**Definitions**

**Altered Vehicle.** A motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less that is modified so that the distance from the ground to the lowermost point on any part of the frame or body is different from the manufacturer's specifications, unless that difference is caused by: the use of tires that are no more than 2 sizes larger than the manufacturer's recommended sizes; the installation of a heavy duty suspension, including shock absorbers and overload springs; or normal wear of the suspension system that does not affect control of the vehicle.

**Antique Auto.** An automobile or truck manufactured in or after model year 1916 that is:
   A. More than 25 years old;
   B. Equipped with an engine manufactured either at the same time as the vehicle or to the specifications of the original engine;
   C. Substantially maintained in original or restored condition primarily for use in exhibitions, club activities, parades or other functions of public interest;
   D. Not used as its owner's primary mode of transportation of passengers or goods;
   E. Not a reconstructed vehicle; and
   F. Not an altered vehicle.

**Classic Vehicle.** A motor vehicle that is at least 16 years old but less than 26 years old that the Secretary of State determines is of significance to vehicle collectors because of its make, model and condition and is valued at more than $5,000.

**Custom Vehicle.** A motor vehicle manufactured after model year 1948 that: is at least 25 years old or was manufactured to resemble a motor vehicle that is at least 25 years old; and has been altered or modified from the manufacturer's original design or has a body constructed from nonoriginal material.

**Horseless Carriage.** An automobile manufactured before model year 1916 that is:
   A. Equipped with an engine manufactured either at the same time as the vehicle or to the specifications of the original engine of the vehicle;
   B. Maintained primarily for use in exhibitions, club activities, parades and other functions of public interest; and
   C. Not used as its owner's primary mode of transportation of passengers or goods.

**Modified Show Vehicle.** A factory-produced 2-wheel-drive motor vehicle manufactured after 1949 that is equipped with modified components and that qualifies as a modified show vehicle under rules adopted by the Chief of the State Police.

**Reconstructed Vehicle.** A vehicle that has been reconstructed to change the original steering, braking system, suspension system or body design, including, but not limited to, a dune buggy, a street rod, a passenger car converted to a pickup truck or a manufactured vehicle body mounted on another manufactured chassis. Repair to a vehicle that replaces parts with similar parts is not reconstruction.

**Stock Race Car.** A factory-produced motor vehicle that is equipped with roll bars or bracing welded or attached to the frame in a permanent manner, special safety belts and firewalls and that has part of the body removed.

**Street Rod.** A replica of or a modified antique auto manufactured prior to 1949 that complies with standards adopted by the Chief of the State Police.
Titling, Registration & Fees

From Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles:

Types of Titles Issued

Antique Auto:
Is defined in 29-A MRSA, Section 101, subsection 3, as "Any automobile or truck manufactured in or after model year 1916, which is over 25 years old, which is equipped with an engine manufactured either at the same time as the vehicle or to the specifications of the original engine of the vehicle, which is maintained primarily for use in exhibitions, club activities, parades or other functions of public interest and not used as its owner's primary mode of transportation of passengers or goods".

Classic Vehicles:
Is defined in 29-A MRSA, Section 101, subsection 15, as "A motor vehicle that is at least 16 years old but less than 26 years old that the Secretary of State determines is of significance to vehicle collectors because of its make, model and condition and is valued at more than $5,000".

Horseless Carriage:
Is defined in 29-A MRSA, Section 101, subsection 28, as "Any motor vehicle made before model year 1916, which is equipped with an engine manufactured either at the same time as the vehicle or to the specifications of the original engine of the vehicle, which is maintained primarily for use in exhibitions, club activities, parades and other functions of public interest, and not used as it's owner's primary mode of transportation of passengers or goods".

Salvage Titles:
The Secretary of State may issue a certificate of salvage upon surrender of a certificate of title and evidence that a vehicle was declared a total loss by an owner or an insurance company.

Rebuilt Titles:
Means to replace any component part of a vehicle that is declared salvaged. A rebuilt salvage title is issued when two or more vehicles with different frames are joined or a salvage vehicle has five or more component parts replaced.

Warranty Titles:
Antique auto, horseless carriage, classic vehicle. The Secretary of State may, on documented and notarized evidence of ownership and payment of a $40 fee, issue a warranty title to a Maine resident owner of an antique auto, horseless carriage or classic vehicle. A warranty title denotes that there are no known liens or encumbrances against the vehicle.

You may contact the BMV Registration Section with questions or comments at: (207) 624-9000 ext. 52149 or by Email: registrations@maine.gov
§ 101. Definitions

As used in this Title, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

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2. ALTERED VEHICLE. "Altered vehicle" means a motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less that is modified so that the distance from the ground to the lowermost point on any part of the frame or body is different from the manufacturer's specifications, unless that difference is caused by:

A. The use of tires that are no more than 2 sizes larger than the manufacturer's recommended sizes;

B. The installation of a heavy duty suspension, including shock absorbers and overload springs; or

C. Normal wear of the suspension system that does not affect control of the vehicle.

3. ANTIQUE AUTO. "Antique auto" means an automobile or truck manufactured in or after model year 1916 that is:

A. More than 25 years old;

B. Equipped with an engine manufactured either at the same time as the vehicle or to the specifications of the original engine;

C. Substantially maintained in original or restored condition primarily for use in exhibitions, club activities, parades or other functions of public interest;

D. Not used as its owner's primary mode of transportation of passengers or goods;

E. Not a reconstructed vehicle; and

F. Not an altered vehicle.

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15. CLASSIC VEHICLE. "Classic vehicle" means a motor vehicle that is at least 16 years old but less than 26 years old that the Secretary of State determines is of significance to vehicle collectors because of its make, model and condition and is valued at more than $ 5,000.

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19-A. CUSTOM VEHICLE. "Custom vehicle" means a motor vehicle manufactured after model year 1948 that:
A. Is at least 25 years old or was manufactured to resemble a motor vehicle that is at least 25 years old; and
B. Has been altered or modified from the manufacturer's original design or has a body constructed from nonoriginal material.

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28. HORSELESS CARRIAGE. "Horseless carriage" means an automobile manufactured before model year 1916 that is:

A. Equipped with an engine manufactured either at the same time as the vehicle or to the specifications of the original engine of the vehicle;
B. Maintained primarily for use in exhibitions, club activities, parades and other functions of public interest; and
C. Not used as its owner's primary mode of transportation of passengers or goods.

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35-A. MODIFIED SHOW VEHICLE. "Modified show vehicle" means a factory-produced 2-wheel-drive motor vehicle manufactured after 1949 that is equipped with modified components and that qualifies as a modified show vehicle under rules adopted by the Chief of the State Police.

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60. RECONSTRUCTED VEHICLE. "Reconstructed vehicle" means a vehicle that has been reconstructed to change the original steering, braking system, suspension system or body design, including, but not limited to, a dune buggy, a street rod, a passenger car converted to a pickup truck or a manufactured vehicle body mounted on another manufactured chassis. Repair to a vehicle that replaces parts with similar parts is not reconstruction.

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72. STOCK RACE CAR. "Stock race car" means a factory-produced motor vehicle that is equipped with roll bars or bracing welded or attached to the frame in a permanent manner, special safety belts and firewalls and that has part of the body removed.

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76. STREET ROD. "Street rod" means a replica of or a modified antique auto manufactured prior to 1949 that complies with standards adopted by the Chief of the State Police.
§ 651. Certificate of title required

1. APPLICATION OF SUBCHAPTER. Except as provided in section 652, this subchapter applies to a vehicle at first registration or when a change of registration is required by reason of a sale for consideration.

2. RENEWAL. The Secretary of State may not require an application for a certificate of title upon renewal of registration.

3. WARRANTY TITLE; ANTIQUE AUTO; HORSELESS CARRIAGE; CLASSIC VEHICLE. The Secretary of State may, on documented and notarized evidence of ownership and payment of a $40 fee, issue a warranty title to a Maine resident owner of an antique auto, horseless carriage or classic vehicle. A warranty title denotes that there are no known liens or encumbrances against the vehicle.

4. CERTIFICATE OF SALVAGE. The Secretary of State may issue a certificate of salvage upon surrender of a certificate of title and evidence that a vehicle was declared a total loss by an owner or an insurance company.

5. CERTIFICATE OF LIEN. The Secretary of State shall assign a lien to the first named lienholder, when a certificate of title or a certificate of salvage names a lienholder.

6. MANUFACTURED HOUSING. Beginning October 1, 2007, the Secretary of State shall issue certificates of title for new single-unit manufactured housing beginning with model year 2007. Beginning October 1, 2007 and ending September 30, 2009, the Secretary of State shall issue a certificate of title for used manufactured housing that was previously issued a State of Maine certificate of title. Beginning October 1, 2009, the Secretary of State may issue a certificate of title for used manufactured housing that was previously issued a State of Maine certificate of title or a model year 2007 or later model that was never issued a certificate of title. A certificate of title issued pursuant to this subsection remains in effect unless cancelled pursuant to section 669.
§ 652. Exempted vehicles

A certificate of title or a certificate of salvage is not required for:

1. UNITED STATES’ VEHICLE. A vehicle owned by the Federal Government, unless it is registered in this State or, at the discretion of the Secretary of State, a vehicle owned by the Federal Government that is loaned to the State, a municipality or a veterans' organization;

2. MANUFACTURER’S OR DEALER’S VEHICLE. A vehicle owned by a manufacturer or dealer and held for sale, even though incidentally moved on the highway or used for purposes of testing or demonstration, or a vehicle used by a manufacturer solely for testing;

2-A. PUBLIC; NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION. Any public or nonprofit organization as described in section 951, subsection 4;

3. NONRESIDENT'S VEHICLE. A vehicle owned by a nonresident and not required to be registered in this State, unless it is registered in this State;

4. VEHICLES USED IN INTERSTATE OR INTRASTATE TRANSPORTATION. A vehicle regularly engaged in interstate or intrastate transportation of persons or property, for which a current certificate of title has been issued in another state;

4-A. SEMITRAILERS. Semitrailers that qualify to be registered under section 512 with an unladen weight in excess of 3,000 pounds and that are used for interstate or intrastate transportation and for which a current certificate of title has been issued in another state;

5. SELF-PROPELLED WHEELCHAIR. A self-propelled wheelchair;

6. TRAILERS UNDER 3,000 POUNDS. A trailer with an unladen weight of 3,000 pounds or less;

7. MOTORCYCLE OR MOPED OF LESS THAN 300 CUBIC CENTIMETERS. A motorcycle or a moped with an engine displacement of less than 300 cubic centimeters;

8. RESIDENT'S VEHICLE REGISTERED IN ANOTHER STATE. A vehicle owned by a resident but registered in another state;

9. MANUFACTURED HOUSING. Manufactured housing that is:
   
   A. Sold before October 1, 2007;
   
   B. Model year 2006 or older;
   
   C. Multisectional;
   
   D. Defined in section 101, subsection 32-B, paragraph B; or
   
   E. Permanently affixed to real property within 30 days of the date of
10. CERTAIN DRIVER EDUCATION VEHICLES. A vehicle loaned by a dealer to a municipality or a private secondary school for use in driver education in a secondary school;

11. SPECIAL MOBILE EQUIPMENT. Special mobile equipment;

12. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT. Special equipment;

13. CERTAIN AUTOMOBILES, COMMERCIAL VEHICLES AND VEHICLES. Automobiles and all over-the-road commercial vehicles with a model year prior to 1995, except when the Secretary of State determines it is in the best interest of the State and the applicant to issue a title to a vehicle with a model year prior to 1995;

14. SALVAGE VEHICLE. A salvage vehicle with a certificate of salvage or other comparable document from another state;

15. OTHER VEHICLES. A vehicle required to be registered under section 109, subsection 3 for which a current certificate of title has been issued in another state;

16. LOW-SPEED VEHICLE. A low-speed vehicle loaned by a dealer to a municipality; and

17. OFF-ROAD VEHICLE. An off-road vehicle.
§ 457. **Antique vehicle** registration plates

1. **ANTIQUE VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATES AUTHORIZED.** The Secretary of State may issue registration plates for antique autos, custom vehicles, horseless carriages, street rods or antique motorcycles. These plates must bear the inscription "Maine" and the inscription "Antique Auto," "Custom Vehicle," "Horseless Carriage" or "Street Rod" or, for antique motorcycles, the inscription "Antique."


3. **CONTEMPORARY PLATES.** An owner of an antique auto, horseless carriage, street rod or antique motorcycle may use registration plates that were issued in the same year the antique vehicle was manufactured, as long as the motor vehicle:
   
   A. Is over 25 years old;
   B. Is registered as an **antique vehicle**; and
   C. Carries a valid **antique** motor vehicle registration certificate and plates.

4. **DISPLAY OF CONTEMPORARY PLATES.** Contemporary registration plates must have matching plate numbers, be affixed to both the front and rear and conspicuously bear the year of manufacture.

5. **STREET ROD STANDARDS.** The Chief of the State Police shall establish standards to qualify vehicles as **street rods**. These standards include:
   
   A. The age of the vehicle;
   B. The equipment and its condition; and
   C. Permissible modifications.

6. **APPLICATION.** An application for registration of a vehicle under this section must be accompanied by an affidavit that includes a statement indicating the year and make of the motor vehicle and that the vehicle is garaged or maintained in the State.

7. **REGISTRATION FEE.** The fee for registration of an antique auto, horseless carriage or antique motorcycle is $ 15. The fee for registration of a **street rod** is $ 30.
§ 458-B. **Custom vehicles**

A *custom vehicle* may be registered in accordance with the provisions of this section.

1. REGISTRATION FEE. The fee for the *custom vehicle* registration *plate* is the regular motor vehicle registration fee required by section 501 and the excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482.

2. REGISTRATION PLATES. The Secretary of State shall issue a registration certificate and a set of *custom vehicle* registration *plates* in a 3-number and 3-letter combination sequence to be used in lieu of regular registration plates.

3. APPLICATION. An application for registration of a vehicle under this section must be accompanied by an affidavit that includes a statement indicating the year and make that the body of the *custom vehicle* resembles and that the *vehicle* is garaged or maintained in the State.

4. REGISTRATION. The registration must indicate the year and make that the body of the *custom vehicle* resembles and must indicate the *vehicle has been modified*.

5. VANITY PLATES. The Secretary of State may issue vanity plates in accordance with section 453 and may not duplicate vanity plates issued in another class of plate.

6. WEIGHT LIMIT. A *custom vehicle* registration *plate* may be issued for a motor vehicle that does not exceed 10,000 pounds.

7. INSPECTION. A *custom vehicle* is subject to the inspection requirements of section 1751, except that the Chief of the State Police may provide certain exemptions for custom vehicles pursuant to section 1769.
§ 461. Reservation of same number

1. PLATE ISSUE YEAR. In a year in which new registration plates are issued, the Secretary of State shall reserve until July 1st the same registration number for the succeeding registration year for a person who notifies in writing the Secretary of State prior to May 1st of that person's desire to retain that registration number. The fee for retention of the same registration number is $15.

The Secretary of State may issue a facsimile plate that is valid for a 90-day period during production of a reserved plate. A facsimile plate must be attached to the rear plate bracket.

If a person does not have a vehicle to register on May 1st, a registration number may be held for a maximum of 2 registration years by depositing with the Secretary of State $15 for each year; except that the registered owner of an antique vehicle may reserve the antique registration assigned to that person for 4 years by depositing the sum of $15 for each registration year. These fees are not refundable and may not be applied against the registration fee.

All numbers other than those reserved must be released and issued in rotation after July 1st.

A person wishing to select a number out of rotation may do so by paying the registration fee and a reserved number fee of $15.

A holder of vanity registration plates must pay the sum of $15 to reserve those letters or combination of letters and numbers, which is credited toward the renewal fee.

2. NONPLATE ISSUE YEAR. In other than a plate issue year, when a person fails to reregister and the registration remains expired for 6 consecutive months, the reservation of the same number ceases and the number becomes available for reissuance.

For a maximum of 2 registration years, a person may reserve the registration number assigned to that person by depositing with the Secretary of State the sum of $15 for each year; except that the registered owner of an antique motor vehicle may reserve the antique registration assigned to that person for 4 years by depositing with the Secretary of State the sum of $15 for each year. A person wishing to select a number out of rotation may do so by paying the registration fee and a reserved number fee of $15.
§ 602. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN. "Certificate of origin" means the original written instrument or document required to be executed and delivered by the manufacturer or an importer to the manufacturer's or importer's agent or dealer or a person purchasing directly from the manufacturer or importer certifying the origin of the vehicle. For a motor home, "certificate of origin" means both the manufacturer's and the chassis manufacturer's certificates of origin.

1-A. CLIP. A clip is the portion of a vehicle removed by cutting the front or rear of the frame or unibody the width of the vehicle.

2. COMPONENT PART. "Component part" means one of the following parts of a vehicle:

A. Engine or motor;

B. Transmission;

C. Chassis, front or rear clip, frame or equivalent part;

D. Door;

E. Hood;

F. Tailgate, roof, deck lid or hatchback;

G. Quarter panel or fender;

H. Front fork or crankcase of a motorcycle;

I. Cargo bed, transfer case or sleeper of a truck; or

J. Airbag.

3. DEALER. "Dealer" means a person engaged in the business of buying, selling, exchanging or offering to negotiate, negotiating or advertising the sale of, a vehicle and who has:

A. An established place of business for those purposes in this State; and

B. A current dealer license issued by the Secretary of State.

4. DISMANTLED VEHICLE. "Dismantled vehicle" means a vehicle with a component part removed.
5. IDENTIFICATION NUMBER. "Identification number" means the vehicle identification number and any other identifying numbers or letters on a vehicle designated by a manufacturer, the Secretary of State or equivalent authority in another state.

6. INSURANCE SALVAGE POOL. "Insurance salvage pool" means a person engaged in the business of storing salvage vehicles on behalf of an insurer and disposing of the salvage vehicles through a system of bidding or sales, regardless of whether the insurer or the insurance salvage pool is considered the seller.

7. LIENHOLDER. "Lienholder" means a person holding a security interest in a vehicle.

8. OWNER. "Owner" means a person, other than a lienholder, that has control or title to a vehicle. "Owner" includes, but is not limited to, a person entitled to use and possess a vehicle subject to a security interest in another person, but excludes a lessee under a lease not intended as security.

9. PERFECTED SECURITY INTEREST. "Perfected security interest" means security interest that is valid against 3rd parties generally, subject only to specific statutory exceptions.

10. REBUILD. "Rebuild" means to replace one or more of the following component parts of a vehicle:

   A. Engine or motor;
   B. Transmission;
   C. Chassis, front or rear clip, frame or equivalent part;
   D. Door;
   E. Hood;
   F. Tailgate, roof, deck lid or hatchback;
   G. Quarter panel or fender;
   H. Front fork or crankcase of a motorcycle; or
   I. Cargo bed, transfer case or sleeper of a truck.

11. RECYCLER. "Recycler" means a person engaged in the business of purchasing or acquiring salvage vehicles for the purpose of:

   A. Reselling the vehicle or its component parts;
   B. Rebuilding or repairing the vehicle for the purpose of resale;
   C. Selling the vehicle's basic materials;
   D. Permitting the display or storage of the vehicle or its parts; or
   E. Acting as a scrap processor.

12. REPAIR. "Repair" means to remedy structural or other damage without replacing component parts of
a vehicle.

13. SALVAGE VEHICLE. "Salvage vehicle" means a vehicle that, by reason of its condition or circumstance, is declared a total loss by an insurer or owner or is transferred to a recycler or salvage dealer, or a vehicle for which a certificate of salvage has been issued.

14. SCRAP. "Scrap," the verb, means to compress, shred or destroy.

15. SCRAP PROCESSOR. "Scrap processor" means a person that is engaged in the business of scrapping salvage vehicles for the basic material in them but that is not engaged in the business of selling parts or rebuilding or repairing salvage vehicles.

16. SECURITY AGREEMENT. "Security agreement" means a written agreement that reserves or creates a security interest.

17. SECURITY INTEREST. "Security interest" means an interest in a vehicle reserved or created by agreement and that secures payment or performance of an obligation, including, but not limited to, the interest of a lessor under a lease intended as security.

18. STATE. "State" means a state, territory or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or a province of the Dominion of Canada.

19. TOTAL LOSS. "Total loss" means a vehicle that is transferred to an insurer due to damage, destruction or theft, or a vehicle determined by an owner to have no marketable value other than the value of the basic material and parts used in the construction of the vehicle.

20. VEHICLE. "Vehicle" means a vehicle, as defined in section 101, or the body or chassis of any vehicle that is to be dismantled, scrapped or rebuilt.
Equipment Exemptions

From Code of Maine Rules:

AGENCY 16. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
SUB-AGENCY 222. BUREAU OF STATE POLICE
CHAPTER 001. MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION RULES

CMR 16-222-001 (2010)

16 222 001 Motor Vehicle Inspection Rules

§ 170.50 CUSTOM VEHICLES AND STREET RODS

1. GENERAL
A. All parts of all vehicles must comply with all laws and rules pertaining to motor vehicle inspections, other than the exemptions noted in this section.

B. Inspection Technicians must examine custom vehicles and street rods for quality of workmanship, integrity of the vehicle components, and the vehicle geometry. If the Inspection Technician believes, based upon training and experience, that the strength or safety of any component of a street rod or custom vehicle is insufficient, they must not issue an inspection sticker.

2. REGULATIONS AND EXEMPTIONS FOR CUSTOM VEHICLES

A. Glazing:
(1) The windshield must be of approved safety glass.

(2) The windshield must be of sufficient height and width to afford ample protection to the operator and passengers of the custom vehicle.

(3) The glazing must allow the operator a clear and undistorted view directly ahead and to the right and left of the axis of the vehicle. The vertical height of the windshield must be at least 7 inches.

(4) If the body of the custom vehicle was originally constructed without rear windows, then rear windows are not required.

(5) A custom vehicle may be modified to remove the rear window. If the rear window is removed, there must be a sufficient number of mirrors to afford a clear view to the sides and rear of the vehicle. The vehicle shall not be inspected if the rear window is removed and not replaced with material to block the rear window opening.

B. Exhaust System
(1) A custom vehicle shall be equipped with an exhaust system that is free of leaks including the exhaust manifolds (including headers), the piping leading from the flange of the exhaust manifold(s), the muffler(s) and the tail piping.

(2) Exhaust systems shall discharge exhaust fumes at a location to the rear of the vehicle body or direct the exhaust fumes outward from the side of the vehicle body at a location rearward of any operable side windows.

(3) No part of the exhaust system shall pass through any part of the vehicle that is used as a passenger-carrying compartment.

C. Body and Structure
1. 1969 and subsequent vehicles must comply with all standards of the Federal Clean Air Act.

2. Bumpers - **Custom vehicles** are exempt from bumper requirements. If a **custom vehicle** is equipped with a bumper it must be securely attached and so constructed that it does not pose a safety hazard to occupants, pedestrians, cyclists or other **vehicles**.

3. Fenders - **Custom vehicles** must be equipped with fenders or fender and extensions to provide coverage of the exposed tire tread.

4. Floor Pan - A floor pan must be in sound condition and completely free of cracks, holes, open seams, or other openings that would allow exhaust fumes to enter the passenger or operator compartments.

5. Gas Tank - Gas tanks must be of the type originally manufactured as a motor vehicle gas tank.

6. Rear Engine Driven Vehicles - Rear engine driven vehicles must have metal or fiberglass shrouds covering exposed exhaust pipes and drive belts.

7. Door handles: A **custom vehicle** may have the door handles removed and the sheet metal and door opening mechanism of the **vehicle modified** to create a smooth appearance. There must be a mechanical method of opening any door from the inside of the **vehicle**.

8. Windshield Wipers: **Custom vehicles** are exempt from sections 170(8)(A)(1)-(7) of this Chapter regarding windshield wipers. However, a **custom vehicle** must have adequate windshield wiper(s) to effectively clear the windshield, and the wipers must be working properly.

**D. Tires and Suspensions**

1. **Custom vehicles** are exempt from the portions of this Chapter regarding tires, except that no tire may contact any portion of the body, the steering components, or the frame during normal vehicle operations. All tires must be DOT approved and must fit entirely within the body or fenders of the vehicle so that no portion of the tire tread is exposed.

2. **Custom vehicles** are exempt from the portions of this Chapter regarding minimum frame height requirements, but a **custom vehicle** must meet the following standard regarding vehicle height:
   
i. The scrub line of the vehicle shall not be lower than three (3) inches from a level surface.
   
ii. No portion of a vehicle component may extend below the scrub line. This includes any portion of the suspension system; exhaust system, frame, hoses or other part except body trim or molding.
   
iii. For purposes of measurement, the scrub line must be measured with the vehicle on a flat level surface, with full weight resting on the tires. The scrub line may be measured using any two tires.

**3. REGULATIONS AND EXEMPTIONS FOR STREET RODS**

A. A **street rod** engine must be front-mounted, unless the vehicle was originally manufactured with a rear engine.

B. Glazing:

1. The windshield must be of approved safety glass.

2. The windshield must be of sufficient height and width to afford ample protection to the operator and passengers of the **custom or modified vehicle**.

3. The glazing must allow a clear and undistorted view directly ahead and to the right and left of the axis of the vehicle.

4. If the body of the **street rod** was originally constructed without rear windows, then rear windows are not required.
(5) A **street rod** may be modified to remove the rear window. If the rear window is removed, there must be a sufficient number of mirrors to afford a clear view to the sides and rear of the vehicle. The vehicle shall not be inspected if the rear window is removed and not replaced with material to block the rear window opening.

C. Exhaust System

(1) A **street rod** shall be equipped with an exhaust system that is intact and that does not have any leaks. The exhaust system includes the exhaust manifolds (including headers), the piping leading from the flange of the exhaust manifold(s), the muffler(s) and the tail piping.

(2) Exhaust systems shall discharge exhaust fumes at a location to the rear of the vehicle body or direct the exhaust fumes outward from the side of the vehicle body at a location rearward of any operable side windows.

(3) No part of the exhaust system shall pass through any part of the vehicle that is used as a passenger-carrying compartment.

D. Body

(1) Bumpers: **Street rods** are exempt from the requirement to have bumpers.

(2) Fenders: **Street rods** are exempt from the requirement to have fenders.

(3) Floor Pan; **Street rods** must have a floor pan that is solid and completely free of cracks, holes, open seams, or other openings that would allow exhaust fumes to enter the passenger compartment.

(4) Gas Tank; Gas tanks must be of the type originally manufactured as a motor vehicle gas tank.

(5) Rear Engine Driven Vehicles; Rear engine driven vehicles must have metal or fiberglass shrouds covering exposed exhaust pipes and drive belts.

(6) Frame heights; **Street rods** are exempt from the minimum frame height requirements

(7) Door handles: A **Street Rod** may have the door handles removed and the surface material and door opening mechanism of the vehicle modified to create a smooth appearance. There must be a mechanical method of opening any door from the inside of the vehicle.

(8) Windshield Wipers: **Street Rods** are exempt from sections 170(8)(A)(1)-(7) of this Chapter regarding windshield wipers. However, a **Street Rod** must have adequate windshield wiper(s) to effectively clear the windshield, and the wipers must be working properly.

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§ 1756. Inspection standards

1. INSPECTION STANDARDS. Equipment subject to inspection must:

   A. Be in good working order;

   B. Be safely attached or secured to the chassis or body of the vehicle;

   C. Be mechanically safe;

   D. Not pose a hazard to the occupant of the vehicle or to the general public; and

   E. Meet the standards set forth in rules adopted by the Chief of the State Police.

2. INSPECTION STANDARD FOR CATALYTIC CONVERTER. Notwithstanding the inspection standards of subsection 1, a catalytic converter subject to the inspection required by section 1751, subsection 2, paragraph N must meet the rules promulgated by the Chief of the State Police and must be safely attached or secured to the chassis or body of the vehicle.

3. WINDOWS. In addition to the standards set forth in subsection 1, windows must meet the standards of sections 1915 and 1916.

4. FENDERS. Except as provided by section 1953, subsection 2, paragraph E, a motor vehicle other than a street rod must be equipped with fenders or fenders and extensions. When a wheel and tire are installed that permit the tire tread to extend beyond the natural fender configuration, the fenders must be modified or extended to cover the exposed tire tread.


6. INSPECTION STANDARD FOR FUEL TANK CAP. Notwithstanding the inspection standards of subsection 1, a fuel tank cap subject to the inspection required by section 1751, subsection 2-A, paragraph B must meet the standards in rules adopted by the Chief of the State Police. The Chief of the State Police shall adopt rules to establish procedures and standards for a fuel tank cap pressure test.

7. INSPECTION STANDARD FOR ON-BOARD DIAGNOSTIC SYSTEM. Notwithstanding the inspection standards of subsection 1, an on-board diagnostic system subject to the inspection required by section 1751, subsection 2-A, paragraph C must meet the standards in rules adopted by the Chief of the State Police. The Chief of the State Police shall adopt rules that meet the requirements of 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 85 for on-board diagnostic test procedures, standards and equipment.
§ 2054. Emergency and auxiliary lights; sirens; privileges

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D. Except as provided in this paragraph, a vehicle may not be equipped with or display a blue light.

1) Emergency lights used on the following vehicles must emit a blue light or a combination of blue and white light: a police vehicle; a Department of Corrections vehicle as described in subsection 1, paragraph B, subparagraph (6); a vehicle operated by a chief of police, a sheriff or a deputy sheriff; and a vehicle operated by a qualified deputy sheriff or other qualified individual performing court security-related functions and services.

2) Emergency lights used on an ambulance, an emergency medical service vehicle, a fire department vehicle or a hazardous material response vehicle may include one blue light mounted facing toward the rear of the vehicle so that the light is primarily visible to approaching traffic from the rear only.

3) The taillight of a vehicle, or replica of a vehicle, manufactured prior to 1952 and registered under section 457, may contain a blue or purple insert of not more than one inch in diameter.

4) Blue interior auxiliary lighting or dash lighting may be used on any vehicle if no portion of the beam of light is visible at a height of 42 inches above a surface parallel with the level surface on which the vehicle stands at a distance of 20 feet from any part of the vehicle.

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§ 2090. **Antique vehicles**

A **vehicle** registered as an **antique vehicle** pursuant to section 457 may pull a trailer or semitrailer as long as the vehicle is used for noncommercial recreational purposes or for exhibitions, club activities, parades or other functions of public interest.
§ 752-A. Exempted odometer information

A vehicle's odometer reading is not required to be disclosed on transfers of the following vehicles:

1. NOT SELF-PROPELLED. A vehicle that is not self-propelled; or

2. TEN YEARS OLD. A vehicle that is 10 years old or older.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Title, the Secretary of State may require odometer information for any vehicle, as set forth in section 752, upon showing by records or other sufficient evidence that vehicle mileage discrepancies exist.
**Emissions Exemptions**

Vehicles registered in the Cumberland County are subject to annual emissions testing that is performed at the same time as the state’s safety inspection. The emissions inspection includes an equipment check, a gas cap pressure test for 1974 and newer vehicles and an Onboard Diagnostics (OBD) inspection for 1996 and newer vehicles.

**Diesel Vehicles:**
Only diesel vehicles with a GVWR of more than 18,000 lbs are tested for emissions.

**Exemptions:**
1. Vehicles registered as “antique autos”
### Application and Assignment of New Vehicle Identification Number

**Secretary of State**  
**Bureau of Motor Vehicles**  
**Vehicle Services – Title Section**

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Subject to inspection by a Bureau of Motor Vehicle detective, the undersigned makes this application for a new vehicle identification number, to be assigned permanently to the vehicle listed above. The applicant also agrees to submit an application for a title certificate to bear the new number, if this vehicle is 15 years old or newer.

I certify that I am the owner of the vehicle described above and that said Vehicle requires a Vehicle Identification Number because (Check one reason below):

- [ ] Number was destroyed or obliterated
- [ ] Homemade vehicle
- [ ] Other (Explain) _______________________________________________________________________________________

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**Owner’s Signature**

**Important – Please also read and complete the back of this form**

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**For BMV Use Only**  
**Special Motor Vehicle Certification**  
**For BMV Use Only**

This permanent Vehicle Identification Number has been properly affixed to the vehicle described above

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**Inspector’s Name (Please Print Clearly)**  
**Inspector’s Signature**

**Date Number Affixed**  
**Odometer Reading**  
**Comments**
### List of Parts Taken from Other Vehicles

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**PLEASE CAREFULLY READ THE APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS BELOW:**

1. **YOU NEED TO MAIL:**
   - A. THIS COMPLETED AND SIGNED APPLICATION
   - B. COPIES OF DOCUMENTS SHOWING COMPLETE CHAIN OF OWNERSHIP
   - C. FEE – MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: SECRETARY OF STATE
   - D. TITLE APPLICATION IF NECESSARY: $33.00 FEE REQUIRED

   **MAIL ALL ITEMS TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADDRESS LISTED BELOW.**

2. THE BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES TITLE SECTION WILL ASSIGN A NEW PERMANENT VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

3. A BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLE DETECTIVE WILL CONTACT YOU TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO INSPECT YOUR VEHICLE AND ATTACH THE NEW PERMANENT VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER.
Under penalties of false statement, the undersigned authorized person certifies to the following facts:

**INFORMATION CONCERNING INSPECTION OF VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (VIN)**

- An inspection of a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) is required by the Maine Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title and Anti-theft Act (29A MRSA Chapter 7) for all vehicles that are 15 years old and newer which were previously registered/titled in another country. An inspection of a VIN is also required whenever the Vehicle Identification Number of a vehicle is questionable.
- This form is NOT to be used to correct the VIN on a registration.
- Arrangements for inspection of a VIN must be made by the owner of a vehicle at no cost to the State of Maine.
- An owner is NOT authorized by the Secretary of State to VIN inspect their own vehicle but must sign where indicated below.

**ONLY the following persons are authorized by the Secretary of State to inspect VINS:**
- Selected employees and agents of Motor Vehicle departments
- Law enforcement officers employed full-time
- Maine and New Hampshire licensed dealers (only if seller of vehicle)
- Maine official inspection stations (station number must be given)
- Military provost officers
- **For Abandoned Vehicle Applications**, only law enforcement officers employed full-time are authorized to inspect the VIN.

**NOTE:** VIN must be copied from 2 places on the vehicle; if motorcycle, need frame VIN.

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**FALSE STATEMENTS MADE HEREIN ARE PUNISHABLE AS A CLASS D CRIME**

I certify that on ______________________ I personally viewed the vehicle described below at ____________________________

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Odometer Reading (no tenths)

☐ Actual  ☐ In Excess  ☐ Not Actual

☐ miles  ☐ kilometers  ☐ hours

I further certify that:

- **Check One:**
  - ☐ To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the Vehicle Identification Number shows no sign of alteration or having been tampered with.
  - **OR**
  - ☐ The Vehicle Identification Number appears altered or tampered with.

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*Signature of Authorized Person*  **Date**

**Signature of Current Owner**  **Date**

Please clearly print name of person signing above

Name of Agency, Dealership Inspection Station No.

*CTA NUMBER*

101 Hospital Street, 829 State House Station, Augusta, ME. 04333-0029 Tel. (207) 624-9000 Ext. 52138 Fax: (207) 624-9254 TTY: (207) 624-9105

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AFFIDAVIT OF REBUILT OR REPAIRED SALVAGE VEHICLE

Final Vehicle Owner

Name: ___________________________________________ Vehicle Make: __________________________
Address: ________________________ Vehicle Model: ________________________________
Phone: ___________________________ VIN #: _______________________________________

Instructions for Part A: Use Part A to list parts used in the repair of the salvage vehicle. In the “KEY” section beside each part listed indicate whether the component was replaced with a new part (N), or a used part (U), or if the part was repaired (R) instead of replaced. Bills of sale for new components must accompany this form. For used parts list VIN and title information below.

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☐ No repairs made. (Please explain): ______________________________________________________________

Date: ____________________________ Repairer’s signature: _________________________________

Address: __________________________ Telephone: _________________________________

I, the above signed, under penalties of false statement do certify the information in Part A is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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PART B

NOTICE: You must surrender the title of a salvage vehicle to the Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles as soon as you remove any component part as listed in Part A of the reverse of this form, or as soon as a salvage vehicle is scrapped, compressed or destroyed, even if the title is from another state.

INSTRUCTIONS: Use Part B to inform the Secretary of State that a salvage vehicle has been scrapped, dismantled, compressed or destroyed. (If the salvage vehicle has been rebuilt use Part A on the reverse of this form.) A salvage vehicle is any vehicle for which an insurance company has made a total loss payoff or which an owner declares is only useful for parts.

PERSON OR COMPANY SURRENDERING TITLE (S)

NAME

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Under penalties of false statement, I, the undersigned, certify that the vehicles described in the attached certificates of title were scrapped, dismantled, compressed or destroyed.

Name: ____________________________________________ Date: ____________

Note: Make sure your name is on the back of every surrendered title or on a transfer form attached to the title.
AFFIDAVIT

ANTIQUE AUTO, CUSTOM VEHICLE, HORSELESS CARRIAGE, OR STREET ROD REGISTRATION

Application to register a Motor Vehicle as one of the following:

(Check one)

☐ Antique Auto ☐ Horseless Carriage
☐ Custom Vehicle ☐ Street Rod

I, ___________________________ of ___________________________, make application to register a

(Name) (City/Town)

_________________________ and certify the vehicle and my intended use of the vehicle falls within the definition below:

(Year)* (Make)*

Antique Auto: Any motor vehicle which is more than 25 years old, which is equipped with an engine manufactured either at the same time as the vehicle or to the specifications of the original engine of the vehicle, which is substantially maintained in original or restored condition. An antique auto is not used as the owner’s primary mode of transportation of passengers or goods, is not a reconstructed vehicle, and is not an altered vehicle.

Custom Vehicle: A motor vehicle that is at least 30 years old and of a model year after 1948 or a motor vehicle that was manufactured to resemble a motor vehicle that is at least 30 years old and of a model year after 1948 and has been altered from the manufacturer’s original design or has a body construction from non-original material.

Horseless Carriage: Any automobile manufactured before model year 1916 which is equipped with an engine manufactured either at the same time as the vehicle or to the specifications of the original engine of the vehicle. A horseless carriage is maintained primarily for use in exhibitions, club activities, parades and other functions of public interest and is not used as its owner’s primary mode of transportation of passengers and goods.

Street Rod: Street Rod is a replica of or a modified antique auto manufactured prior to 1949.

This affidavit must be completed when registering a vehicle as an Antique Auto, Custom Vehicle, Horseless Carriage or a Street Rod. Completion is not necessary at time of re-registration.

I further certify that this vehicle is garaged and maintained in the State of Maine: ___________________________

(Signature of Registrant)

Below must be completed by a Notary Public or Attorney at Law:

STATE OF MAINE County of __________________________ Personally appeared the above named __________________________, and made oath that the statements contained in the foregoing application are true. Before me, __________________________

(Notary Public, Attorney)

*For Custom Vehicles only, indicate the year and make of the body that the Custom Vehicle resembles.

A copy of this form should be kept in the vehicle at all times. When transferring ownership of your vehicle, please provide the new owner with a copy of this form.

BMV COPY
AFFIDAVIT OF OWNER OF AN ANTIQUE AUTO, HORSELESS CARRIAGE, OR CLASSIC VEHICLE
(To accompany application for Maine Certificate of Title)

I hereby certify that I am a resident of ______________________, in the County of ___________________, City or Town County in the State of Maine and that I am the owner of a ____________________________________________.
Year Make Vehicle Identification Number

I further certify there are no liens or encumbrances against this vehicle.

I certify that this vehicle is:

( ) An Antique Auto defined in 29A M.R.S.A., Section 101, sub-section 3, as “Any automobile or truck manufactured in or after model year 1916, which is over 25 years old, which is equipped with an engine manufactured either at the same time as the vehicle or to the specifications of the original engine of the vehicle, which is maintained primarily for use in exhibitions, club activities, parades and other functions of public interest and which is not used as its owner’s primary mode of transportation of passenger or goods.”

( ) A Horseless Carriage defined in 29A M.R.S.A., Section 101, subsection 28, as “Any motor vehicle made before model year 1916, which is equipped with an engine manufactured either at the same time as the vehicle or to the specifications of the original engine of the vehicle, which is maintained primarily for use in exhibitions, club activities, parades and other functions of public interest and which is not used as its owner’s primary mode of transportation of passengers or goods.”

( ) A Classic Vehicle defined in 29A, M.R.S.A., Section 101, subsection 15, as “A motor vehicle that is at least 16 years old but less than 26 years old that the Secretary of State determines is of significance to vehicle collectors because of its make, model and condition and is valued at more than $5,000.”

____________________________________________________
Printed Name of Owner

____________________________________________________
Signature of Owner

NOTARIZATION REQUIRED

Personally appeared the above named _________________________________ and made an oath that the statements on the foregoing application are true.

Subscribed and sworn before me this _____________________ day of ______________________, 20_____.

Notary Public for ______________________________ County, Maine.

____________________________________________
Signature of Notary or Attorney

Instructions on Reverse

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A Maine resident owner of an antique auto, horseless carriage or classic vehicle who desires a warranty certificate of title should:

1. File an application for Certificate of Title (Form MVT-2).

2. Pay the $40.00 fee (make checks or money orders payable to: Secretary of State).

3. Submit any and all evidence of past and present ownership; i.e., bills of sale, registration certificates, title certificates, etc.

4. Complete the notarized affidavit on reverse certifying the following:
   A. The owner is a resident of Maine.
   B. The vehicle falls within the definition of an antique auto, horseless carriage or classic vehicle.
   C. There are no liens or encumbrances against the vehicle.

5. Submit two photographs of the vehicle. One photograph must show the front and left side. The second photograph must show the rear and right side of the vehicle.

Upon receipt of the material requested above, a Maine Motor Vehicle Investigator will be assigned to physically inspect the vehicle.

The Secretary of State will issue a warranty certificate of title when satisfied that:

1. The Vehicle Identification Number has not been altered or tampered with.

2. The vehicle is not stolen.

3. There are no liens or encumbrances against the vehicle.

4. The vehicle falls within the definition of antique auto, horseless carriage or classic vehicle.

5. The applicant is a resident of the State of Maine.

6. The applicant is the owner of the vehicle.