

<b>Motor Vehicle Procedure Manual</b>
Registration
AMPHIBIOUS VEHICLES

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**Legal Authority**

Amphibious vehicles are included under the definition of motor vehicle in Section [320.01\(1\)](#), (a) Florida Statutes, and must be registered as such.

A title is required under [Sections 319.20](#) and [319.21](#), Florida Statutes, and when a title has been issued under these sections there will be no title issued under [section 328.03](#), Florida Statutes, for vessels.

[Section 328.48\(2\)](#), Florida Statutes, requires all vessels operated on the waters of the state to be registered, either as recreational or commercial, except as follows:

- A vessel operated, used, and stored exclusively on private lakes and ponds.
- A vessel owned by the United States Government.
- A vessel used exclusively as a ship’s lifeboat.
- A non-motor-powered vessel less than 16-feet in length or a non-motor-powered canoe, kayak, racing shell or rowing scull, regardless of length.

**Description and Use**

This procedure provides information and instructions to assist employees of tax collectors, license plate agents and the Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles with the issuance of license plates on Amphibious Vehicles.

## General Information

These vehicles are subject to registration as a motor vehicle and vessel.

### A. MOTOR VEHICLE:

Upon compliance with the following, a Florida Certificate of Title, license plate and validation decal will be issued:

1. The application for title is processed using all documents required for a motor vehicle, with the vehicle type "AU" for auto.
2. Proof of Florida insurance is required.
3. Amphibious vehicles have various classifications. Based on the title documents they may be classed as passenger vehicle, bus, or for-hire.
4. License plate fees are based on class code and weight.

### B. VESSEL:

Upon compliance of the following, a FL number and annual vessel decal will be issued:

1. Copy of HSMV 82041. If a title has been issued as a motor vehicle, a registration only will be issued creating a duplicate VIN record, using vehicle type "VS" for vessel.
2. [HSMV 87244](#), Application to Register Non-Titled Vessels.
3. Registration fee based on the length of the amphibious vehicle.

## Revision(s)

6/28/22 removed "The Department" from the procedure and changed it to "Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicle".

6/23/22 Added the procedure to the new format.

Historical Revisions:

11/21/2003 - Corrected Florida Statutes 328.42(2) to 328.48(2) on page 1 and corrected name of form HSMV 87244 on page 2.

Added Historical Revisions section, added links to statutes and form. Conducted statutory review and updated statutes.