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Dealer Connection: Fall 2019

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The South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles continues to work towards implementing traceable temporary license plates that go into effect on Monday, November 11, 2019.

In this issue, you'll find a robust update on this process, information on Electronic Vehicle Registration (EVR) participant errors, details regarding a NHTSA ruling, and an introduction to the new Director of Vehicle Services.

45-Day Traceable Temporary License Plates

While Governor McMaster signed the bill into law in May 2018, it became effective May 2019 and included a 180-day implementation period.

Vehicles sold on and after 12:01 a.m. on Monday, November 11, 2019 that require a 45-day temporary license plate must display a **traceable** temporary license plate.

Some dealerships may have already started issuing the traceable temporary license plate.

Every 45-day temporary license plate issued on and after November 11, 2019 must be a traceable temporary license plate and printed through an EVR provider (more information below) or at the SCDMV. Any previous 45-day non-traceable temporary license plate will not be valid and cannot be on any South Carolina vehicle with a registration date of December 25, 2019 or after.

Traceable temporary license plates **will not** be available for purchase at SCDMV branch offices until Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. All SCDMV offices are closed Monday, November 11, 2019 due to the Veterans Day holiday.

Traceable Temporary License Plate Example

REGISTRATION AND PLATE INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for your purchase! We hope you are thrilled with your new vehicle. Please note the following details about your vehicle's plate and registration.

1. The temporary tag must be mounted to the vehicle immediately utilizing the four mounting holes. The dealership has applied for a new title, license plate and registration card for you. The South Carolina DMV will mail a new plate and your permanent registration card to you.
2. While operating your new vehicle with the temporary plate, please keep this registration card in your vehicle at all times. The temporary registration card is valid until your permanent registration arrives with your plate.

If you have any questions, please visit www.scdmvonline.com for contact information.

S.C. DOCUMENT OF REGISTRATION S.C. DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES		KEVIN A. SHWEDO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
PLATE NUMBER	MZ1108R	YEAR	1996
PLATE CLASS	T45V	MAKE	JEEP
ISSUE DATE	09/2019	BODY	SU
PLATE EXP.	11/08/2019	MODEL	CHEROKEE
VIN	1J4FJ68S6TL251490		
USDOT	0		
GVW	0		
CUSTOMER NO.	30504739		
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You'll see an example of the new traceable temporary license plate and temporary registration card above.

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The top portion of the plate contains the customer's new temporary registration card. This portion tears apart from the plate that the dealer or customer will secure to the newly purchased vehicle. Customers must keep the registration portion in their newly purchased vehicle until their metal plate and permanent registration card arrives in the mail.



The traceable temporary license plate is underneath the temporary registration card. The plate is printed on reinforced, Teslin paper that is water resistant. There are four holes - two at the bottom, and two at the top - for dealers or customers to secure the plate onto their vehicle's license plate well. **Dealers are strongly encouraged to secure the traceable temporary license plate to a vehicle using all four holes.** By law, the top 50% of the plate is designated for dealer or company identification. In the example above, you'll see the SCDMV's logo in this space.

Underneath the logo, you'll see an alphanumeric sequence. This sequence changes every time a vehicle is purchased in South Carolina. The numerals correspond to the date the traceable temporary license plate expires. The alpha sequence is issued by the SCDMV. The numbers on November 12 will be 1226 to show an expiration date of December 26, 2019. In the example above, this traceable temporary license plate expires on November 8, 2019.

EVR Providers

To issue a traceable temporary license plate, dealers must enroll in the South Carolina EVR program and contract with an EVR service provider. There are currently three approved EVR providers: CVR, DDI, and TitleTec.



919-753-8008
www.cvrconnect.com



DDI Technology

803-808-0117
www.dditechnology.com



919-909-7710
www.autopoint.com

The total enrollment time is 2-4 weeks. This includes enrolling with the SCDMV, signing up with a provider, configuring your system, and completing any required training. Do not wait until the last minute to enroll. If you have questions about the enrollment process, please contact a service provider above or your respective association representative.

Once a dealer has started the EVR transaction to issue a traceable temporary license plate, the dealer must finalize the transaction in the EVR system. Dealers are highly encouraged to submit titling information in the EVR system and mail the packet to the address below as soon as possible. *For those who have been using the EVR process, this is not a process change. This is simply included as a reminder.*

If sending as certified mail:

SCDMV
10311 Wilson Boulevard
Blythewood, SC 29016-0025

If sending as regular mail:

SCDMV
P.O. Box 1498
Blythewood, SC 29016-0025

Once a dealer starts an EVR transaction, you **will not** be able to walk into an SCDMV branch to complete the transaction since there will already be a pending title in the system. **The SCDMV cannot override the pending title, and the SCDMV cannot issue you a traceable temporary license plate.**

Dealers will, however, still be able to walk into the SCDMV with the proper paperwork if they have not started the EVR process or cannot process a transaction via EVR. If visiting an SCDMV branch, the dealer must bring the completed [Application for a Temporary License Plate \(SCDMV Form 45-A\)](#), signed by the buyer, to complete the transaction. This form is available at scdmvonline.com.

The buyer also has the option of following these steps if desired.

The bill of sale must be presented to affirm the purchase date of the vehicle. The dealer has the option to either obtain a traceable temporary license plate or metal plate at the SCDMV. The dealer should immediately deliver either license plate and all corresponding paperwork to the vehicle's buyer so he or she can legally drive the newly purchased vehicle away from the dealership. If the dealer chooses to leave the SCDMV branch with a traceable temporary license plate and not a metal plate, the dealer or the vehicle's new owner is required to submit all the required documentation and remit the appropriate fees to complete the titling and registration prior to the expiration date of the traceable temporary license plate.

Traceable Temporary License Plates for CMVs

Dealers may issue 45-day traceable temporary license plates for the power unit, trailer, or other commercial motor vehicles (CMV).

The 45-day traceable temporary license plate **allows** the driver to haul, **within the state**, cargo and passengers or conduct commerce while an intrastate CMV is being permanently titled and registered. The temporary registration card **must** include the gross vehicle weight (GVW) and may have the USDOT number.

As a reminder, the GVW declared on the temporary registration card **must** reflect what the customer intends to register the vehicle at for hauling purposes.

For questions about the CMV information above, please call Motor Carrier Services at 803-896-3870.

Transferring a License Plate

If a buyer is transferring a license plate from an existing vehicle to a newly purchased vehicle, the dealer will issue a traceable temporary license plate **only** if the customer **does not have** the metal plate he or she is transferring at the time of the sale.

If the customer does have the existing metal plate he or she is transferring, the dealer should submit the registration information of the newly purchased vehicle through the EVR system to alert law enforcement of the plate transfer. The customer must maintain **all of the following** in the newly purchased vehicle:

- Bill of sale,
- Proof of insurance, and
- Existing registration card for the vehicle from which the plate was transferred.

At no time should a customer have both a 45-day traceable temporary license plate and the transferred metal plate displayed on a vehicle at the same time.

Stolen Traceable Temporary License Plate

It is the responsibility of the issuing dealer to replace traceable temporary license plates that vehicle buyers have reported as stolen.

Customers **must** present a police report and complete the [Application to Issue or Replace a 45-Day Temporary Plate \(SCDMV Form 45-A\)](#) in order to receive a new traceable temporary license plate. Dealers are required to make a copy of the police report and keep it on file for auditing purposes.

A customer who receives a traceable temporary license plate from a dealer **cannot** replace that plate at an SCDMV branch.

Lost Traceable Temporary License Plate

It is the responsibility of the issuing dealer to replace traceable temporary license plates that vehicle buyers have reported as lost.

The customer must complete the Application to Issue or Replace a 45-Day Temporary Plate (SCDMV Form 45-A) and submit it to the issuing dealer. The issuing dealer must keep the form on file. A customer who receives a traceable temporary license plate from a dealer **cannot** replace that plate at an SCDMV branch.

The form referenced above can be found at www.scdmvonline.com.

30-Day Out-of-State Temporary Tags

There are no changes to the use and requirements for this temporary tag. Dealers should continue to use this product for out-of-state registrations.



Traceable Temporary License Plate Questions

The SCDMV has created an email address for your use.

Questions about Traceable Temporary Plates

EVR Participant Errors

The SCDMV has seen an increase in errors on documentation that it receives from dealers completing EVR transactions. The agency asks that you submit your EVR transaction to the SCDMV in an error-free manor. Error-free paperwork facilitates the title release and reduces potential issues caused by errors.

The agency notices issues with dealers failing to submit a correct bundle report or, in some cases, no bundle report at all. Even more common, the agency notices dealers do not provide the correct title number or odometer reading. Please take an extra minute to ensure your submissions are error-free.

NHTSA Odometer Exemption Ruling

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) issued a final rule this fall on odometer disclosure requirements.

Beginning January 1, 2020, vehicles that would have become eligible for exemption from odometer disclosure at ten years old will now **not be eligible** for exemption until the vehicle is at least 20 years old. Model year 2009 vehicles and older remain eligible for exemption even with this new rule.

Vehicles of model year 2010 or newer must now continue to report the odometer reading for an additional ten years on the way to a 20-year odometer disclosure requirement for all vehicles.

Model year 2010 vehicles will not become eligible for exemption from odometer disclosure until January 1, 2030. Model year 2011 vehicles will not become eligible for exemption from odometer disclosure until January 1, 2031. Model year 2012 vehicles will not become eligible for exemption from odometer disclosure until January 1, 2032, and so on.

The SCDMV is working on adjusting policies, procedures, business processes, and forms as needed in preparation for full implementation of this change. Again, there have been no changes to vehicles of model year 2009 or older. These vehicles became eligible for exemption on January 1, 2019 and remain eligible for exemption from odometer disclosure.

[Read the NHTSA Rule](#)

New Director of Vehicle Services



Please welcome the new Director of Vehicle Services, Laura Bayne. Laura assumed the position in September 2019 following Larry Murray's departure earlier this summer.

Laura has been with the SCDMV for more than three years. Previously, she served as the Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs. Laura earned her Masters degree from Baylor University and lives in Northeast Richland County with her husband and three daughters.

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