

FACT SHEET

Multipurpose Dealer Registration Plates

PURPOSE

This Fact Sheet explains the availability and use of multipurpose dealer registration plates by vehicle manufacturers and licensed motor vehicle dealers with 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 90 or 91 dealer identification numbers (DIN).

USE OF MULTIPURPOSE DEALER REGISTRATION PLATES

1. General

Section 1336.1 of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code states multipurpose dealer registration plates may be used on vehicles owned or in the possession of a dealer or manufacturer. The vehicles must be titled in the name of the business and sales and use tax must be paid. The vehicle weight must be equal to or less than the weight for which the plate was purchased. These plates are most commonly used on commercial trucks, commercial trailers and motorhomes.

2. Restrictions

Restrictions in Section 1336 of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code related to dealer plate usage do not apply to multipurpose dealer registration plates.

3. Second Stage Vehicles

A Second-Stage Manufacturer is defined as a person engaged in performing manufacturing operations on an incomplete vehicle produced by a manufacturer.

Multipurpose dealer registration plates may also be used for a vehicle that has never been titled and:

- (1) is in possession of a second-stage manufacturer and is being transported from a dealer or distributor for completion or delivered to a dealer or distributor upon completion; or,
- (2) is owned or in possession of a dealer and is being delivered to the second-stage manufacturer for completion or is being transported back to the dealer upon completion.

Payment of sales and use tax is not required to be paid when the plates are used for second-stage vehicles.

GENERAL RULES

1. The primary purpose of a multipurpose dealer registration plate is for dealers or manufacturers that have more than one vehicle (truck or trailer), but do not have those vehicles on the road simultaneously. Generally, when dealers or manufacturers have only one vehicle (truck or trailer) in their possession, there is no advantage for a multipurpose registration plate to be purchased since the fee is exactly the same as the required registration fee for that vehicle.

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2. The title number or the vehicle identification number (VIN) of each vehicle on which the multipurpose dealer registration plate will be used is required to be listed on form MV-326, "Application for Multipurpose Dealer Registration Plates."
3. The fee charts printed on the back of Form MV-326 list only the fees to be paid for those vehicles eligible for the multipurpose dealer registration plate.
4. Please submit completed Form MV-326 application to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Dealer Section, P.O. Box 68283, Harrisburg, PA 17106-8283.
5. After submitting Form MV-326 for processing along with the appropriate fees, the dealer or manufacturer will receive one registration card for each multipurpose dealer registration plate issued. In addition to the business name, a gross vehicle weight (GVW) amount will be listed on the registration card. This card must be in the possession of the driver of the vehicle while it is being operated with the multipurpose dealer registration plate. The weight of the vehicle being used must be equal to or less than the GVW shown on the registration card. When the weight of the vehicle and load is greater than the GVW listed on the registration card, the vehicle owner will be subject to a fine if cited by a law enforcement officer. **NOTE:** The vehicle type listed on the registration card must match the vehicle type of the vehicle being used (i.e., trailer registered at 9,000 lbs. cannot be used on a 9,000 lb. truck.)

For more information, please call PennDOT's Regulated Client Services Section at (717) 705-1162.