

## MARYLAND

### Definitions

**Reconstructed Vehicle.** Any vehicle that:

- (i) Is of a type required to be registered under this title; and
- (ii) Has been materially altered from its original construction by the removal, addition, alteration, or substitution of essential parts.

**Specially Constructed Vehicle.** Any vehicle that:

- (i) Is of a type required to be registered under this title;
- (ii) Was not originally constructed under a distinctive name, make, model, or type by a generally recognized manufacturer of vehicles; and
- (iii) Has not been materially altered from its original construction.

**Historic Motor Vehicle.** A motor vehicle, including a passenger vehicle, motorcycle, or truck that:

- (1) Is at least 20 years old;
- (2) Has not been substantially altered from the manufacturer's original design; and
- (3) Meets criteria contained in regulations adopted by the Administration.

“historic motor vehicle” does not include a vehicle that has been remanufactured or reconstructed as a replica of an original vehicle.

**Street Rod.** A motor vehicle that:

- (1) Is 25 years old or older; and
- (2) Has been substantially altered from the manufacturer's original design.

## **Maryland DMV Guidance**

### **From Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration:**

Titling - Homemade, Two-Stage or Reconstructed Vehicle

Explained below are the requirements for titling a “homemade” vehicle, a vehicle that was constructed by more than one manufacturer (i.e., two-stage), and a reconstructed vehicle. These vehicles are unusual in that they were built either by (or under the direction of) the vehicle’s owner or by more than one manufacturer. In most cases, the Maryland State Police must inspect the vehicle before it can be titled. Inspections are performed at the MVA’s Glen Burnie garage.

Fees:

- The fee for titling a vehicle typically includes a title fee, excise tax, and a security interest (lien) filing fee if required.
- The fee for registration varies by the type of vehicle, its weight, and/or its intended use. See Fees for Registration Plates for more information.

Contact Information:

#### **MVA**

##### **Mail In Title Unit**

6601 Ritchie Highway, NE  
Glen Burnie, MD 21062

#### **MVA**

##### **Glen Burnie Branch Office**

6601 Ritchie Highway, NE  
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**For telephone questions:**

**MVA Customer Service Center:** 1-410-768-7000

**TTY/Hearing Impaired:** 1-301-729-4563

### **How do I title a glider kit?**

A glider kit consists of a truck frame, cab, front axle steering system and related accessories which are intended for assembly with an engine, transmission drive line, rear suspension, rear axle and related accessories from another vehicle. The completed vehicle has the outward appearance of a new truck.

You can apply for a title in person at the Glen Burnie branch office. Typically, you will need to submit the following documents:

- **Proof of ownership** – The ownership document must be for the vehicle frame used in building the glider kit:
  - **If the frame is new** (kits usually have a new frame included), the certificate of origin included with the kit is required.
  - **If the frame is from a used vehicle**, a title for the vehicle in your name or a title that has been properly assigned to you is required.
  - **If the frame is from a salvaged vehicle**, a salvage certificate in your name or a certificate that has been properly assigned to you is required.
  - **Other documents that may establish ownership are:**
    - **Registration document and bill of sale** – ONLY if the state from which the frame was obtained did not issue a title (usually because of the vehicle's age).
- **Application** – You may use either the back of the Maryland title, if applicable, or the Application for Certificate of Title to request the new title (and registration, if applicable). When the Maryland title is used as the application form, complete the section entitled *Application for Title and Registration*.
- **Proof of purchase price** – You must submit the bills of sale and/or receipts for all parts and labor.
- **Odometer disclosure statement** - You may use the manufacturer's certificate of origin or the title to document the mileage of the vehicle. A separate odometer disclosure statement may also be submitted.
- **Application for Assigned Vehicle Identification Number** - A new vehicle identification number (VIN) will be assigned to the completed vehicle. The Maryland State Police will install the new VIN plate after they have inspected it.
- **Maryland safety inspection certificate** - A safety inspection is required if the vehicle is being registered at the same time (most cases).

Your title will be mailed to you. If you also register the vehicle (most cases), your registration card, license plates and expiration date stickers can be provided immediately when you apply in person to the MVA; otherwise, these items also will be mailed to you.

How do I title a homemade trailer?

A "homemade" trailer is a trailer that is built by someone other than a licensed manufacturer.

You can apply for a title for a trailer that will carry **5,000 pounds or less** in person at any of the MVA's full service branch offices. You also can mail the documents to the MVA's Mail In Title Unit in the Glen Burnie office, or go to an MVA licensed tag and title service where they will assist you in applying.

If the trailer will carry **5,001 pounds or more**, you can apply for a title in person at the Glen Burnie branch office. In either case, you will need to submit the following documents:

- **Proof of ownership** – The ownership document must be for the vehicle frame used in building the trailer (if any):
  - **If the frame is new**, the certificate of origin included for the frame is required.
  - **If the frame is from a used vehicle**, a title for the vehicle in your name or a title that has been properly assigned to you is required.
  - **If the frame is from a salvaged vehicle**, a salvage certificate in your name or a certificate that has been properly assigned to you is required.
  - **Other documents that may establish ownership are:**
    - **Registration document and bill of sale** – ONLY if the state from which the frame was obtained did not issue a title (usually because of the vehicle's age);
    - **Sales receipts.**
- **Application** – You may use either the back of the Maryland title, if applicable, or the Application for Certificate of Title to request the new title (and registration, if applicable). When the Maryland title is used as the application form, complete the section entitled *Application for Title and Registration*.
- **Proof of purchase price** – You must submit the bills of sale and/or receipts for all parts and labor.
- **Odometer disclosure statement** - Not required for a trailer.
- **Application for Assigned Vehicle Identification Number** - A new vehicle identification number (VIN) will be assigned to the completed trailer. If the trailer is rated to carry more than 5,000 pounds, the Maryland State Police (MSP) also must inspect the completed trailer, at which time they will install the VIN plate. For lighter weight trailers (5,000 pounds or less), an MSP inspection is not required. However, in both cases you must submit a Maryland inspection certificate when registering the vehicle.
- **Certified Statement of Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR)** - The statement, signed by you, must declare the maximum weight to be carried by the trailer.

- **Photographs of the trailer** - Both side and rear view photographs of the trailer are required. The photos must show the full length of the trailer and include the trailer's tongue (opposite angles), safety chains, license plate bracket, and taillights. Note that the wheels must be covered with fenders or the body of the trailer.
- **Maryland safety inspection certificate** - A safety inspection is required if the vehicle is being registered at the same time (most cases).

Your title will be mailed to you. If you also register the vehicle (most cases), your registration card, license plates and expiration date stickers can be provided immediately when you apply in person to the MVA; otherwise, these items also will be mailed to you.

### **How do I title a kit car?**

A kit car consists of a body, steering system, frame, and related accessories intended for assembly with an excess or salvage engine, transmission drive line, rear suspension, rear axle and related accessories. A kit car has the outward appearance of a Historic or Street Rod vehicle (though it is not titled as such).

You can apply for a title in person at the Glen Burnie branch office. Typically, you will need to submit the following documents:

- **Proof of ownership** – The ownership document must be for the vehicle frame used in building the kit car:
  - **If the frame is new** (kits usually have a new frame included), the certificate of origin included with the kit is required.
  - **If the frame is from a used vehicle**, a title for the vehicle in your name or a title that has been properly assigned to you is required.
  - **If the frame is from a salvaged vehicle**, a salvage certificate in your name or a certificate that has been properly assigned to you is required.
  - **Other documents that may establish ownership are:**
    - **Registration document and bill of sale** – ONLY if the state from which the frame was obtained did not issue a title (usually because of the vehicle's age).
    - **Sales receipts**
- **Application** – You may use either the back of the Maryland title, if applicable, or the Application for Certificate of Title to request the new title (and registration, if applicable). When the Maryland title is used as the application form, complete the section entitled *Application for Title and Registration*.

- **Proof of purchase price** – You must submit the bills of sale and/or receipts for all parts and labor.
- **Odometer disclosure statement** - You may use the manufacturer’s certificate of origin or the title to document the mileage of the vehicle. A separate odometer disclosure statement may also be submitted. Usually the mileage is “0” unless the frame was taken from a used/salvaged vehicle
- **Application for Assigned Vehicle Identification Number (if applicable)** - A new vehicle identification number (VIN) may be assigned to the completed vehicle. The Maryland State Police will install the new VIN plate after they have inspected it.
- **Maryland safety inspection certificate** - A safety inspection is required if the vehicle is being registered at the same time (most cases).

Your title will be mailed to you. If you also register the vehicle (most cases), your registration card, license plates and expiration date stickers can be provided immediately when you apply in person to the MVA; otherwise, these items also will be mailed to you.

#### **How do I title a kit trailer?**

A kit trailer is a trailer that is assembled from a kit by someone other than a licensed manufacturer.

You can apply for a title at any of the MVA’s full service branch offices. You also can mail the documents to the MVA’s Mail In Title Unit in the Glen Burnie office, or go to an MVA licensed tag and title service where they will assist you in applying. Typically, you will need to submit the following documents:

- **Proof of ownership** – Since the frame is **new**, the certificate of origin included with the kit is required.
- **Application** – The Application for Certificate of Title must be submitted to request the new title (and registration, if applicable).
- **Proof of purchase price** – You must submit the bills of sale and/or receipts for all parts and labor.
- **Odometer disclosure statement** - Not required for a trailer.
- **Maryland safety inspection certificate** - A safety inspection is required if the vehicle is being registered at the same time and the kit was assembled by someone other than an authorized trailer dealer (most cases).

Your title will be mailed to you. If you also register the vehicle (most cases), your registration card, license plates and expiration date stickers can be provided immediately when you apply in person to the MVA; otherwise, these items also will be mailed to you.

### How do I title a two-stage vehicle?

A two-stage vehicle is a vehicle that has been built by two separate manufacturers. The result is a standard, complete vehicle capable of performing its intended function.

You can apply for a title at any of the MVA's full service branch offices. You also can mail the documents to the MVA's Mail In Title Unit in the Glen Burnie office, or go to an MVA licensed tag and title service where they will assist you in applying. Typically, you will need to submit the following documents:

- **Proof of ownership** – The certificates of origin from **both** the first and second stage manufacturers are required.
- **Application** – The Application for Certificate of Title must be submitted to request the new title (and registration, if applicable).
- **Proof of purchase price** – You must submit the bills of sale and/or receipts for all parts and labor.
- **Odometer disclosure statement** - The odometer reading will be certified on the certificate of origin or you may submit a separate odometer disclosure statement.
- **Contract from a board of education** - This is needed for titling a school bus only. It certifies that your vehicle has been approved for use as a school bus.

Your title will be mailed to you. If you also register the vehicle (most cases), your registration card, license plates and expiration date stickers can be provided immediately when you apply in person to the MVA; otherwise, these items also will be mailed to you.

### How do I title a reconstructed vehicle?

A reconstructed vehicle is a vehicle that is created by the unique alteration of a standard vehicle, by someone other than the manufacturer.

You can apply for a title in person at the Glen Burnie branch office. Typically, you will need to submit the following documents:

- **Proof of ownership** – The ownership document must be for the vehicle frame used in building the reconstructed vehicle:
  - **If the frame is new**, the certificate of origin included with the kit is required.
  - **If the frame is from a used vehicle**, a title for the vehicle in your name or a title that has been properly assigned to you is required.
  - **If the frame is from a salvaged vehicle**, a salvage certificate in your name or a certificate that has been properly assigned to you is required.

- **Other documents that may establish ownership are:**
  - **Registration document and bill of sale** – ONLY if the state from which the frame was obtained did **not** issue a title (usually because of the vehicle’s age).
- **Application** – You may use either the back of the Maryland title, if applicable, or the Application for Certificate of Title to request the new title (and registration, if applicable). When the Maryland title is used as the application form, complete the section entitled *Application for Title and Registration*.
- **Proof of purchase price** – You must submit the bills of sale and/or receipts for all parts and labor.
- **Odometer disclosure statement** - You may use the manufacturer’s certificate of origin or the title to document the mileage of the vehicle. A separate odometer disclosure statement may also be submitted.
- **Application for Assigned Vehicle Identification Number (if applicable)** - A new vehicle identification number (VIN) may be assigned to the completed vehicle. The Maryland State Police will install the new VIN plate after they have inspected it.
- **Maryland safety inspection certificate** - A safety inspection is required if the vehicle is being registered at the same time (most cases).

Your title will be mailed to you. If you also register the vehicle (most cases), your registration card, license plates and expiration date stickers can be provided immediately when you apply in person to the MVA; otherwise, these items also will be mailed to you.

### **Salvaged Vehicle Inspection**

A vehicle with a certificate of salvage, issued by Maryland or any other \*state, must undergo a salvaged vehicle inspection if the vehicle has been repaired and the owner wants to title the vehicle in Maryland. If the vehicle does not have a certificate of salvage, contact the MVA for assistance obtaining one. \*New York salvage title (form 907a) must be inspected in New York only.

A certified Maryland State Police (MSP) Salvage Inspector, must perform the salvage inspection. The inspection is intended to ensure that the vehicle and/or its parts have not been stolen or its serial numbers illegally removed.

**Note:** If the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) plate has been removed from the dashboard or is damaged, it must be inspected by a member of the Auto Theft unit. The vehicle must be scheduled for a salvage inspection **at the Glen Burnie inspection site only** on any Tuesday (excluding State holidays) between 8:30 - 12:30. If further assistance is needed to schedule an appointment, please contact [msp.salvage@maryland.gov](mailto:msp.salvage@maryland.gov).

What are the procedures involved in a salvaged vehicle inspection?

First, schedule the inspection online by going to [www.mdsp.org/ased](http://www.mdsp.org/ased).

You will receive a printable appointment confirmation once you have entered all information and paid for your inspection.

On your scheduled inspection date, please bring your vehicle, completed inspection checklist and the following documents:

- your personal identification (e.g., Maryland driver's license);
- the vehicle's certificate of salvage
- proof of ownership (bill of sale, etc...)

The salvage inspector will first review your personal identification and salvage certificate or other ownership documents. If everything is in order and the vehicle appears to be road worthy, he then will conduct the required inspection. When the inspection is successfully completed, the inspector will stamp your certificate of salvage and sign it to indicate approval.

What must I do next to get my vehicle back on the road?

After your vehicle passes the salvaged vehicle inspection, you can apply to the MVA to title the vehicle and obtain a thirty (30) day temporary registration that will permit you to drive the vehicle to an authorized inspection station for a safety inspection. If it passes, then you should be able to register the vehicle. For information about safety inspections, see Vehicle Safety Inspection. For information about how to title and register your vehicle, check the infoMVA homepage for the applicable process descriptions.

Fees:

- A \$25 inspection fee will be collected at the time the appointment is made.

Contact Information:

**Maryland State Police**  
**Automotive Safety Enforcement Division (ASED)**  
6601 Ritchie Highway, NE  
Glen Burnie, MD 21062  
[msp.salvage@maryland.gov](mailto:msp.salvage@maryland.gov)

## **Maryland Laws**

### **From Code of Maryland Regulations:**

#### **COMAR 11.15.14.11 Reconstructed Vehicles.**

A. An applicant for a certificate of title for a reconstructed vehicle shall provide the Administration with:

1. An application for a certificate of title;
2. An application for an assigned VIN;
3. A certificate of title for the frame;
4. A bill of sale or a copy of the title for the body;
5. Receipts for parts and labor used to reconstruct the vehicle; and
6. A garage inspection by an authorized police officer in this State.

B. The Administration shall refuse to issue a certificate of title if:

- (1) The required documents are not furnished or the information is incomplete;
- (2) A title for a vehicle less than 7 years old is being assigned to the applicant and the applicant:
  - (a) Does not furnish a notarized bill of sale; and
  - (b) Refuses to pay excise tax on the book value of the vehicle;
- (3) An individual bringing the vehicle to the Administration for a garage inspection by the ASE does not furnish a power of attorney authorizing the individual to sign for the applicant;
- (4) The garage inspection reveals stolen parts; or
- (5) A security interest termination statement has not been furnished for each lien shown on the Administration's records.

#### **COMAR 11.15.14.12 Glider Kits and Kit Cars.**

A. An applicant for a certificate of title for a vehicle constructed from a glider kit or a car kit shall provide the Administration with:

- (1) An application for a certificate of title;
- (2) A certificate of origin for the kit;
- (3) A bill of sale for the kit;
- (4) A title for the frame;
- (5) Bills of sale or receipts for all parts and labor;
- (6) An application for an assigned VIN; and
- (7) A garage inspection at the Administration or, in the case of a glider kit, a certified statement that the vehicle was assembled by a Maryland licensed dealer or repair shop.

B. The Administration shall refuse to issue a certificate of title if:

- (1) The required documents are not furnished or the information is incomplete;
- (2) The individual bringing the vehicle to the Administration garage is not the applicant and cannot furnish a power of attorney authorizing the individual to sign for the applicant;
- (3) The garage inspection reveals stolen parts;
- (4) The application is being processed at a branch office of the Administration, and a statement certifying that the glider kit has been assembled by a Maryland licensed dealer or repair shop is not furnished;
- (5) A security interest termination statement has not been furnished for each lien shown on record; or
- (6) A title for a vehicle less than 7 years old is being assigned to the applicant and the applicant:
  - (a) Does not furnish a notarized bill of sale; and
  - (b) Refuses to pay excise tax on the greater of the book value or the purchase price of the vehicle.

**COMAR 11.15.05.02 Vehicles to be Registered as Class A Passenger Vehicles.**

Constructed, reconstructed, or unorthodox vehicles to be registered as Class A passenger vehicles shall:

- A. Be inspected and approved by an authorized Maryland inspection station before applying for title and registration;
- B. Be equipped with the equipment and mechanisms required by Transportation Article, Title 22, Annotated Code of Maryland, which shall be inspected and approved by an authorized Maryland inspection station; and
- C. Comply with the provisions of 49 CFR §§571.101-571.302, which are incorporated by reference.

**From Maryland Code:**

**MD Code, Transportation, § 13-104.2. Certificate of title for foreign vehicles, and reconstructed or specially constructed vehicles**

Definitions

- (a)(1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (2) "Essential parts" means all integral and body parts, whether new or used, the removal, addition, alteration, or substitution of which would tend to conceal the identity of the vehicle or substantially alter its appearance, model, type, or mode of operation.

(3) "Reconstructed vehicle" means any vehicle that:

- (i) Is of a type required to be registered under this title; and
- (ii) Has been materially altered from its original construction by the removal, addition, alteration, or substitution of essential parts.

(4) "Specially constructed vehicle" means any vehicle that:

- (i) Is of a type required to be registered under this title;
- (ii) Was not originally constructed under a distinctive name, make, model, or type by a generally recognized manufacturer of vehicles; and
- (iii) Has not been materially altered from its original construction.

Foreign vehicles, and reconstructed or specially constructed vehicles

(b) If an application for a certificate of title is for a foreign vehicle previously titled or registered in another state or country, for a reconstructed vehicle, or for a specially constructed vehicle, the application also shall be accompanied by:

(1) Any information or documents the Administration reasonably requires to establish the ownership of the vehicle and the existence or nonexistence of security interests in it;

(2) Either:

- (i) The certification of a person authorized by the Administration stating that the vehicle identification number of the vehicle has been inspected and found to conform to the description given in the application; or
- (ii) Any other proof of the identity of the vehicle that the Administration reasonably requires; and

(3) As to a foreign vehicle previously titled or registered in another state or country:

- (i) Any certificate of title issued by the other state or country; or
- (ii) If the other state or country does not issue a certificate of title for vehicles of the type to which the application refers, a certified bill of sale and any registration documents issued by that state or country.

**MD Code, Transportation, § 13-411. Display of registration plates and validation tabs**

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Vintage registration plates for historic or antique vehicles

(h)(1) A vehicle registered as a historic or antique vehicle (Class L) in this State or in another state, when used or driven in this State, may display vintage registration plates as an indication of the historic or antique nature of the vehicle. Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the place on the vehicle provided for the display of registration plates may only be used for the display of current registration plates in accordance with subsections (a) through (c) of this section, and any vintage registration plates which are used shall be displayed elsewhere on the vehicle.

(2) If the Administration authorizes the display of vintage registration plates in lieu of current registration plates, as provided in § 13-936.1 of this title, the vintage registration plates shall be displayed as required under subsections (a) through (c) of this section. However, the current registration plates shall be kept in the vehicle at all times.

### **MD Code, Transportation, § 13-613. Issuance of personalized registration plates**

Vehicles eligible for special, personalized registration numbers

(a)(1) The owner of any vehicle described in paragraph (2) of this subsection may apply to the Administration for the assignment to that vehicle of a special, personalized registration number.

(2) This section applies only as to:

(i) A Class A (passenger) vehicle;

(ii) A Class D (motorcycle) vehicle;

(iii) A Class E (truck) vehicle with a one ton or less manufacturer's rated capacity;

(iv) A Class G (nonfreight trailer) vehicle;

(v) A Class L (historic) vehicle;

(vi) A Class M (multipurpose) vehicle; or

(vii) A Class N (street rod) vehicle.

Fee for special registration

(b) In addition to the annual registration fee otherwise required by this title, the applicant shall pay an additional annual fee of \$50, payable with the original and each renewal application for special registration under this section.

Special registration number

(c)(1) A special registration number assigned under this section may consist of any combination of not more than 7 letters and numerals.

(2) In its discretion, the Administration may refuse any combination of letters and numerals.

## **MD Code, Transportation, § 13-936. Class L vehicles; historic motor vehicles**

### Historic motor vehicle defined

(a) In this section, “historic motor vehicle” means a motor vehicle, including a passenger vehicle, motorcycle, or truck that:

- (1) Is at least 20 years old;
- (2) Has not been substantially altered from the manufacturer's original design; and
- (3) Meets criteria contained in regulations adopted by the Administration.

### Replicas of original vehicles

(b) In this section, “historic motor vehicle” does not include a vehicle that has been remanufactured or reconstructed as a replica of an original vehicle.

### In general

(c) If registered with the Administration under this section, every historic motor vehicle is a Class L (historic) vehicle.

### Annual registration fee

(d) Except as provided in subsection (i) of this section, for each Class L (historic) vehicle, the annual registration fee is \$25.50.

### Application for registration of a historic motor vehicle

(e) In applying for registration of a historic motor vehicle under this section, the owner of the vehicle shall submit with the application a certification that the vehicle for which the application is made:

- (1) Will be maintained for use in exhibitions, club activities, parades, tours, and occasional transportation; and
- (2) Will not be used:
  - i. For general daily transportation;
  - ii. Primarily for the transportation of passengers or property on highways;
  - iii. For employment;
  - iv. For transportation to and from employment or school; or
  - v. For commercial purposes.

### Issuance of special, historic motor vehicle registration plates

(f) Except as provided in § 13-936.1 of this subtitle, on registration of a vehicle under this section, the Administration shall issue a special, historic motor vehicle registration plate of the size and design that the Administration determines.

### Specific equipment requirements

(g) Unless the presence of the equipment was specifically required by a statute of this State as a condition of sale when the vehicle was manufactured, the presence of any specific equipment is not required for the operation of a vehicle registered under this section.

Exemption from vehicle inspections or use and inspection of emission controls

(h)(1) A vehicle with a model year of 1985 or earlier registered under this section is exempt from any statute that requires vehicle inspections.

(2) A vehicle registered under this section is exempt from any statute that requires the use and inspection of emission controls.

Motor vehicles manufactured at least 60 years prior to current model year

(i)(1) For a motor vehicle manufactured at least 60 years prior to the current model year, there is a onetime registration fee of \$50.00.

(2) Registration of a motor vehicle manufactured under this subsection is not transferable to a subsequent owner.

#### **MD Code, Transportation, § 13-936.1. Vintage plates; historic motor vehicles**

Vintage registration plate defined

(a) In this section, “vintage registration plate” means a Maryland registration plate that was actually issued for display on a motor vehicle in a year not less than 25 years prior to January 1 of each calendar year.

Display of 2 vintage registration plates in lieu of current registration plates

(b) The owner of a motor vehicle registered under § 13-936 or § 13-937.1 of this subtitle as a Class L (historic) or Class N (street rod) vehicle may display two vintage registration plates in lieu of a current registration plate on that vehicle if:

(1) The owner of the motor vehicle submits an application on a form prescribed by the Administrator;

(2) The two vintage registration plates were issued in the same year as the model year of the motor vehicle; and

(3) The owner of the motor vehicle pays a onetime registration fee of \$25.50.

Term and fee for display of vintage registration plates

(c) If the Administration authorizes the display of vintage registration plates under this section:

(1) The vintage registration plates shall remain valid for as long as title to the motor vehicle remains in the person who submitted an application under subsection (b)(1) of this section; and

(2) A fee in addition to the onetime registration fee prescribed in subsection (b)(3) of this section is not required for the issuance of the vintage registration plates.

**MD Code, Transportation, § 13-937.1. Class N vehicles; street rods**

Street rod defined

(a) In this section, "street rod" means a motor vehicle that:

- (1) Is 25 years old or older; and
- (2) Has been substantially altered from the manufacturer's original design.

In general

(b) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, if registered with the Administration under this section, every street rod is a Class N (street rod) vehicle.

Annual registration fee

(c) For each Class N (street rod) vehicle, the annual registration fee is \$25.00.

Application for registration of a street rod

(d) In applying for registration of a street rod under this section, the owner of the street rod shall submit with the application a certification that the vehicle for which the application is made:

- (1) Will be maintained for use in exhibitions, club activities, parades, tours, occasional transportation, and similar uses; and
- (2) Will not be used:
  - (i) For general daily transportation; or
  - (ii) Primarily for the transportation of passengers or property on highways.

Street rods registered as Class L vehicles

(e)(1) The registration of a street rod registered before July 1, 1987 as a Class L (historic) vehicle shall remain valid until midnight on the date indicated on the registration card issued by the Administration.

(2) On expiration of a street rod's registration as a Class L (historic) vehicle, a street rod registered with the Administration shall be registered as a Class N (street rod) vehicle as required by this section.

Special street rod vehicle registration plate

(f) Except as provided in § 13-936.1 of this subtitle, on registration of a vehicle under this section, the Administration shall issue a special street rod vehicle registration plate of the size and design that the Administration determines.

#### Specific equipment requirements

(g) Unless the presence of the equipment was specifically required by a statute of this State as a condition of sale when the vehicle was manufactured, the presence of any specific equipment is not required for the operation of a vehicle registered under this section.

#### Street rods exempt from vehicle inspections or use and inspection of emission controls

(h) A vehicle registered under this section is exempt from any statute that requires periodic vehicle inspections or that requires the use and inspection of emission controls.

## **Maryland Equipment Exemptions**

### **From Code of Maryland Regulations:**

#### **COMAR 11.14.02.01 Applicability.**

A. The standards, requirements and procedures set forth in this chapter are applicable to equipment originally installed by the manufacturer or required by federal or State requirements on passenger cars, taxicabs, light trucks 10,000 pounds and under GVWR, vans, multipurpose passenger vehicles with a chassis capacity up to 10,000 pounds, and type II school vehicles. Any questions regarding passenger cars, taxicabs, light trucks, vans, multipurpose passenger vehicles with a chassis capacity up to 10,000 pounds, and type II school vehicle standards or specifications shall be referred to the Automotive Safety Enforcement Division of the Maryland State Police. Any person constructing or reconstructing these types of vehicles shall assure the vehicle meets or exceeds all applicable federal or State safety standards.

B. Three-wheel multipurpose vehicles which have an enclosed occupant compartment shall meet all established minimum standards for four-wheel multipurpose vehicles with the exception of headlamps. If a three-wheel multipurpose vehicle which has an enclosed occupant compartment is constructed with one wheel in the front and the design of the vehicle's body is such that two headlamps are impractical, one headlamp meeting established minimum standards for motorcycles will be acceptable if the vehicle is equipped with parking lamps, turn signal lamps, and side marker lamps, as required, which adequately indicate the extreme width of the vehicle front and rear.

C. Vehicles specially constructed as an exact replica of a previously manufactured vehicle, which have been designated or otherwise would qualify as an historic vehicle or a vehicle of unique interest as defined by the Motor Vehicle Administration for registration of these original vehicles, shall meet all applicable established minimum standards for vehicles of the same model year in which the vehicle is actually constructed and titled with the following exceptions:

(1) Regulation 10A(2)(c), side marker lamps: If the original counterpart of the specially constructed vehicle was manufactured without side marker lamps, side marker lamps are not required on the exact replica;

(2) Regulation .08A: If the original counterpart of the specially constructed vehicle was manufactured without fenders or with fenders which do not meet current established minimum standards, the specially constructed vehicle need only conform to the exact design of its original counterpart to meet the requirements for fenders;

(3) Regulation .07A: If the original counterpart of the specially constructed vehicle was manufactured without bumpers, with concealed bumpers, or with bumpers which do not meet current established minimum standards, the specially constructed vehicle

need only conform to the exact design of its original counterpart to meet the requirements for bumpers;

(4) Regulation .10A(1)(c)(iv), red high mounted stop lamp: If the original counterpart of the specially constructed vehicle was manufactured without a red high mounted stop lamp, a red high mounted stop lamp is not required on the exact replica; and

(5) The Division Commander may authorize in writing a waiver of additional inspection requirements to be consistent with the original vehicle counterpart.

#### **COMAR 11.14.02.22 Safety Belts.**

- A. Any motor vehicle manufactured or assembled after June 1, 1964, shall be equipped with two sets of seat belts on the front seat of the vehicle and any vehicle manufactured or assembled with a rear seat after June 1, 1969, shall be equipped with two sets of seat belts on the rear seat of the vehicle. This does not apply to any motorcycle, bus, truck, taxicab, or type II school vehicle.

#### **From Maryland Statutes:**

#### **MD Code, Transportation, § 22-204**

#### **§ 22-204. Tail lamp requirements**

Tail lamp requirement for motor vehicles, trailers, semitrailers, or other vehicles

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, after June 1, 1971, every motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer, and any other vehicle that is being drawn at the end of a combination of vehicles, shall be equipped with at least 2 tail lamps mounted on the rear, which, when lighted as required in § 22-201.1 of this subtitle, shall emit a red light plainly visible from a distance of 1,000 feet to the rear.

Tail lamp requirements for combination of vehicles

(b) Every motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer, and any other vehicle that is being drawn at the end of a combination of vehicles, and that was **manufactured or assembled before June 1, 1971**, shall have at least 1 tail lamp mounted on the rear which, when lighted as required in § 22-201.1 of this subtitle, shall emit a red light plainly visible from a distance of at least 300 feet to the rear.

Tail lamps used with vehicle combinations

(c) On a combination of vehicles, only the tail lamps on the rearmost vehicle need actually be seen from the distance specified in subsections (a) and (b) of this section.

Spacing of tail lamps

(d) On vehicles equipped with more than 1 tail lamp, the lamps shall be mounted on the same level and as widely spaced laterally as practicable.

Height requirements for tail lamps

(e) Every tail lamp on every vehicle shall be located at a height of not more than 72 inches nor less than 20 inches.

Location of tail lamp or separate lamp to illuminate rear registration plate

(f) Either a tail lamp or a separate lamp shall be constructed and placed to illuminate, with a white light, the rear registration plate and render it clearly legible from a distance of 50 feet to the rear. Any tail lamp or tail lamps, together with any separate lamp or lamps for illuminating the rear registration plate, shall be wired to be lighted whenever the head lamps or auxiliary driving lamps are lighted.

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#### **MD Code, Transportation, § 22-402. Muffler and exhaust pipe requirements**

Muffler system to prevent excessive or unusual noise

(a) Every motor vehicle with an internal combustion engine shall be equipped with an exhaust muffler system in good working order and in constant operation to prevent excessive or unusual noise, and no person may use a muffler cutout, bypass, or similar device on a motor vehicle on a highway. Noise levels in excess of those adopted by the Administrator under § 22-601 of this title are excessive.

Use of devices to cause excessive or unusual noise prohibited

(b) A person may not use on the exhaust or "tail pipe" of a motor vehicle any extension or other device to cause excessive or unusual noise.

Discharge of clearly visible smoke prohibited

(c)(1) No motor vehicle may be operated, nor may the owner or lessee of a motor vehicle permit it to be operated, on any highway in this State unless the engine power and exhaust mechanism is equipped, adjusted, and operated to prevent:

(i) The discharge of clearly visible smoke (comparable to smoke equal to or darker in shade than that designated as No. 1 of the Ringelmann Chart as published by the U.S. Bureau of Mines) in the exhaust emissions within the proximity of the exhaust outlet for more than 10 consecutive seconds; and

(ii) The discharge of smoke from any other part of the engine in such amounts and of such opacity as to partially obscure persons or objects from view.

(2) In this subsection, "smoke" means small gasborne and airborne particles, exclusive of water vapor, from a process of combustion in sufficient numbers to be observable.

(3) A motor vehicle engine may not be allowed to operate for more than 5 consecutive minutes when the vehicle is not in motion, except as follows:

(i) When a vehicle is forced to remain motionless because of traffic conditions or mechanical difficulties over which the operator has no control;

(ii) When it is necessary to operate heating and cooling or auxiliary equipment installed on the vehicle;

(iii) To bring the vehicle to the manufacturer's recommended operating temperature; or

(iv) When it is necessary to accomplish the intended use of the vehicle.

(4) For a period of 1 year from July 1, 1971, this subsection shall be enforced by issuance of a warning. One year from July 1, 1971, it shall be enforced in the same manner as other violations of this section.

**(5) This subsection does not apply to Class L (historic) vehicles.**

Muffler defined

(d) In this section, "muffler" means a device designed for and effective in reducing noise while permitting the flow of gases.

Leakproof construction of mufflers and exhaust pipes

(e) All mufflers and exhaust pipes carrying exhaust gases from the motor shall be of leakproof construction.

#### **MD Code, Transportation, § 22-406. Safety glass requirements**

Safety glass defined

(a) "Safety glass" means:

(1) Any glass product that is so made or treated as substantially to prevent the glass from shattering and flying when struck or broken; or

(2) Any similar or other product that the Administration approves.

Driving vehicle without safety glass prohibited

(b) A person may not drive on any highway in this State any motor vehicle **manufactured or assembled after June 1, 1937**, and registered in this State, unless the vehicle is equipped with safety glass wherever glass is used in the motor vehicle in doors, windows, windshields, and wings.

Selling vehicle without safety glass prohibited

(c) A person may not sell any motor vehicle **manufactured or assembled after June 1, 1937**, registered or intended to be registered in this State and driven or intended to be driven on any highway in this State, unless the vehicle is equipped with safety glass wherever glass is used in the motor vehicle in doors, windows, windshields, and wings. Each sale in violation of this provision is a separate offense.

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### **MD Code, Transportation, § 22-412.3. Seat belt requirements**

Definitions

(a)(1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2)(i) "Motor vehicle" means a vehicle that is:

1. Registered or capable of being registered in this State as a Class A (passenger), Class E (truck), Class F (tractor), Class M (multipurpose), or Class P (passenger bus) vehicle; and
2. Required to be equipped with seat belts under federal motor vehicle safety standards contained in the Code of Federal Regulations.

(ii) "**Motor vehicle**" **does not include a Class L (historic) vehicle.**

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### **MD Code, Transportation, § 22-224. Use of single-beam road-lighting equipment for certain vehicles**

Headlamp systems that provide only a single distribution of light shall be permitted on motor vehicles **manufactured and sold before June 1, 1944**, instead of the specified multiple-beam road-lighting equipment, if the single distribution of light complies with the following requirements and limitations:

- (1) The headlamps are so aimed that, when the vehicle is not loaded, none of the high-intensity portion of the light at a distance of 25 feet ahead projects higher than a level of 5 inches below the level of the center of the lamp from which it comes and, in no case, higher than 42 inches above the level on which the vehicle stands at a distance of 75 feet ahead; and
- (2) The intensity shall be sufficient to reveal persons and vehicles at a distance of at least 200 feet.

**Application for the use of Vintage Registration Plates - Fee: \$25.50 (one time)**

**Vintage Tag No.** \_\_\_\_\_

1. Vehicles qualified to display "Vintage" registration plates, Class L (Historic) - Class N (Street Rod).
2. The "Vintage" registration plates must be issued in the same year as the model year of the motor vehicle.
3. Current Class L (Historic) - Class N (Street Rod) registration plates must remain in the vehicle at all times when displaying "Vintage" plates.
4. The "Vintage" plates must be for a year not less than 25 years prior to January 1st of each calendar year.
5. "Vintage" registration plates are not transferrable to another person.
6. The "Vintage" registration plates must be brought to an MVA office which provides full service for verification and authorization.

Full Name of Vehicle Owner				Full Name of Vehicle Co-Owner				
Driver's License Number			Date of Birth	Driver's License Number			Date of Birth	
Street Address			City		County		State	Zip Code
Year	Make	Vehicle Identification Number			Present Tag No.	Sticker Number	MD Title Number	
I/We certify under penalty of perjury that the statements made are true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge, information and belief.								
Signature of Vehicle Owner				Date		MVA Use Only		
Signature of Vehicle Co-Owner				Date				

For more information, please call: **410-768-7000** (to speak with a customer service representative).  
 TTY for the hearing impaired: **1-800-492-4575**. Visit our website at: **www.MVA.Maryland.gov**

MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION  
6601 Ritchie Highway, N.E., Glen Burnie, Maryland 21062

**Application for Historic or Street Rod Registration**

**Please print all information**

Owner's First Name	Middle	Last	Maryland Driver's License Number	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	
Owner's Resident Address		City or Town	County	State	Zip Code
Co-Owner's First Name	Middle	Last	Maryland Driver's License Number	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	

**Description of Vehicle**

Year	Make	Model	Body Style	Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)	Title Number

Insurance Company Name \_\_\_\_\_ Policy/Binder # \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPLETE THIS SECTION FOR HISTORIC OR STREET ROD REGISTRATION**

The vehicle must be identifiable by a vehicle identification number (VIN) which is a distinct series of numbers assigned by the manufacturer within a general group of numbers as verified by the manufacturer. Trailers do not qualify for Historic or Street Rod Registration.

Vehicles manufactured at least 50 years before the current model year will be issued one registration plate to be displayed on the rear of the vehicle.

I/We, the owner(s) of the vehicle described above, apply for a registration for an historic or street rod motor vehicle because:  
(check the appropriate box)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic passenger vehicle, motorcycle or truck (with a GVWR of 10,000 pounds or less); and is <u>20 calendar years</u> or older; and has not been substantially altered, remodeled or remanufactured from its original design. | <input type="checkbox"/> Street Rod vehicle <u>25 calendar years</u> or older and <b>has</b> been substantially altered from the manufacturer's original design. | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic vehicle that is <u>60 calendar years</u> or older and has not been substantially altered, remodeled, or remanufactured from its original design. THERE IS A ONE-TIME PERMANENT NON TRANSFERABLE REGISTRATION FEE. This registration "does not" qualify for special registration plates. |
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**MVA Use Only**  
Tag Number Issued:  
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I/We certify under oath that the vehicle will only be maintained for use in exhibitions, club activities, parades, tours, and occasional transportation. I/We further certify this vehicle will not be used for general daily transportation or primarily for the transportation of passengers or property on highways, for employment, for transportation to and from employment or school, or for commercial purposes.

Signature of Owner	Date	Signature of Co-Owner	Date
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**COMPLETE THIS SECTION FOR HISTORIC TRUCKS IN EXCESS OF 10,000 GVWR TRACTORS, AND MOTORHOMES**

PLEASE NOTE SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS ON USE  
NOTE: HISTORIC VEHICLES IN THIS CATEGORY MAY NOT BE USED FOR OCCASIONAL TRANSPORTATION. THEY ARE LIMITED TO THE ACTIVITIES CONTAINED IN THE CERTIFICATION BELOW.

- (Check the appropriate box)
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| <input type="checkbox"/> The vehicle is a Truck with a GVWR in excess of 10,000 pounds, Tractor, or Motor Home; and is <u>25 calendar years</u> or older, and has not been substantially altered, remodeled or remanufactured from its original design. | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Truck over 10,000 GVWR, Tractor or Motor Home that is <u>60 calendar years</u> or older; and has not been substantially altered, remodeled or remanufactured from its original design. THERE IS A ONE-TIME PERMANENT NON TRANSFERABLE REGISTRATION FEE. This registration "does not" qualify for special registration plates. |
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Vehicles manufactured at least 50 years before the current model year will be issued one registration plate to be displayed on the front of a tractor, or on the rear of a truck or motor home.

I/We, certify under oath that the vehicle will only be maintained for use in exhibitions, club activities, parades, tours, and similar uses. I/We further certify that this vehicle will not be used for general daily transportation or any commercial transportation of passengers or property on highways; and is insured by a Historic Vehicle, Show Vehicle, or Antique Vehicle insurance policy.

Signature of Owner	Date	Signature of Co-Owner	Date
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Please make checks or money orders payable to the MVA. The check must include: (1) Imprinted name and address, (2) Driver's license number (or FEIN, if company owned) and (3) Home or work telephone number.

MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION  
6601 Ritchie Highway, N.E., Glen Burnie, Maryland 21062

**Application for Special Registration Plates**

<b>Check box for the type of plate desired:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Standard issue <input type="checkbox"/> Individual with a Disability Issue <input type="checkbox"/> Amateur Radio Operator Registration <input type="checkbox"/> Personalized Registration <input type="checkbox"/> Chesapeake Bay Registration <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Registration	<b>Check Class:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Passenger Car <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Vehicle (Under 50 years) <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Vehicle (50 years or older and under 60 yrs old)  <input type="checkbox"/> Street Rod (Under 50 years) <input type="checkbox"/> Street Rod (50 years or older) <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Purpose Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Truck (1 ton or less) <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Freight Trailer	<b>MVA use only:</b> Tag Reserved: _____ Medical Certification No.: _____ Issue Date: _____ Exp. Date: _____  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> <input type="checkbox"/> CK   <input type="checkbox"/> C   <input type="checkbox"/> CV   <input type="checkbox"/> CC                 </div>
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Owner's Name - First			Middle			Last			
Co-Owner's Name - First			Middle			Last			
Owner's Street Address									
City			County			State		Zip Code	
Year		Make		Vehicle Identification Number			MD. Title Number		
MD. Tag No.		Sticker No.			Sticker Year		Daytime Telephone Number		
Insurance Company			Policy/Binder No.			Agent/Broker			

For Amateur Radio Operator registration, place your FCC assigned call letters in the space of choice #1.  
 For personalized plates provide 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th choices below.  
 Personalized registration plates may not contain more than **seven (7)** letters, numbers and spaces in combination.  
 Motorcycle and Individual with a Disability personalized plates may not contain more than **six (6)** letters, numbers and spaces in combination.

<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

**Please complete this section if the choice of personalized plates above are being relinquished**

I/we \_\_\_\_\_ hereby relinquish personalized plate # \_\_\_\_\_ for re-issuance to \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Co-Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Printed name of Co-Owner \_\_\_\_\_

**Certification:**

I/we certify, under penalty of law, that the statements made herein are true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge, information and belief.

Witness my/our Hand(s) and Seal(s)

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Owner _____	Signature of Co-Owner _____
Printed Name of Owner _____	Printed Name of Co-Owner _____

White - Department of Origin
Canary - Accounting
Pink - Customer
Goldenrod - Personalized Plates

### Amateur Radio Operator Registration Plates:

1. The owner of a vehicle of the following classes may apply for Amateur Radio Operator Registration:  
**Class "A" (passenger cars), Class "E" (Trucks, 1 ton or less), and Class "M" (Multi-purpose vehicles).**
2. A valid copy of your FCC Amateur Radio Operator's license and a copy of your present registration card must accompany this application.
3. If applying for Disability Amateur Radio Operator's plates the application must be accompanied by a completed Application for Maryland Parking Placards/License Plates for Individuals with a Disability (**VR-210**), signed by a certified licensed physician, chiropractor, optometrist, podiatrist, nurse practitioner, physician's assistant, physical therapist or a copy of the current certification.
4. Only one Amateur Radio Operator registration will be issued to any one applicant during a registration year.
5. A valid copy of the FCC Amateur Radio Operator's license must accompany each registration renewal.
6. Amateur Radio Operator registration plates must be surrendered immediately upon suspension of the FCC license.
7. An annual fee of **five dollars (\$5.00)** is payable with the original and each subsequent renewal application.  
This additional fee may not be prorated.

### Personalized Registration Plates:

1. The owner of a vehicle of the following classes may apply for Personalized Registration Plates:  
**Class "A" (passenger cars), Class "D" (Motorcycle), Class "E" (Trucks, 1 ton or less), Class "G" (Non-freight Trailer) Class "M" (Multi-purpose vehicles), Class "L" (Historic), and Class "N" (Street Rod).**  
  
Disability personalized plates are available for **Class "A" (passenger cars), Class "E" (Trucks, 1 ton or less), and Class "M" (Multi-purpose vehicles).**
2. A Personalized registration plate may consist of any combination of not more than **seven (7)** letters, numbers and spaces. Motorcycle and Individual with a Disability personalized plates may consist of any combination of not more than **six (6)** letters, numbers and spaces.
3. A personalized plate may not contain any symbol, diagram, slash or other character.
4. An additional annual fee of **fifty dollars (\$50.00)** is payable with the original and each subsequent renewal application. For a **two (2)** year registration or renewal, the fee is **one hundred dollars (\$100.00)**. This additional fee may not be prorated. There will be an additional \$20.00 fee for substitute special registration plates.
5. A personalized plate issued shall be reserved from registration year to registration year provided that the applicant renews the special registration within **six (6) months** of expiration and pays all applicable fees.
6. An application for Disability personalized plates must be accompanied by a completed Application for Maryland Parking Placards/License Plates for Individuals with a Disability (**VR-210**), signed by a certified licensed physician, chiropractor, optometrist, podiatrist, nurse practitioner, physician's assistant, physical therapist or a copy of the current certification.
7. The application for personalized plates must be accompanied by a copy of the current registration card.
8. A historic motor vehicle 60 years or older, which displays a permanent registration, does not qualify for personalized plates since an annual registration fee is not collected.
9. To apply for Chesapeake Bay/Agriculture license plates, complete a VR-302. The application and additional information are available from MVA's website [www.mva.maryland.gov](http://www.mva.maryland.gov) and at all full service branches. There is an additional \$20.00 fee upon issuance and a \$10.00 per year renewal fee in addition to the annual registration fee.

### General Information:

1. The Administration has authority to limit or reject certain requests for special registration plates.
2. Effective October 1, 2015, Historic and Street Rod vehicles manufactured at least 50 years before the current model year will be issued one plate to be displayed on the rear of the vehicle.