

Motor Vehicle Procedure Manual

Registration

Custom Vehicle and Street Rod License Plates

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Legal Authority

[Section 319.14\(1\)\(c\)11a and b, Florida Statutes](#), defines a “custom vehicle” as a motor vehicle that is 25 years old or older and of a model year after 1948 or was manufactured to resemble a vehicle that is 25 years old or older and of a model year after 1948; and has been altered from the manufacturer's original design or has a body constructed from non-original materials.

[Section 319.14\(1\)\(c\)12a and b, Florida Statutes](#), defines a “street rod” as a motor vehicle that is of a model year of 1948 or older or was manufactured after 1948 to resemble a vehicle of a model year of 1948 or older; and has been altered from the manufacturer's original design or has a body constructed from non-original materials.

[Section 320.0863, Florida Statutes](#), provides for registration of custom vehicles and street rods.

Description and Use

This procedure provides information and instructions to assist tax collector employees, license plate agent employees and Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles with the issuance of custom vehicle and street rod license plates.

General Information for Custom Vehicles

- A. The model year and year of manufacture that the body of a custom vehicle resembles is the model year and year of manufacture listed on the certificate of title, regardless of when the vehicle was actually manufactured.
- B. Custom vehicle license plates may only be issued for motor vehicles that are 25 years of age or older and of a model year after 1948 and has been altered from the manufacturer's original design or has a body constructed from non-original materials. Or, Was manufactured to resemble a vehicle that is 25 years of age or older and of a model year after 1948; and has been altered from the manufacturer's original design or has a body constructed from non-original materials.
- C. The vehicle title/record must carry a brand of "custom vehicle" prior to applying for a custom vehicle license plate.

General Information for Street Rods

- A. The model year and year of manufacture that the body of a street rod resembles is the model year and year of manufacture listed on the certificate of title, regardless of when the vehicle was manufactured.

- B. Street rod license plates may only be issued for motor vehicles with a model year of 1948 or older and has been altered from the manufacturer's original design or has a body constructed from non-original materials.

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Was manufactured after 1948 to resemble a vehicle of a model year of 1948 or older and has been altered from the manufacturer's original design or has a body constructed from non-original materials.

- C. The vehicle title/record must carry a brand of "street rod" prior to applying for a street rod license plate.

Application Requirements for Street Rods and Custom Vehicles

- A. The vehicle title/record must carry a brand of "custom vehicle" or "street rod" prior to applying for a custom vehicle or street rod license plate. Once branded, an accurately completed form [Application for Registration of a Street Rod, Custom Vehicle, Horseless Carriage or Antique \(Permanent\) – HSMV 83045](#), is required for the issuance of a custom vehicle or street rod license plate.
- B. Proof of Florida insurance is required. Refer to DMS Procedure [RS-36](#) for additional insurance requirements.
- C. Fees: Submit the regular tax fees shown in the Tax Due and Credit Manual using class code 95, trust fund fee from the Class Code/Fee Chart, Processing fee, Original License Plate fee, Decal on Demand fee and Service fee (add Branch fee, if applying through a county branch office). Refer to Registration Fees and Flat Taxes Distribution Chart for applicable fees.

Renewals and Transfers of Custom Vehicle or Street Rod License Plates

Renewals and transfers may be processed through any local Tax Collector's office or license plate agency. Custom vehicle and street rod license plates can only be transferred to a motor vehicle that meets the qualifications of a custom vehicle or street rod.

Revision(s) to Procedure

05/22/19 Added Historical Revisions, removed Notes, changed applicant to customer, and added links to statutes, forms, and procedures. Removed Definitions section. Renumbered sections and revised section IV, C to reflect accurate information for stolen license plates.

12/14/2012 - Added statutes and updated the definitions of custom vehicles and street rods.

02/01/2008– Added branding information on page 1. Removed all fees and referred to fee chart on page 2.

11/02/2007 – Revised insurance information on page 2.

07/12/2007 – Revised Section 320.0863, Florida Statutes. Added section II, Definition on page 1. Modified section III to show general requirements of street rods. Added section IV to show general requirements of custom vehicles. Corrected the name of the form 83045. Added section V to show requirements of the Custom Vehicles.

04/14/2003 – Updated fees and class code.