

Motor Vehicle Procedure Manual
Vessel Registration
Replacement Vessel Decal

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Legal Authority

[Section 328.48\(6\), Florida Statutes](#), provides that when a vessel decal has been stolen, the owner of the vessel for which the decal was issued shall make application for a replacement. The application shall contain the decal number being replaced and a statement that the item was stolen. If the application includes a copy of the police report prepared in response to a report of a stolen decal, such decal shall be replaced at no charge.

[Section 328.48\(7\), Florida Statutes](#), states that any decal lost in the mail may be replaced at no charge. The service charge shall not be applied to this replacement; however, the application for a replacement shall contain a statement of such fact, the decal number and the date issued.

[Section 328.72\(5\), Florida Statutes](#), provides that a decal may be issued to replace a lost or misplaced decal **by submitting \$2.25** with a request from (by the registered owner or an appointed representative) for such replacement decal to a county tax collector’s office.

Description and Use

This procedure provides information and instructions for the issuance of a replacement vessel decal.

Documentation Required and Special Instructions

Applications for replacement decals can be processed at any tax collector’s office or license plate agency. The customer must submit the following:

- A. Form [HSMV 87015](#), Application for Duplicate Registration, Replacement Decal and Change of Classification, must be completed and signed. If the registration is in joint ownership, only one owner must sign the application.
- B. If the decal was stolen, a copy of the police report must be submitted for the decal

to be replaced at no charge. **If the decal was not stolen, then a service fee of \$2.25 must be submitted with the request.**

Miscellaneous Information

- A. The completed application should be retained by the tax collector's office or license plate agency for a period of 12 months.

- B. When issuing a replacement decal, process the transaction as a registration replacement decal. The vessel owner should either turn in the old registration certificate or check the appropriate block on the HSMV 87015 indicating why the original certificate of registration is not available.

Revision(s) to Procedure

Statutory Review. Updated Statute 328.72 (5). Added "If decal is not stolen, then \$2.25 must be submitted with request". Added Historical Revisions section and links to statutes and forms.

Historical Revision(s) to Procedure

11/10/03 Added Sections 328.48(6) and 328.48(7), F.S., to clarify how the license plate agencies need to process a replacement decal when it has been reported stolen. Added information on page 1 and created second page for miscellaneous information.

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