

Beginning April 30th, a new law took effect requiring the RMV to brand the registration and title for the following vehicles:

- CUSTOM VEHICLE
- REPLICA VEHICLE
- SPECIALLY-CONSTRUCTED VEHICLE
- STREET ROD

Definitions

Custom Vehicle - A motor vehicle for which the year of manufacture is after 1948, for which the model year is at least 25 years old and that has been altered from the manufacturer's original design or has a body constructed, in whole or in part, from non-original materials

Replica Vehicle - A motor vehicle constructed or assembled by a non-manufacturer from new or used parts that, when assembled, replicates an earlier year, make and model vehicle

Specially-Constructed Vehicle - A motor vehicle reconstructed or assembled by a non-manufacturer from new or used parts, the exterior of which does not replicate or resemble any other manufactured vehicle

Street Rod - A motor vehicle for which the year of manufacture is prior to 1949, and which has been altered from the manufacturer's original design or has a body constructed from non-original materials

Application for Replacement of Vehicle Identification Number

To register and title one of these vehicles, the customer must complete an *Application for Replacement of Vehicle Identification Number* (T20176-0411) and obtain a Massachusetts Assigned VIN from the State Police Salvage Unit, unless the vehicle already has a MA Assigned VIN or an assigned VIN from another jurisdiction. This application has been revised due to the four new brands. The revised application is available on the Internet (in the Vehicle Title Forms section of the Forms and Manuals area) and Print on Demand.

Required Documentation

To register a Replica Vehicle, a customer must present the following documents:

- A completed RMV-1 Form
- The completed *Application for Replacement of Vehicle Identification Number* with the Massachusetts Assigned VIN written on it (if applicable)
- Certificate of Origin (C of O) from the manufacturer of the replica kit
- Bill of Sale or Invoice for the replica kit

- Certificate of Title from the donor vehicle of the chassis. If the kit includes a frame and it is listed on the C of O, no title is needed.

To register a Street Rod, Custom Vehicle, or Specially-Constructed Vehicle, a customer must present the following documents:

- A completed RMV-1 Form
- The completed *Application for Replacement of Vehicle Identification Number* with the Massachusetts Assigned VIN written on it (if applicable)
- Previous Certificate of Title

Entering the New Brands in ALARS

The BRAND field has been modified on the following ALARS screens to allow the new brands to be entered or displayed during a transaction:

- R1A/R1B
- RI
- T1A
- TXH

The brands must be entered as follows:

- Custom – CUST
- Replica – REPL
- Specially-constructed – SPEC
- Street rod – SROD

Registration Procedure

1. Ensure that the vehicle has a Massachusetts Assigned VIN (or a VIN assigned by another jurisdiction).
2. Check the *Application for Replacement of Vehicle Identification Number* to ensure that the State Police description of the vehicle matches the type of vehicle being registered.
3. Enter the proper information into the Year, Make, Model, Model #, and Brand fields.

- For a custom vehicle, enter the following:
 - Year – The year the vehicle was completed
 - Make – CUSTM
 - Model – The model of the original body
 - Model # - The year of the original body (must be later than 1948)
 - Brand – CUST

- For a replica vehicle, enter the following:
 - Year – The year the vehicle was completed
 - Make – REPLI
 - Model – The make of the vehicle that was replicated
 - Model # - The year of the vehicle that was replicated
 - Brand – REPL

- For a specially-constructed vehicle, enter the following:
 - Year – The year the vehicle was completed
 - Make – SPEC
 - Model – CONSTR
 - Model # - Leave this field blank
 - Brand - SPEC

- For a street rod, enter the following:
 - Year – The year the vehicle was completed
 - Make – STROD
 - Model – The model of the original body
 - Model # - The year of the original body (must be prior to 1949)
 - Brand - SROD

Also, for all of these vehicles, the Massachusetts Assigned VIN field
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