



# South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles

## APPLICATION FOR YEAR OF MANUFACTURE LICENSE PLATE

**RG-505A**  
(05/2022)

Please complete the application and mail it along with:

- Color copy and/or photograph of the plate.
- Copy of paid property tax receipt for current tax year
- Special Plate Fee of \$30.00
- Required registration fees (see schedule to right)

Mail application and required documents to: S.C. Department of Motor Vehicles, Personalized Plate Unit P.O. Box 1498, Blythewood, S.C. 29016-0038.

- Original car plates are for cars or light trucks with an empty weight of 9,000 pounds or less and a gross vehicle weight of 11,000 pounds or less.
- Original motorcycle plates may be used on motorcycles, but available numbers are extremely limited.

The fee for a Year of Manufacture plate is \$30.00 plus the regular registration fee.

**\*\*NOTE: No Senior Citizen discount on the \$30.00 Year of Manufacture Special Plate fee\*\***

**Registration Fees are as follows:**

Passenger Car - \$40.00	Motorcycle - \$10.00
<b>Light Truck GVW Fees:</b>	
0001-4000 \$30.00	7001-8000 \$80.00
4001-5000 \$40.00	8001-9000 \$90.00
5001-6000 \$60.00	9001-10,000 \$100.00
6001-7000 \$70.00	10,001-11,000 \$110.00

**Senior Citizens are entitled to reduced fees for REGULAR REGISTRATION FEES ONLY as follows:**

Car - \$36.00 (age 65)      \$38.00 (age 64)  
Light truck with a GVW of no more than 6,000 lbs. \$30.00

Discounts are not available for trucks with a GVW of more than 6000 lbs.

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Residence Address		
Mailing Address		
City	State	ZIP Code      Daytime Telephone No. (with Area Code)
<b>Update Voter Registration</b>	Unless you indicate otherwise, the addresses above will be used by the State Election Commission to update your voter registration: <input type="checkbox"/> Do not update my residence address. <input type="checkbox"/> Do not update my mailing address.	
Vehicle Identification Number	Make	Year      Vehicle Plate Number
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I wish to donate \$5.00, more or less, to Donate Life S.C.    Amount of donation \$ _____.00		

**INSURANCE INFORMATION**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare this vehicle is insured with the company named below and I will maintain liability insurance throughout the registration period.

Name of Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION**

I certify that I am the owner of the vehicle for which I am seeking a Year of Manufacture plate, and that the vehicle is 30 or more years old. I further certify that I came into possession of the plate in a lawful manner.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

<b>DMV USE ONLY</b>			
Check No. _____	Amount \$ _____	Plate No. _____	Clerk Initials _____



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### INFORMATION SHEET

To be eligible to apply for use of a Year of Manufacture plate as the vehicle's regular registration, the plate must meet prescribed criteria and the applicant must meet all the requirements. Year of Manufacturer car license plates can be issued for use only for automobiles or trucks having an empty weight of nine thousand pounds or less and a gross weight of eleven thousand pounds or less. **Year of Manufacture motorcycle plates can be issued for motorcycles, but available plate numbers are extremely limited.**

#### DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS

1. To apply for the Year of Manufacture plate, the applicant must own the vehicle to which the plate will be registered. Leased vehicles and vehicles registered in the name of a company are NOT eligible for Year of Manufacture plates.
2. Vehicles eligible for Year of Manufacture plates must also be titled in South Carolina.
3. Owners applying for a Year of Manufacture plate must meet all South Carolina titling and registration requirements, including payment of applicable sales and/or property taxes and maintenance of appropriate automobile liability insurance.
4. The vehicle to which the plate is registered may not be used as a service vehicle, for commercial purposes or for transporting passengers on a compensated basis.
5. The license plate must be a South Carolina plate issued in the year matching the model year of the vehicle.
6. The department will not register a license plate that has a sequence of numbers, letters, or other characters identical to any other license plate already issued by the department.
7. The Department reserves the right to exclude certain letter and number series assigned to special issue plates from use as a year of manufacture plate. **The Department will publish restricted and available number series on its website at [www.scdmvonline.com](http://www.scdmvonline.com). Applicants should consult the website for guidance prior to obtaining the plate.**
8. **It is the owner's responsibility to ensure that the submitted plate meets the specifications and permissible number series before s/he purchases the plate to be registered.**
9. Only plates available to the general public in the year they were issued can be used as a Year of Manufacture plate. The Department will not approve as Year of Manufacture plates specialty plates originally issued to commissions, organizations, elected officials or for any other special purpose.
10. The Department may approve the display of only one (1) Year of Manufacture plate even though the Department may have issued two (2) plates in the year the plate was originally issued.
11. Plates can be transferred to another of the owner's vehicles, but only to same type vehicles of the same model year.
12. The approved Year of Manufacture plate can only be used on the vehicle for which the Department issued the corresponding registration certificate.
13. The Department will issue with the registration certificate an annual renewal decal. The decal need not be displayed on the Year of Manufacture plate; however, the registration and decal must be kept in the vehicle at all times and must be presented to law enforcement upon request.
14. If a Year of Manufacture plate is ever suspended or revoked, the Department may require that the plate be surrendered to the Department. The plate then becomes the property of the Department.

#### PLATE SPECIFICATIONS

1. The plate must be in its original condition. The plate may not have been repainted or otherwise altered from its original condition. Exceptions may be granted on a case-by-case basis.
2. The plate must be serviceable. The plate must be free from rust and corrosion and its letters, numbers and markings must be clearly legible.
3. The plate can contain no more than seven (7) characters.
4. The plate characters cannot include a letter/number sequence that has been excluded from use as a Year of Manufacture plate.
5. Plate text cannot be duplicated. If an owner seeks a letter/number sequence that is already in circulation, the Department will not approve its use.
6. Owners are responsible for ensuring that they provide a plate with an approved number series.
7. The plate must be sufficiently distinctive in appearance so as not to be confused with currently issued plates.
8. If the Department has already approved the use of a plate as a Year of Manufacture plate containing a specific combination of letters and numbers (or letter or numbers alone), that same combination on a different Year Of Manufacture plate is not sufficiently distinctive and will not be approved for another Year of Manufacture plate.



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### REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

Customers must comply with the following registration procedures in order to register a Year of Manufacture license plate:

1. Customers must contact the Department's Personalized Plate Unit in Blythewood by mail or phone prior to obtaining the Year of Manufacture plate to ensure that the plate number can be used for general circulation.  
Personalized Plate Unit  
SC Department of Motor Vehicles  
PO Box 1498  
Blythewood, SC 29016-0038  
(803) 896-5000
2. The Personalized Plate unit checks the system to ensure that the plate number is from an approved number series and does not duplicate any plate already in the system.
3. If the plate number is available, the Personalized Plate unit reserves the number for the customer and instructs the customer to obtain the plate within 30 days.
4. Once the customer has obtained the plate, he or she completes application form RG-505A for approval to use the Year of Manufacture license plate and mails to Personalized Plate Unit Blythewood with a clear color copy or photograph of the plate, a copy of a paid property tax receipt for the current year, and all required fees.
5. If the vehicle was never previously titled, the owner can submit a Form 400 to make application for title, along with all applicable title fees.
6. The Personalized Plate unit verifies that the plate is a general issue plate and meets all specifications for the year in which it was manufactured, that the vehicle has been titled (or that title application accompanies the form RG-505A) and that the vehicle to which the plate is to be registered is of the same YEAR MAKE.
7. Based on the appearance of the plate from the copy or photograph, the Personalized Plate unit either approves the condition of the plate or contacts the customer to have the condition of the plate verified by a local DMV office.
8. Once the condition of the plate is approved, the Personalized Plate unit will process the registration.
9. The Personalized Pate unit will mail the customer the registration and decal, along with a standard form letter advising the customer of the requirement to keep the decal with the registration in the vehicle at all times.