a person who receives license plates in the ordinary course of business.
 - **(b)** The department, an authorized agent, or a person who receives license plates in the ordinary course of business shall destroy, recycle, or dispose of a license plate in accordance with rules promulgated by the department under this subsection (6).
- **(7)** Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2) of this section, the department shall issue license plates to a Class A commercial trailer or semitrailer registered in Colorado that do not contain the month and year the trailer expires, and a validating sticker or tab is not issued nor required for the license plates.

HISTORY: L. 2005: Entire article amended with relocations, p. 1106, § 2, effective August 8; (5)(b) amended, p. 253, § 1, effective August 8. L. 2008: (6) added, p. 321, § 1, effective July 1. L. 2010: (1)(a)(I)(E) amended, ([HB 10-1172](#)), [ch. 320](#), [p. 1491](#), [§ 9](#), effective October 1. L. 2012: (2) amended and (7) added, ([HB 12-1038](#)), [ch. 276](#), [p. 1456](#), [§ 5](#), effective June 8. L. 2014: (1)(a)(I)(D) and (1)(a)(I)(E) amended and (1)(a)(I)(F) added, ([HB 14-1367](#)), [ch. 303](#), [p. 1286](#), [§ 2](#), effective July 1.

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C.R.S. 42-3-219 (2016)

42-3-219. Special registration of collectors' items (Repealed)

42-12-301. Special registration of horseless carriages - rules

- **(1)** (a) The department may specially register and issue a horseless carriage special license plate for motor vehicles valued principally because of the vehicles' early date of manufacture, design, or historical interest or valued as collector's items.
 - **(b)** For the purposes of this section, "early date of manufacture" means that a motor vehicle was manufactured at least fifty years before the current date of registration.
- **(2)** The plates issued under subsection (1) of this section must be of a design, determined by the director, that is different from that used by the state for regular motor vehicle registration.
- **(3)** (a) The director shall register the vehicles and issue plates for a period not exceeding five years, but all the registrations and plates shall expire on the same date regardless of the date of issue.
 - **(b)** Upon the expiration of the five-year period ending with the year 1959, and each five years thereafter, the registration plate originally issued for each vehicle must remain with the vehicle. The director shall issue a tab to be securely fastened to the plate showing the five years for which the motor vehicle is registered.
 - **(c)** A person who has registered a vehicle under this section shall renew the registration within thirty days prior to its expiration date. If the application for renewal, together with the fees, is not received by the director prior to the expiration date, the director shall notify the registered owner, at the address shown by the department's records, by regular mail, to reregister the vehicle or surrender the registration plate within ten days after the expiration date of the registration. If the notice is not complied with, the director shall secure the return of the plate.
- **(4)** The fee for issuing such registration and special registration plate or tab is five dollars for each five-year period or fraction thereof. In addition to the five-dollar registration fee, the director shall collect the one-dollar-and-fifty-cent annual specific ownership fee provided by law for each year of registration, which additional fee shall be collected for the number of years remaining at the time of registration and issuance or renewal of the registration.
- **(5)** A person may drive a motor vehicle with the special registration plates authorized by this section or [section 42-12-302](#) on the streets and highways, but only:
 - **(a)** To and from assemblies, conventions, or other meetings where such vehicles and their ownership are the primary interest;
 - **(b)** On special occasions, for demonstrations and parades;

- **(c)** On occasions when the operation of the vehicle on the streets and highways will not constitute a traffic hazard; and
- **(d)** To, from, and during local, state, or national tours held primarily for the exhibition and enjoyment of such vehicles.
- **(6)** Upon the sale or transfer of a motor vehicle bearing a special registration plate, the plate remains with the vehicle and is transferred to the new owner. The new owner shall title such motor vehicle as provided by law and give notice of the transfer of ownership to the department.
- **(7)** Applications for special registration of motor vehicles are made directly to the department. The department shall administer all matters concerning such registration. The department shall transfer fees received from special registrations to the state treasurer, who shall credit the fees to the highway users tax fund.
- **(8)** The director may prepare any special forms and issue any rules necessary to implement this section.
- **(9)** When the director receives an application for a title to a vehicle under subsection (1) of this section, the director shall accept the original motor or serial number on the vehicle and shall not require or issue a special identification number for the vehicle.

HISTORY: L. 2011: Entire article amended with relocations, (SB 11-031), ch. 86, p. 237, § 1, effective August 10.

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TITLE 42. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

COLLECTORS' ITEMS

ARTICLE 12. MOTOR **VEHICLES** AS **COLLECTORS'** ITEMS

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C.R.S. 42-12-102 (2016)

42-12-102. Registration of collectors' items - fees

(1) Except for those motor vehicles that are entitled to registration under the provisions of [section 42-3-219](#), collectors' items shall be titled, registered, and a specific ownership tax shall be paid thereon in the same manner as provided in this title for other motor **vehicles**, with the following exceptions:

(a) Such **collectors'** items shall be registered for periods of five years. The taxes and fees imposed for registration of a collector's item for each five-year registration period shall be equal to five times the annual taxes and fees which would otherwise be imposed for the registration of such motor vehicle under this title and under title 43, C.R.S.; except that the amount of a surcharge imposed pursuant to [section 43-4-804 \(1\) \(a\)](#) or [43-4-805 \(5\) \(g\)](#), C.R.S., shall be the amount specified in the applicable section. In addition to any other such taxes and fees, if a collector's item is registered in a county which is a member of one or more highway authorities and such authority or authorities have imposed an annual motor vehicle registration fee or fees pursuant to the provisions of [section 43-4-506 \(1\) \(k\)](#), C.R.S., then five times such annual motor vehicle registration fee or fees shall be imposed and remitted to such authority or authorities.

(b) (I) No collector's item of model year 1976 or later for which a certification of emissions control is required under [sections 42-4-301 to 42-4-316](#) shall be registered under this section unless a certification of emissions control is obtained for the **collector's item**. Reregistration of the **collector's item** by the same owner shall not require the obtainment of a new certification of emissions control, but the collector's item shall not be registered under this section after the sale or transfer of the vehicle to a new owner.

(II) (Deleted by amendment, L. 2016, [\(SB 09-003\)](#), [ch. 322](#), [p. 1720](#), [§ 8](#), effective June 1, 2016.)

(c) The annual registration fee for a truck or truck tractor that has an empty weight of six thousand one pounds or more or a declared gross vehicle weight of sixteen thousand one pounds or more and is a collectors' item, shall be sixty-five dollars if such vehicle is used exclusively for noncommercial transportation and only used to drive:

(I) To and from assemblies, conventions, or other meetings where such vehicles and their ownership are the primary interest;

(II) For special occasions, demonstrations, and parades and on occasions when their operation on the streets and highways will not constitute a traffic hazard; or

(III) Traveling to and from and while on local, state, or national tours held primarily for the exhibition and enjoyment of such vehicles by their owners.

(d) For purposes of paragraph (c) of this subsection (1), "noncommercial transportation" means a truck or truck tractor used exclusively for private transportation of passengers or cargo for purposes unrelated in any way to a business or commercial enterprise.

(2) (a) An owner of a collector's item that is not operated upon the highways of this state and that is kept on private property for the purpose of maintenance, repair, restoration, rebuilding, or any other similar purpose shall pay an annual specific ownership tax as provided in [section 42-3-106](#) on any such motor vehicle owned by such owner, except owners of parts cars as defined in [section 42-12-101 \(3\)](#), or licensed garages or licensed automobile dealers. The payment of the specific ownership tax shall be made in the manner provided in [section 42-3-219](#).

(b) Upon payment of the specific ownership tax as provided in this subsection (2), the department of revenue shall issue to the owner of the motor vehicle for which the tax has been paid a license, sticker, decal, or other device evidencing such payment, as may be prescribed by the executive director. When such device or license is affixed to the motor vehicle for which issued, the owner of that motor vehicle shall be permitted to keep such motor vehicle on private property for the purposes of maintenance, repair, restoration, rebuilding, or renovation.

(3) Notwithstanding the amount specified for any fee in subsection (1) of this section, the executive director of the department of revenue by rule or as otherwise provided by law may reduce the amount of

one or more of the fees if necessary pursuant to [section 24-75-402 \(3\), C.R.S.](#), to reduce the uncommitted reserves of the fund to which all or any portion of one or more of the fees is credited. After the uncommitted reserves of the fund are sufficiently reduced, the executive director of the department of revenue by rule or as otherwise provided by law may increase the amount of one or more of the fees as provided in [section 24-75-402 \(4\), C.R.S.](#)

(4) An applicant may apply for personalized license plates issued for a motor vehicle registration issued pursuant to this section. If the applicant complies with [section 42-3-211](#), the department of revenue may issue such plates upon payment of the additional fee required by [section 42-3-211 \(6\)](#) for personalized license plates. If the applicant has existing personalized license plates for a motor vehicle, the applicant may transfer the combination of letters or numbers to a new set of license plates for the vehicle upon paying the fee imposed by [section 42-3-211 \(6\) \(a\)](#) and upon turning in such existing plates to the department as required by the department. A person who has obtained personalized plates under this subsection (4) shall pay the annual fee imposed by [section 42-3-211 \(6\) \(b\)](#) to renew such plates. The fees imposed by this subsection (4) shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees imposed for collector license plates.

HISTORY: Source: . L. 94: Entire title amended with relocations, p. 2512, § 1, effective January 1, 1995.L. 97: (1)(c) and (1)(d) amended, p. 1072, § 2, effective January 1, 1998.L. 98: (3) added, p. 1359, § 116, effective June 1.L. 2001: (1)(b) amended, p. 1026, § 12, effective June 5.L. 2005: IP(1) and (2)(a) amended, p. 1180, § 24, effective August 8.L. 2008: (4) added, p. 229, § 5, effective August 5.L. 2009: (1)(a) amended, [\(SB 09-108\), ch. 5, p. 52, § 13](#), effective March 2; (1)(b) amended, [\(SB 09-003\), ch. 322, p. 1720, § 8](#), effective June 1.

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C.R.S. 42-3-305 (2009)

42-3-305. Registration fees - passenger and passenger-mile taxes - fee schedule for years of TABOR surplus revenue - applicability (Repealed)

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C.R.S. 42-3-306 (2016)

- 42-3-306. Registration fees - passenger and passenger-mile taxes - fee schedule for years in which TABOR surplus revenue is insufficient
 - (1) This section shall apply in any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2010.
- **(2)** Fees for the annual registration of passenger-carrying motor vehicles shall be as follows:
 - **(a)** Motorcycles, three dollars;
 - **(b)** (I) Passenger cars, station wagons, taxicabs, ambulances, motor homes, and hearses:
 - **(A)** Weighing two thousand pounds or less, six dollars;
 - **(B)** Weighing forty-five hundred pounds or less, six dollars plus twenty cents per one hundred pounds, or fraction thereof, of weight over two thousand pounds;
 - **(C)** Weighing more than forty-five hundred pounds, twelve dollars and fifty cents plus sixty cents per one hundred pounds, or fraction thereof, of weight over forty-five hundred pounds; except that, for motor homes weighing more than sixty-five hundred pounds, such fees shall be twenty-four dollars and fifty cents plus thirty cents per one hundred pounds, or fraction thereof, of weight over sixty-five hundred pounds.
 - **(II)** In addition to the registration fees imposed by subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (b), an additional registration fee shall be imposed on the motor vehicles described in the introductory portion to this paragraph (b), based on the age of the motor vehicle, as follows:
 - **(A)** For motor vehicles less than seven years old, twelve dollars;
 - **(B)** For motor vehicles seven years old but less than ten years old, ten dollars;
 - **(C)** For motor vehicles ten years old or older, seven dollars.

4,201but not more than4,30010.80
 4,301but not more than4,40011.00
 4,401but not more than4,50011.20
 4,501but not more than4,60013.10
 4,601but not more than4,70013.70
 4,701but not more than4,80014.30
 4,801but not more than4,90014.90
 4,901but not more than5,00015.50

- **(II)** Each such vehicle having an empty weight of ten thousand pounds or less but more than five thousand pounds, fifteen dollars and fifty cents plus forty-five cents per one hundred pounds, or fraction thereof, of empty weight over five thousand pounds;
- **(III)** Each such vehicle having an empty weight of more than ten thousand pounds but not more than sixteen thousand pounds, thirty-eight dollars plus one dollar and twenty cents per one hundred pounds, or fraction thereof, of empty weight exceeding ten thousand pounds;
- **(IV)** Each such vehicle having an empty weight of more than sixteen thousand pounds, one hundred ten dollars, plus one dollar and fifty cents per one hundred pounds, or fraction thereof, of empty weight exceeding sixteen thousand pounds.
 - **(b)** Nothing in this subsection (4) shall be construed to prevent a farmer or rancher from occasionally exchanging transportation with another farmer or rancher, but only if the sole consideration involved is the exchange of personal services or the use of equipment.
 - **(c)** A person applying for registration under this subsection (4) shall certify to the licensing authority on forms furnished by the department that the vehicle will be used in conformity with paragraph (a) of this subsection (4).
 - **(d)** No vehicle carrying mounted equipment other than a camper or other purely recreational equipment shall be registered under this subsection (4), and a vehicle registered under this subsection (4) shall be reregistered under the proper classification whenever equipment designed for commercial use is mounted upon such vehicle.
 - **(e)** The department or its authorized agent shall not require a person registering a farm truck or truck tractor under this subsection (4) to demonstrate that the owner's primary business or source of income is agriculture if the farm truck or truck tractor is used primarily for agricultural production on a farm or ranch owned or leased by the owner of the truck or truck tractor, and the land on which it is used is classified as agricultural land for the purposes of levying and collecting property tax under [section 39-1-103, C.R.S.](#)
- **(5)** The annual registration fee for those trucks and truck tractors operated over the public highways of this state, except trucks that are registered under subsections (4) and (13) of this section and [section 42-12-401 \(1\) \(c\)](#), is as follows:
 - **(a)** For each such vehicle having an empty weight of up to and including sixteen thousand pounds, such registration fee shall be based upon the empty weight of such vehicle, computed to the nearest pound, according to the following schedule:

Empty Weight (Pounds)	Registration Range Fee
2,000	and under \$ 7.60
2,001	but not more than 2,100
2,101	but not more than 2,200
2,201	but not more than 2,300
2,301	but not more than 2,400
2,401	but not more than 2,500
2,501	but not more than 2,600
2,601	but not more than 2,700
2,701	but not more than 2,800
2,801	but not more than 2,900
2,901	but not more than 3,000
3,001	but not more than 3,100
3,101	but not more than 3,200
3,201	but not more than 3,300

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4,501but not more than 4,60035.00
4,601but not more than 4,70037.00
4,701but not more than 4,80039.00
4,801but not more than 4,90041.00
4,901but not more than 5,00043.00
5,001but not more than 5,10045.00
5,101but not more than 5,20047.00
5,201but not more than 5,30049.00
5,301but not more than 5,40051.00
5,401but not more than 5,50053.00
5,501but not more than 5,60055.00
5,601but not more than 5,70057.00
5,701but not more than 5,80059.00
5,801but not more than 5,90061.00
5,901but not more than 6,00063.00
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15,401but not more than15,500	225.50
15,501but not more than15,600	227.00
15,601but not more than15,700	228.50
15,701but not more than15,800	230.00
15,801but not more than15,900	231.50
15,901but not more than16,000	233.00

- o **(b)** (I) Except as provided in subparagraphs (II) and (III) of this paragraph (b), for each vehicle registered under this subsection (5) having an empty weight exceeding sixteen thousand pounds, the registration fee shall be based upon the declared gross vehicle weight of the vehicle registered, according to the following schedule:

Declared Gross Vehicle

Weight (Pounds)	Registration Fee
16,001 but not more than 20,000	\$ 330
20,001 but not more than 24,000	410
24,001 but not more than 30,000	490
30,001 but not more than 36,000	630
36,001 but not more than 42,000	770
42,001 but not more than 48,000	940
48,001 but not more than 54,000	1,150
54,001 but not more than 60,000	1,370
60,001 but not more than 66,000	1,570
66,001 but not more than 74,000	1,850
Over 74,000	1,975

- **(II)** For each vehicle registered under this subsection (5) that has an empty weight exceeding sixteen thousand pounds and that is used in the operations of a common or contract carrier for hire, such registration fee shall be based upon the declared gross vehicle weight of the vehicle registered, according to the following schedule:

Declared Gross Vehicle

Weight (Pounds)	Registration Fee
16,001 but not more than 20,000	\$ 440
20,001 but not more than 24,000	550
24,001 but not more than 30,000	660
30,001 but not more than 36,000	770
36,001 but not more than 42,000	930
42,001 but not more than 48,000	1,130
48,001 but not more than 54,000	1,430
54,001 but not more than 60,000	1,700
60,001 but not more than 66,000	1,980
66,001 but not more than 74,000	2,260
Over 74,000	2,350

- **(III)** (A) For each vehicle registered under this subsection (5) that has an empty weight exceeding sixteen thousand pounds and that is operated less than ten thousand miles in all jurisdictions during each year, such registration fee shall be based upon the declared gross vehicle weight of the vehicle registered, according to the following schedule:

Declared Gross Vehicle

Weight (Pounds)	Registration Fee
16,001 but not more than 20,000	\$ 330
20,001 but not more than 24,000	360
24,001 but not more than 30,000	380
30,001 but not more than 36,000	440
36,001 but not more than 42,000	500
42,001 but not more than 48,000	580
48,001 but not more than 54,000	600
54,001 but not more than 60,000	640
60,001 but not more than 66,000	660

66,001 but not more than 74,000 690
Over 74,000 710

- **(B)** If a vehicle qualifies for both a registration fee provided in this subparagraph (III) and a registration fee provided in subparagraph (I) or (II) of this paragraph (b), the lesser registration fee shall apply.
- **(C)** If a person replaces a registered vehicle with another vehicle, the mileage history of the vehicle being replaced may be used to qualify the new vehicle for the fees assessed under this subparagraph (III).
- **(D)** If a person purchases an established business that is located in this state and the purchase of the business includes the purchase of vehicles, the mileage history of a vehicle so purchased may be used to qualify for the fees assessed under this subparagraph (III) if the business operations remain the same after the purchase and if, during the twelve-month period immediately preceding the date of purchase, the vehicle has been registered in Colorado and has been in operation in the business. A person purchasing a business shall present a copy of the current vehicle registration of the previous owner for each vehicle to be registered pursuant to this sub-subparagraph (D).
- **(E)** If a truck or truck tractor having an empty weight exceeding sixteen thousand pounds is purchased by a person owning one or more other such vehicles and the other such vehicles owned by the purchaser all qualify for the fees assessed under this subparagraph (III), the purchased truck or truck tractor also qualifies for the fees assessed under this subparagraph (III). A person seeking to register a truck or truck tractor pursuant to this sub-subparagraph (E) shall present a copy of the current vehicle registration for each of the other trucks and truck tractors with empty weights exceeding sixteen thousand pounds that are owned by such person.
- **(c)** For each vehicle registered under this subsection (5) that is exempt from the registration fees assessed under paragraph (b) of this subsection (5) under paragraph (d), (f), (g), or (h) of subsection (9) of this section and that weighs more than sixteen thousand pounds empty weight, the registration fee shall be one hundred seventy-five dollars plus one dollar and fifteen cents for each one hundred pounds, or fraction thereof, in excess of sixteen thousand pounds.
- **(d)** For each vehicle registered under this subsection (5) that is exempt from the registration fees assessed under paragraph (b) of this subsection (5) pursuant to paragraph (d), (f), or (g) of subsection (9) of this section and that weighs more than sixteen thousand pounds empty weight, the registration fee shall be two hundred thirty-three dollars plus one dollar and fifty cents for each one hundred pounds, or fraction thereof, in excess of sixteen thousand pounds.
- **(e)** Each vehicle registered under this subsection (5) having an empty weight not in excess of sixteen thousand pounds that is operated in combination with a trailer or semitrailer, which is commonly referred to as a tractor-trailer, shall be assessed according to paragraph (b) of this subsection (5).
- **(6)** In lieu of the payment of registration fees specified in subsections (3) and (5) of this section, the owner of a truck, truck tractor, trailer, or semitrailer operating in interstate commerce may apply to the department for a special unladen weight registration. The registration shall be valid for a period of thirty days from issuance and shall authorize the operation of the vehicle only when empty. The fee for registration of a truck or truck tractor shall be five dollars. The fee for registration of a trailer or semitrailer shall be three dollars. The moneys from the fees shall be transmitted to the state treasurer, who shall credit the same to the highway users tax fund for allocation and expenditure as specified in [section 43-4-205 \(5.5\) \(c\), C.R.S.](#)
- **(7)** In lieu of the payment of registration fees specified in subsections (3) and (5) of this section, the owner of a truck or truck tractor operating in interstate commerce shall apply to the department for a special laden weight registration. The registration shall be valid for seventy-two hours after issuance and shall authorize the operation of the vehicle when loaded. The moneys collected by the department from the fees shall be transmitted to the state treasurer, who shall credit the same to the highway users tax fund for allocation and expenditure as specified in [section 43-4-205 \(5.5\) \(c\), C.R.S.](#) The fee for the special registration of a truck or a truck tractor shall be based on the actual gross vehicle weight of the vehicle and its cargo, computed to the nearest pound, according to the following schedule:

Declared Gross Vehicle

Weight (Pounds)Registration Fee

10,001 but not more than 30,000\$ 60

30,001 but not more than 60,000 70

Over 60,000 80

- **(8)** (a) The owner or operator of a motor vehicle that is exempt from the registration fees assessed under paragraph (b) or (c) of subsection (9) of this section may apply to the department for a temporary commercial registration permit for such motor vehicle. Such temporary commercial registration permit shall authorize the operation of such motor vehicle in commerce so long as the motor vehicle is operated solely in agricultural harvest operations within Colorado.
 - **(b)** A temporary commercial registration permit issued pursuant to this subsection (8) shall be valid for a period not to exceed sixty days. A maximum of two such temporary commercial registration permits may be issued for a motor vehicle in a twelve-month period. The fee for issuance of a temporary commercial registration permit for a motor vehicle shall be based upon the configuration and number of axles of such motor vehicle according to the following schedule:

ConfigurationRegistration permit

Single unit (two axles)\$ 80.00

Single unit (three or more axles)120.00

Combination unit (any number of axles)200.00

- **(c)** The moneys collected by the department from the fees for temporary commercial registration permits shall be transmitted to the state treasurer, who shall credit the same to the highway users tax fund.
- **(d)** This subsection (8) shall not be interpreted to affect the authority of a dealer in motor vehicles to use a dealer plate obtained under [section 42-3-116](#) to demonstrate a truck or truck tractor by allowing a prospective buyer to operate such truck or truck tractor when loaded.
- **(9)** The registration fees imposed by paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of this section shall not apply:
 - **(a)** To a motor vehicle operated by a manufacturer, dealer, or transporter issued plates pursuant to [section 42-3-304 \(6\)](#) and (7);
 - **(b)** To a farm truck or truck tractor registered under subsection (4) of this section;
 - **(c)** To a farm tractor or to a farm tractor and trailer or wagon combination;
 - **(d)** To a vehicle specially constructed for towing, wrecking, and repairing that is not otherwise used for transporting cargo;
 - **(e)** To a vehicle owned by the state or any political or governmental subdivision thereof;
 - **(f)** To an operator-owned vehicle transporting racehorses to and from the stud or to and from a racing meet in Colorado;
 - **(g)** To a veterinary mobile truck unit;
 - **(h)** To a mobile mixing concrete truck or trash compacting truck or to trucks designated by the executive director of the department as special use trucks;
 - **(i)** To a noncommercial or recreational vehicle registered under subsection (13) of this section.
- **(10)** The owner or operator of a truck, truck tractor, trailer, or semitrailer operating over the public highways of this state and rendering service pursuant to a temporary certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by the public utilities commission shall pay for the issuance or renewal of such temporary certificate a fee of ten dollars.
- **(11)** (a) The owner or operator of a passenger bus operating over the public highways of this state and rendering service pursuant to a temporary certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by the public utilities commission shall pay for the issuance or renewal of such temporary certificate a fee of ten dollars, which fee shall be in lieu of the tax assessed under this subsection (11), shall be credited to the highway users tax fund created in [section 43-4-201, C.R.S.](#), as required by [section 43-4-203 \(1\) \(c\), C.R.S.](#), and shall be allocated and expended as specified in [section 43-4-205 \(5.5\) \(d\), C.R.S.](#)
 - **(b)** The owner or operator of a passenger bus that is registered in another state and that is used to make an occasional trip into this state need not obtain a permit from the public utilities commission as provided in article 10.1 of title 40, C.R.S., but may instead apply to the department for the issuance of a trip permit and shall pay to the department for the issuance of such trip permit a fee of twenty-five dollars or the amount of passenger-mile tax

becoming due and payable under paragraph (a) of this subsection (11) by reason of such trip, whichever amount is greater. The fee or passenger-mile tax shall be credited to the highway users tax fund created in [section 43-4-201, C.R.S.](#), as required by [section 43-4-203 \(1\) \(c\), C.R.S.](#), and allocated and expended as specified in [section 43-4-205 \(5.5\) \(d\), C.R.S.](#)

- **(12)** (a) In lieu of registration under [section 42-3-304 \(14\)](#), the owner or operator of special mobile machinery that the owner or operator desires to operate over the public highways of this state may elect to pay an annual fee computed at the rate of two dollars and fifty cents per ton of vehicle weight for operation not to exceed a distance of two thousand five hundred miles in any registration period.
 - **(b)** In lieu of registration under [section 42-3-304 \(14\)](#), a public utility, as defined by [section 40-1-103, C.R.S.](#), owning or operating a utility truck having an empty weight in excess of ten thousand pounds that it desires to operate over the public highways of this state may elect to pay an annual registration fee for such a vehicle computed at the rate of ten dollars per ton of vehicle weight.
- **(13)** The annual registration fee for a noncommercial or recreational vehicle, except a motor home, operated on the public highways of this state with an empty weight of ten thousand pounds or less shall be computed according to the schedule provided in subsection (5) of this section, and, for a noncommercial or recreational vehicle exceeding ten thousand pounds, the fee shall be twenty-four dollars and fifty cents plus sixty cents for each one hundred pounds in excess of four thousand five hundred pounds.
- **(14)** (a) In addition to any other fee required by this section, on and after July 1, 2011, each authorized agent shall collect a fee of:
 - **(I)** Fifty cents per paid registration of any motor vehicle that is not exempt from the motor insurance identification fee pursuant to [section 42-3-304 \(1\) \(b\)](#); or
 - **(II)** Ten cents per paid registration of any motor vehicle that is exempt from the motor insurance identification fee pursuant to [section 42-3-304 \(1\) \(b\)](#).
 - **(b)** The fee required by paragraph (a) of this subsection (14) shall apply to every registration of a motor vehicle that is designed primarily to be operated or drawn on any highway in the state and shall be in addition to the annual registration fee for the vehicle; except that the fee shall not apply to a vehicle that is exempt from payment of the registration fees imposed by this article. The fee shall be credited to the Colorado state titling and registration account in the highway users tax fund created in [section 42-1-211 \(2\)](#).

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HISTORY: L. 2005: (6), (7), (11)(a), and (11)(b) amended, p. 147, § 22, effective April 5; entire article amended with relocations, p. 1155, § 2, effective August 8. L. 2009: (2)(a) amended, (HB 09-1026), ch. 281, p. 1269, § 32, effective October 1. L. 2010: (1) amended, (SB 10-212), ch. 412, p. 2037, § 13, effective July 1; (12)(a) amended, (HB 10-1172), ch. 320, p. 1492, § 13, effective October 1. L. 2011: (14) added, (HB 11-1182), ch. 124, p. 387, § 2, effective April 22; (4)(e) added, (HB 11-1004), ch. 136, p. 475, § 3, effective August 10; IP(5) amended, (SB 11-031), ch. 86, p. 246, § 10, effective August 10; (11)(b) amended, (HB 11-1198), ch. 127, p. 425, § 25, effective August 10.

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C.R.S. 43-4-804 (2016)

43-4-804. Highway safety projects - surcharges and fees - crediting of moneys to highway users tax fund

On and after July 1, 2016, the following surcharges, fees, and fines shall be collected and credited to the highway users tax fund created in [section 43-4-201 \(1\) \(a\)](#) and allocated to the state highway fund, counties, and municipalities as specified in [section 43-4-205 \(6.3\)](#):

- **(a)** (I) A road safety surcharge, which, except as otherwise provided in subparagraphs (III) and (VI) of this paragraph (a), shall be imposed for any registration period that commences on or after July 1, 2016, upon the registration of any vehicle for which a registration fee must be paid pursuant to the provisions of part 3 of article 3 of title 42, C.R.S. Except as otherwise provided in subparagraphs (IV) and (V) of this paragraph (a), the amount of the surcharge shall be:
 - **(A)** Sixteen dollars for any vehicle that is a motorcycle, motorscooter, or motorbicycle, as respectively defined in [section 42-1-102 \(55\)](#) and (59), C.R.S., or that weighs two thousand pounds or less;
 - **(B)** Twenty-three dollars for any vehicle that weighs more than two thousand pounds but not more than five thousand pounds;
 - **(C)** Twenty-eight dollars for any vehicle that weighs more than five thousand pounds but not more than ten thousand pounds;
 - **(D)** Thirty-seven dollars for any vehicle that is a passenger bus or that weighs more than ten thousand pounds but not more than sixteen thousand pounds; and
 - **(E)** Thirty-nine dollars for any vehicle that weighs more than sixteen thousand pounds.
 - **(II)** The road safety surcharge shall be imposed when a vehicle is registered as required by article 3 of title 42, C.R.S. Each authorized agent shall remit to the department of revenue no less frequently than once a month, but otherwise at the time and in the manner required by the executive director of the department of revenue, all road safety surcharges collected by the authorized agent. The executive director of the department of revenue shall forward all road safety surcharges remitted by authorized agents plus any road safety surcharges collected directly by the department of revenue to the state treasurer, who shall credit the surcharges to the highway users tax fund.
 - **(III)** The road safety surcharge shall not be imposed on any rental vehicle on which a daily vehicle rental fee is imposed pursuant to paragraph (b) of this subsection (1).
 - **(IV)** The amount of the road safety surcharge imposed on any vehicle that is an item of Class A personal property, as defined in [section 42-3-106 \(2\) \(a\), C.R.S.](#), shall be the product of the amount of the surcharge imposed based on the weight of the vehicle pursuant to subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (a) and the percentage of the item's total apportioned registration apportioned to Colorado.
 - **(V)** The amount of the road safety surcharge imposed pursuant to this paragraph (a) shall be one-half of the amount specified in subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (a) for any vehicle that is a truck or truck tractor that is owned by a farmer or rancher and is used commercially only:
 - **(A)** To transport to market or place of storage raw agricultural products actually produced or livestock actually raised by the farmer or rancher in farming or ranching operations; or
 - **(B)** To transport commodities or livestock purchased by the farmer or rancher for personal use in the farmer's or rancher's farming or ranching operations.

(VI) The road safety surcharge shall not be imposed on any vehicle for which the department of revenue has issued a horseless carriage special license plate pursuant to [section 42-12-301, C.R.S.](#)

- **(VII)** Each vehicle registration fee invoice shall list the road safety surcharge separately from all other vehicle registration fees or surcharges imposed.
- **(b)** (I) (A) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (III) of this paragraph (b), a daily vehicle rental fee is imposed on all short-term vehicle rentals at the rate of two dollars per day; except that a subsequent renewal of a short-term vehicle rental is exempt from the fee to the extent that the renewal extends the total rental period beyond thirty days. The rental invoice shall list the daily vehicle rental fee separately as a Colorado road safety program fee.
 - **(B)** As used in this section, "short-term vehicle rental" means the rental of any motor vehicle, as defined in [section 42-1-102 \(58\), C.R.S.](#), with a gross vehicle weight rating of twenty-six thousand pounds or less that is rented within Colorado for a period of not more than thirty days.
 - **(II)** A person who collects the daily vehicle rental fee imposed by subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (b) and who pays specific ownership tax on the vehicles rented in

the manner specified in either [section 42-3-107 \(11\)](#) or (12), C.R.S., or both, shall, no later than the twentieth day of each month, submit to the department of revenue a report, using forms furnished by the department of revenue, of daily vehicle rental fees collected for the preceding month and shall include with the report the remittance of all such fees. A person who collects the daily vehicle rental fee imposed by subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (b) but does not pay specific ownership tax on the vehicles in the manner specified in either [section 42-3-107 \(11\)](#) or (12), C.R.S., or both, shall submit the report and the remittance of fees collected in the same manner or in such other manner as the executive director of the department of revenue may prescribe by rules promulgated in accordance with article 4 of title 24, C.R.S. The executive director of the department of revenue shall forward all daily vehicle rental fees collected to the state treasurer, who shall credit the daily vehicle rental fees to the highway users tax fund.

- **(III)** Because vehicle sharing is an alternative to personal vehicle ownership that reduces the number of vehicle miles traveled on the highways of the state by encouraging the use of transit and reducing the number of trips made in privately owned vehicles and thereby benefits the state by reducing traffic congestion, greenhouse gas emissions, and the amount of wear and tear on the highways, the daily vehicle rental fee imposed pursuant to this paragraph (b) shall not be imposed on any vehicle rented pursuant to a vehicle sharing arrangement if:
 - **(A)** Under the terms of the arrangement, an organization provides passenger vehicles for the use of members of the organization who have paid a membership fee to the organization and charges an additional fee for each use of a passenger vehicle;
 - **(B)** A member of the organization is not required to enter into a separate written agreement with the organization each time the member reserves and uses a passenger vehicle;
 - **(C)** The average paid usage period for all passenger vehicles provided by the organization during the prior calendar year was six hours or less;
 - **(D)** At least three-quarters of all passenger vehicle rentals made by the organization during the prior calendar year in each municipality or county in which the organization does business were made to members of the organization who maintain a residence within the city or county;
 - **(E)** Fuel and full insurance coverage are included in the member usage rates; and
 - **(F)** Passenger vehicles provided by the organization are stationed in self-serve locations throughout the county or municipality in which the organization does business.

- **(c)**

- **(I)** A supplemental oversize and overweight vehicle surcharge in an amount equal to the amount of the fee charged pursuant to [section 42-4-510 \(11\) \(a\), C.R.S.](#), by the department or the Colorado state patrol for the issuance of the single trip permit; except that the surcharge shall not be imposed on a vehicle if the single trip permit fee was imposed pursuant to [section 42-4-510 \(11\) \(a\) \(VI\) \(B\), C.R.S.](#)
- **(II)** The agency issuing an oversize or overweight vehicle single trip permit shall collect the supplemental oversize and overweight vehicle surcharge at the same time as it collects the single trip permit fee. The agency shall forward all supplemental oversize and overweight vehicle surcharges to the department, and the executive director of the department shall forward the supplemental surcharges to the state treasurer, who shall credit the surcharges to the highway users tax fund.

- **(d)**

- **(I)** A supplemental unregistered vehicle fine imposed in addition to the fine imposed pursuant to [section 42-6-139 \(3\), C.R.S.](#), upon conviction of a misdemeanor for knowingly failing to register a vehicle within ninety days of becoming a resident of this state as required by [section 42-3-103 \(4\) \(a\), C.R.S.](#)
- **(II)** The supplemental unregistered vehicle fine shall be collected at the same time as the fine imposed pursuant to [section 42-6-139 \(3\), C.R.S.](#) The amount of the supplemental unregistered vehicle fine shall be twenty-five dollars for each month or portion of a month that the vehicle remained unregistered following the ninety-day period during which initial

registration was required; except that the amount of the supplemental unregistered vehicle fine shall not exceed one hundred dollars. All supplemental unregistered vehicle fines shall be forwarded to the state treasurer, who shall credit the fines to the highway users tax fund.

- **(e)** Late registration fees required to be credited to the highway users tax fund pursuant to [section 42-3-112 \(2\), C.R.S.](#)

HISTORY: L. 2016: Entire part R&RE, [\(SB 09-108\), ch. 5, p. 16, § 1](#), effective March 2.L. 2011: (1)(a)(VI) amended, [\(SB 11-031\), ch. 86, p. 249, § 20](#), effective August 10.L. 2012: (1)(c)(I) amended, [\(HB 12-1019\), ch. 135, p. 474, § 26](#), effective July 1.L. 2014: (1)(b)(I) amended, [\(SB 14-055\), ch. 88, p. 334, § 1](#), effective July 1.

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C.R.S. 43-4-805 (2009)

43-4-805. Statewide bridge enterprise - creation - board - funds - powers and duties - reporting requirements - legislative

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(VII) The bridge safety surcharge shall not be imposed on any vehicle for which the department of revenue has issued a **horseless carriage** special license plate pursuant to [section 42-3-219 \(1\) \(a\)](#), C.R.S.

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HISTORY: Source: L. 2009: Entire part R&RE, [\(SB 09-108\)](#), ch. 5, p. 20, § 1, effective March 2.

Source: L. 2005: Entire section added, p. 1201, § 3, effective August 8.

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C.R.S. 42-3-202 (2009)

- 42-3-202. Number plates to be attached

(1) (a) The owner shall attach the number plates assigned to a self-propelled vehicle, other than a motorcycle, auticycle, or street rod vehicle, to the vehicle with one in the front and the other in the rear. The owner shall attach the number plate assigned to a motorcycle, auticycle, street rod vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, other vehicle drawn by a motor vehicle, or special mobile machinery to the rear of the vehicle. The owner shall display number plates during the current registration year, except as otherwise provided in this article.

- (b) If the department issues a validating tab or sticker to a motor vehicle pursuant to [section 42-3-201](#), the current month validating tab or sticker shall be displayed in the bottom left corner of the rear license plate. The current year validating tab or sticker shall be displayed in the bottom right corner of the rear license plate. The tabs or stickers shall be visible at all times.
- (2) (a) Every number plate shall at all times be securely fastened to the vehicle to which it is assigned, so as to prevent the plate from swinging, and shall be horizontal at a height not less than twelve inches from the ground, measuring from the bottom of such plate, in a place and position to be clearly visible, and shall be maintained free from foreign materials and in a condition to be clearly legible.
 - (b) A person shall not operate a motor vehicle with an affixed device or a substance that causes all or a portion of a license plate to be unreadable by a system used to automatically identify a motor vehicle. Such a device includes, without limitation, a cover that distorts angular visibility; alters the color of the plate; or is smoked, tinted, scratched, or dirty so as to impair the legibility of the license plate.
- (3) (a) A person who violates any provision of this section commits a class B traffic infraction.
 - (b) A person who violates paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of this section commits a class A traffic infraction and shall be punished by a fine of one hundred dollars.
- (4) Notwithstanding subsections (1) to (3) of this section, the owner of a military vehicle may elect to not display the vehicle's assigned license plate if the license plate is physically in the military vehicle and is available for inspection to any peace officer who requests the plate.

HISTORY: L. 2005: Entire article amended with relocations, p. 1108, § 2, effective August 8. L. 2008: (1) amended, p. 321, § 2, effective July 1. L. 2010: (4) added, [\(SB 10-075\), ch. 169, p. 597, § 2](#), effective August 11; (1)(a) amended, [\(HB 10-1172\), ch. 320, p. 1491, § 10](#), effective October 1. L. 2014: (1)(a) amended, [\(HB 14-1367\), ch. 303, p. 1286, § 3](#), effective July 1. L. 2015: (2)(a) amended, [\(SB 15-090\), ch. 334, p. 1360, § 2](#), see subsection (2) of the editor's note following this section.

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C.R.S. 42-4-215.5 (2016)

42-4-215.5. Signal lamps and devices - **street rod vehicles and custom motor vehicles (Repealed)**

42-12-204. Signal lamps and devices - street-rod vehicles and custom motor vehicles - definition

- **(1)** As used in this section, "blue dot tail light" means a red lamp installed in the rear of a motor vehicle containing a blue or purple insert that is not more than one inch in diameter.
- **(2)** A street-rod vehicle or custom motor vehicle may use blue dot tail lights for stop lamps, rear turning indicator lamps, rear hazard lamps, and rear reflectors if the lamps comply with all requirements of part 2 of article 4 of this title.

L. 2011: Entire article amended with relocations, ([SB 11-031](#)), [ch. 86](#), [p. 237](#), [§ 1](#), effective August 10.

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C.R.S. 42-9-110 (2016)

42-9-110. Exemption - **antique motor vehicles**

The provisions of this article shall not apply to repairs of any motor vehicle twenty-five or more years old or of any motor vehicle which is a collectors' item as defined in [section 42-12-101 \(2\)](#).

HISTORY: Source: L. 94: Entire title amended with relocations, p. 2505, § 1, effective January 1, 1995.

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C.R.S. 42-12-104 (2016)

42-12-104. Special equipment or modification

(1) Unless the presence of special equipment was a prior condition for sale within Colorado at the time an **historic** or **special interest vehicle** was manufactured for first use, the presence of such equipment or device shall not be required as a condition for current legal use.

(2) Any motor **vehicle** of **historic** or **special interest** manufactured prior to the date emission controls were standard equipment on that particular make or model of vehicle is exempted from statutes requiring the inspection and use of such emission controls. Any motor vehicle using emission controls as standard equipment at the time of manufacture must have such equipment in proper operating condition at all times when the vehicle is operated on or for highway purposes.

(3) Any safety device or safety equipment which was manufactured for and installed on a motor vehicle as original equipment must be in proper operating condition when the vehicle is operated on or for highway purposes.

HISTORY: Source: L. 94: Entire title amended with relocations, p. 2513, § 1, effective January 1, 1995.

Editor's note: This section was formerly numbered as 42-15-104 and the former section 42-12-104 was relocated to [section 42-10-104](#).

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C.R.S. 42-4-238 (2016)

42-4-238. Blue and red lights - illegal use or possession

(1) A person shall not be in actual physical control of a vehicle, except an authorized emergency vehicle as defined in [section 42-1-102 \(6\)](#), that the person knows contains a lamp or device that is designed to

display, or that is capable of displaying if affixed or attached to the vehicle, a red or blue light visible directly in front of the center of the vehicle.

(2) It shall be an affirmative defense that the defendant was:

(a) A peace officer as described in [section 16-2.5-101, C.R.S.](#); or

(b) In actual physical control of a vehicle expressly authorized by a chief of police or sheriff to contain a lamp or device that is designed to display, or that is capable of displaying if affixed or attached to the vehicle, a red or blue light visible from directly in front of the center of the vehicle; or

(c) A member of a volunteer fire department or a volunteer ambulance service who possesses a permit from the fire chief of the fire department or chief executive officer of the ambulance service through which the volunteer serves to operate a vehicle pursuant to [section 42-4-222 \(1\) \(b\)](#); or

(d) A vendor who exhibits, sells, or offers for sale a lamp or device designed to display, or that is capable of displaying, if affixed or attached to the vehicle, a red or blue light; or

(e) A collector of fire engines, fire suppression vehicles, or ambulances and the vehicle to which the red or blue lamps were affixed is valued for the **vehicle's historical** interest or as a collector's item.

(3) A violation of this section is a class 1 misdemeanor.

HISTORY: Source: . L. 2004: Entire section added, p. 1080, § 2, effective July 1. L. 2005: (2)(e) added, p. 195, § 1, effective July 1.

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C.R.S. 42-4-229 (2016)

- 42-4-229. Safety glazing material in motor vehicles

(1) No person shall sell any new motor vehicle, nor shall any new motor vehicle be registered, unless such vehicle is equipped with safety glazing material of a type approved by the department

for any required front windshield and wherever glazing material is used in doors and windows of said motor vehicle. This section shall apply to all passenger-type motor vehicles, including passenger buses and school vehicles, but, in respect to camper coaches and trucks, including truck tractors, the requirements as to safety glazing material shall apply only to all glazing material used in required front windshields and that used in doors and windows in the drivers' compartments and such other compartments as are lawfully occupied by passengers in said vehicles.

- **(2)** The term "safety glazing materials" means such glazing materials as will reduce substantially, in comparison with ordinary sheet glass or plate glass, the likelihood of injury to persons by objects from exterior sources or by these safety glazing materials when they may be cracked or broken.
- **(3)** The department shall compile and publish a list of types of glazing material by name approved by it as meeting the requirements of this section, and the department shall not, after January 1, 1958, register any motor vehicle which is subject to the provisions of this section unless it is equipped with an approved type of safety glazing material, and the department shall suspend the registration of any motor vehicle subject to this section which is found to be not so equipped until it is made to conform to the requirements of this section.
- **(4)** A person shall not operate a motor vehicle on a highway unless the vehicle is equipped with a front windshield as provided in this section, except as provided in [section 42-4-232 \(1\)](#) and except for motor vehicles registered as collector's items under [section 42-12-301](#) or [42-12-302](#).
- **(5)** Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

HISTORY: L. 94: Entire title amended with relocations, p. 2264, § 1, effective January 1, 1995.L. 2005: (4) amended, p. 1173, § 10, effective August 8.L. 2010: (1) amended, (HB 10-1232), ch. 163, p. 573, § 12, effective April 28.L. 2011: (4) amended, (SB 11-031), ch. 86, p. 245, § 7, effective August 10.

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C.R.S. 42-4-203 (2016)

42-4-203. Unsafe vehicles - spot inspections

(1) Uniformed police officers, at any time upon reasonable cause, may require the driver of a vehicle to stop and submit such vehicle and its equipment to an inspection and such test with reference thereto as may be appropriate. The fact that a **vehicle is an older model vehicle** shall not alone constitute reasonable cause. In the event such vehicle is found to be in an unsafe condition or the required equipment is not present or is not in proper repair and adjustment, the officer may give a written notice and issue a summons to the driver. Said notice shall require that such vehicle be placed in safe condition and properly equipped or that its equipment be placed in proper repair and adjustment, the particulars of which shall be specified on said notice.

(2) In the event any such vehicle is, in the reasonable judgment of such police officer, in such condition that further operation would be hazardous, the officer may require, in addition to the instructions set forth in subsection (1) of this section, that the vehicle be moved at the operator's expense and not operated under its own power or that it be driven to the nearest garage or other place of safety.

(3) Every owner or driver upon receiving the notice and summons issued pursuant to subsection (1) of this section or mailed pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of this section shall comply therewith and shall secure a certification upon such notice by a law enforcement officer that such vehicle is in safe condition and its equipment has been placed in proper repair and adjustment and otherwise made to conform to the requirements of this article. Said certification shall be returned to the owner or driver for presentation in court as provided for in subsection (4) of this section.

(4) (a) (I) Except as provided for in subparagraph (II) or subparagraph (III) of this paragraph (a), any owner receiving written notice and a summons pursuant to this section is guilty of a misdemeanor traffic offense and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of one hundred dollars, payable within thirty days after conviction.

(II) If the owner repairs the unsafe condition or installs or adjusts the required equipment within thirty days after issuance of the notice and summons and presents the certification required in subsection (3) of this section to the court of competent jurisdiction, the owner shall be punished by a fine of five dollars.

(III) If the owner submits to the court of competent jurisdiction within thirty days after the issuance of the summons proof that the owner has disposed of the vehicle for junk parts or immobilized the vehicle and also submits to the court the registration and license plates for the vehicle, the owner shall be punished by a fine of five dollars. If the owner wishes to relicense the vehicle in the future, the owner must obtain the certification required in subsection (3) of this section.

(b) (I) Except as provided for in subparagraph (II) of this paragraph (b), any nonowner driver receiving written notice and a summons pursuant to this section is guilty of a misdemeanor traffic offense and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of one hundred dollars, payable within thirty days after conviction.

(II) If the driver submits to the court of competent jurisdiction within thirty days after the issuance of the summons proof that the driver was not the owner of the car at the time the summons was issued and that the driver mailed, within five days of issuance thereof, a copy of the notice and summons by certified mail to the owner of the vehicle at the address on the registration, the driver shall be punished by a fine of five dollars.

(c) Upon a showing of good cause that the required repairs or adjustments cannot be made within thirty days after issuance of the notice and summons, the court of competent jurisdiction may extend the period of time for installation or adjustment of required equipment as may appear justified.

(d) The owner may, in lieu of appearance, submit to the court of competent jurisdiction, within thirty days after the issuance of the notice and summons, the certification specified in subsection (3) of this section and the fine of five dollars.

HISTORY: Source: L. 94: Entire title amended with relocations, p. 2240, § 1, effective January 1, 1995.

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C.R.S. 42-4-218 (2016)

42-4-218. Single-beam road-lighting equipment

(1) Head lamps arranged to provide a single distribution of light not supplemented by auxiliary driving lamps shall be permitted on motor **vehicles manufactured** and sold **prior** to July 15, 1936, in lieu of multiple-beam road-lighting equipment specified in [section 42-4-216](#) if the single distribution of light complies with the following requirements and limitations:

(a) The head lamps shall be so aimed that when the vehicle is not loaded none of the high-intensity portion of the light shall, at a distance of twenty-five feet ahead, project higher than a level of five inches

below the level of the center of the lamp from which it comes and in no case higher than forty-two inches above the level on which the vehicle stands at a distance of seventy-five feet ahead.

(b) The intensity shall be sufficient to reveal persons and vehicles at a distance of at least two hundred feet.

(2) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

HISTORY: Source: L. 94: Entire title amended with relocations, p. 2253, § 1, effective January 1, 1995.

Emissions Exemptions

Emissions inspections are conducted in the Denver Metropolitan area and surrounding counties. A two-speed idle test is required for pre-1982 MY vehicles, while an I/M 240 test is required for MY 1982 and newer vehicles. This test will expand into parts of Larimer and Weld Counties by November 2010.

Diesel Vehicles:

Diesel vehicles are required to undergo annual emissions testing in the Denver Metropolitan area and surrounding counties, as well as in Weld, Larimer and El Paso counties and are exempted for their newest four (4) MYs.

Exemptions:

1. New vehicles for the newest four (4) MYs (unless there is a change in ownership in that four year period, at which time the vehicle would require an emissions test, or if the vehicle was previously registered in a part of Colorado without emissions testing or in another state, the vehicle will only be exempted for the newest three (3) MYs)
2. Pre-1976 collector-plated vehicles (or a vehicle that is MY 1976 or newer that was registered as a collector's item prior to September 1, 2009; for these vehicles, the collector designation will not transfer

upon sale or transfer of the vehicle)

3. Pre-1942 horseless carriage-plated vehicles
4. Vehicles with a two-stroke engine manufactured prior to 1980
5. Gray market vehicles (non-U.S. certified) and custom built vehicles must have components appropriate to their model year, or must present evaluation paperwork from a state Emissions Technical Center for the visual component of the test
6. Vehicles registered as "kit vehicles" or "street rods"

From Colorado Revised Statutes:

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C.R.S. 42-12-104 (2016)

42-12-104. Special equipment or modification

(1) Unless the presence of special equipment was a prior condition for sale within Colorado at the time an **historic** or **special interest vehicle** was manufactured for first use, the presence of such equipment or device shall not be required as a condition for current legal use.

(2) Any motor vehicle of **historic** or **special interest** manufactured prior to the date **emission** controls were standard equipment on that particular make or model of vehicle is exempted from statutes requiring the inspection and use of such **emission** controls. Any motor vehicle using **emission** controls as standard equipment at the time of manufacture must have such equipment in proper operating condition at all times when the vehicle is operated on or for highway purposes.

(3) Any safety device or safety equipment which was manufactured for and installed on a motor vehicle as original equipment must be in proper operating condition when the vehicle is operated on or for highway purposes.

HISTORY: Source: L. 94: Entire title amended with relocations, p. 2513, § 1, effective January 1, 1995.

Editor's note: This section is similar to former § 42-15-104 as it existed prior to 1994, and the former § 42-12-104 was relocated to § 42-10-104.