



## Abbreviated Collector Vehicle Guidelines

*(Current through the 2011 Legislative Session)*

The purpose of this document is to provide an overview of the requirements and provisions for titling and registering collector-defined vehicles; as well as the restrictions and privileges associated with these vehicles. It is not intended to be all-inclusive, or to contradict the Colorado Revised Statutes (CRS) or procedures established by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). The forms provided by DMV are self-explanatory.

**A *Collector*** is a person who owns one or more vehicles of historic or special interest, and is a member of an organization that demonstrates a sincere interest in the preservation of antique, vintage or special interest vehicles.

**A *Collector Item*** is a motor vehicle, including truck or truck-tractor manufactured in 1975 or older (except those vehicles 1976 or later that were registered as collector items prior to September 1, 2009).

## Titling and Registration — CRS 42-12-102

### TITLING:

- Not Roadworthy:** If vehicle does NOT have a title, and is not roadworthy, then a rebuilder's title can be issued if:
- Vehicle is at least 25 years old
  - Vehicle is at a minimum a rolling chassis
  - An application is submitted containing a statement on acquisition of vehicle and how ownership was acquired - must contain a written declaration under penalty of perjury in the second degree In Accordance With (IAW) CRS 18-8-503

The rebuilder's title will be converted to a standard certificate when the vehicle is made roadworthy, if the applicant:

- Obtains a certified VIN Inspection
- Furnishes a Bond that must be in an amount fixed by the Director, but not less than twice the reasonable value of the vehicle prior to rebuild.
- Vehicle cannot be driven on the highway until all requirements for evidence of ownership and parts used in reconstruction, and must be accompanied by an affidavit of physical inspection that includes a computer check of the state and national compilations of national and state vehicles, wanted, and stolen.

**Roadworthy:** Obtain the following documents in the order listed, if title or registration is not available:

- Notarized bill of sale - good for 24 months
- Certified VIN Inspection by a peace officer of a law enforcement agency who has been certified under section 42-5-206 to inspect vehicle ID numbers (generally Highway Patrol), must call for an appointment.
- Title search must be done at Colorado state DMV - will take a short time - 15 to 20 minutes if done at headquarters in Denver. If vehicle was purchased out of state, a title search from the state where purchased must be made prior to obtaining a title.
- Sworn statement under penalty of perjury on acquisition of vehicle and all facts related to purchase IAW 42-12-103 and 42-6-115(3) and in lieu of bond title.
- Take all of the above, notarized bill-of-sale, certified VIN inspection, title search, and sworn statement of acquisition to your County Clerk and title will be issued.

### REGISTRATION:

**Horseless Carriage:** (50 years old or older)

- If vehicle is eligible for a Horseless Carriage plate, it is issued for a 5-year period, but all plates expire on the same date, regardless of date of issue. Plates must be renewed within 30 days of expiration date at end of five year period.
- Restrictions on Horseless Carriage plates and original plates (if used) are: Can be driven on streets and highways to:
  - All meetings or assemblies where such vehicles and their ownership are primary interest.
  - Special occasions such as parades or demonstrations
  - On occasions when the operation of the vehicle will not constitute a traffic hazard.
  - To, from, and during local, state, or national tours held for the exhibition and enjoyment of vehicles.

- Sale or transfer - The special registration plate stays with the vehicle and is transferred to the new owner.
- Original plates can be approved for use after purchase of registration of Horseless Carriage or Collector plate, but must be:
  - Year of manufacture of vehicle.
  - Plates were made at least thirty years prior to registration.
  - Plates are embossed with year of original issue.
  - Plates are legible.
  - Plates cannot exceed seven characters.
  - Vehicle cannot be driven except as noted above under restrictions of Horseless Carriage plates.
  - Collector or Horseless Carriage plate and registration must be carried in the vehicle, and shown if stopped by law enforcement.

**Collector Plate:** (See stipulation of cover page)

- Issued for five years from date of registration.
- Taxes and fees are five times the annual taxes and fees that would be otherwise imposed, except that the amount of surcharge is charged for one year on a five year registration.
- Vehicle must meet emission standards for the year of manufacture in emission areas and must maintain emission equipment originally installed at time of manufacture

### **Year of Manufacture Plate (YOM) "Original Plates" — CRS 42-12-302, 2011:**

**The Colorado YOM plate must be:**

- Original
- Legible.
- Embossed with the year that matches the year of the vehicle.
- No more than 7 characters.
- Must be 30 years old or older
- Restrictions are the same as the Horseless Carriage plate

**Application Process:**

- Submit a completed DR2818, Authorization for Use of YOM license plate with:
  - A photocopy of the actual plate.
  - Copy of the current registration

**The following must be in the vehicle at all times:**

- DR2818 Authorization for Use of YOM license plate
- Current Colorado Plate(s) and Registration

**Caution:** DOR uses the number of the YOM plate only and does not note the year of the YOM plate. Duplication between years is possible so it is advisable to purchase both YOM plates to reduce, but not eliminate the possibility of duplicate applications.

**Street Rod Vehicles, Definition — CRS 42-12-101 (14)**

Street Rods are of body design or manufacture in 1948 or earlier, or from reproduction parts that resemble 1948 or earlier model that has been modified for safe road use.

- a. Chassis modifications may include; powertrain, suspension, brakes, etc
- b. Body modifications may be of steel or fiberglass.
- c. Other modifications for improving safety or comfort may be included.

**VIN Inspection, Street Rod — CRS 42-12-201**

- a. Inspector shall accept a serial number as a VIN.
- b. If frame and body numbers do not match, the inspector shall accept the assigned VIN by DOR. CRS 42-12-202
- c. If the street rod is constructed from salvage parts, reproduction parts or other vehicle parts, the inspector shall accept DOR assigned VIN. CRS 42-12-202

**DOR Assigned VIN — CRS, 42-12-202**

DOR shall assign unique VIN to a Street Rod as follows:

- a. No VIN or Serial number on vehicle
- b. VIN has been removed, changed or obliterated
- c. VIN plate must be installed in location determined by DOR, usually top, left frame rail just ahead of firewall.
- d. Assigned VIN must be listed on the Certified VIN inspection form by the inspector.
- e. DOR will issue a title using the assigned VIN.

**Street Rod License Plate — CRS 42-3-211 (2)(b)**

Considered to be a personalized plate, printed with a unique name and Street Rod and issued only to a Street Rod.

- a. Only one plate is issued to be mounted on the rear.
- b. Renewed annually, with road and bridge fees added each year.
- c. \$35 extra cost with application and several unique names must be submitted for approval by DOR.
- d. If transferred to another vehicle, an additional \$12 fee is charged.
- e. The unique name may be kept for future use if vehicle is disposed of by payment of \$25 annual fee.

**Blue Dot Tail Lights — CRS, 42-12-204**

Blue Dots are red tail lamps with a blue insert not larger than 1" diameter installed.

Blue Dots may be used for stop lamps, rear turn indicators, rear hazard lamps and rear reflectors.

**Kit Cars Definition — CRS 42-1-101 (45.5)**

"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. (MSO)

- a. Sold by a licensed dealer with a Manufacturer's Statement of Origin (MSO). Usually a body made of fiberglass resembling a collector vehicle. Colorado is an MSO state.
  1. The year that is listed on the title of a kit vehicle shall be the year of manufacture of the kit from which the vehicle was assembled, as indicated in the manufacturer's Statement of Origin (MSO). CRS 42-6-107(1)(a)
  2. Usually powered by a late model engine
  3. Excluded from emission testing, CRS 42-4-304(18)

b Kit Car "Rebuilt Vehicle" means a vehicle that was assembled from parts from two or more commercially manufactured vehicles, or that 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 kit car CRS 42-12-101 (12).

1. Excluded from emission testing, CRS 42-4-304(18).
2. Year listed on the title to be determined by the Department of Motor Vehicles, Titling and Registration.

**Certified VIN Inspection — CRS 42-5-206; 42-6-115(3)(b); 42-12-103(1)**

Must make an appointment, generally performed by a Certified State Patrol Officer, or any peace officer that has been designated to perform certified VIN inspections and has satisfactorily completed a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) Inspection course approved by the Peace Officer's Standards and Training Board pursuant to Section 24-31-303(1)(e) CRS.

- a. VIN must be listed on inspection report by inspector
- b. VIN checked in state and federal data base of wanted and stolen vehicles at time of title search.
- c. Certified VIN Inspection Fee is \$20.