

Permitted Uses for Dealer Plates & eTAGS*



METAL PLATE

- USES:**
- 1) Vehicle demonstration
 - 2) Personal Use
 - 3) Only on vehicles dealer is licensed to sell
- Only one plate is issued for display and must be displayed and properly secured in rear plate holder.
- MUST have current inspection
- CANNOT display signs on vehicle
- CANNOT be displayed on a laden commercial vehicle carrying a load
- TITLE must be in name of or assigned to dealership
- There is a special provision under the law for independent dealers carrying vehicles to and from the auction

DEALER VEHICLE SPECIFIC OR AGENT TEMP TAG

- USES:**
- 1) Vehicle demonstration
 - 2) Transit from dealer, auction, reconditioning, etc.
 - 3) May be used on a loaner to a customer while vehicle is being repaired
 - 4) Vehicle use by charitable organization
- CANNOT be used for carrying a load unless vehicle is carrying another vehicle with a temp tag from same dealer on the way to or from auction
- CANNOT be used by dealership personnel for personal use
- MUST be displayed and properly secured in rear plate holder
- Does NOT need current inspection
- CANNOT display "For Sale" signs on vehicle
- Valid from 1 to 60 calendar days
 Vehicle Specific – Tag issued to a specific vehicle
 Agent Specific – Tag issued to an agent of the dealership by the dealer
 No fee for these tags

CONVERTER'S TEMP TAG

- USES:**
- 1) Vehicle demonstration
 - 2) Transit from dealer to dealer, auction, reconditioning, etc.
- Title/MCO is not required to be in the name of the converter
- May be used for carrying a load
- MUST be displayed and properly secured in rear plate holder
- CANNOT be used for personal use
- Does NOT need current inspection
- Valid for 1-120 calendar days. No associated fee for this type of tag

BUYER'S TEMP TAG & RECEIPT

- Issued to a retail purchaser
 Serves as temporary registration
- MUST have current inspection if titled in Texas
- MUST be displayed and properly secured in rear plate holder
- MUST keep Buyer's Tag Receipt in vehicle until registered
- If tag is stolen or lost, replacement is reprinted using the original sales date
- CAN display signs and carry load on vehicle
- TAG is good for 60 calendar days
- Dealer is required to apply for title and registration within 30 calendar days of the date of sale or 45 calendar days if Seller financed
- No inspection if retailed out of state/country sale

INTERNET DOWN TAG

- USED ONLY when Internet is down as an alternate Buyer's tag. Tags and buyer's receipt (dealer and buyer copy) are pre-printed by dealer with the assigned number. Buyer and vehicle information is handwritten by the dealer.
- Dealer required to enter all information into eTAG database within 24 hours of resuming internet service. Tag will then be classified as a Buyer's Tag.
- Same requirements and uses as Buyer's Temp Tag including all inspection requirements



* This guide contains general information and does not comprehensively cover the subject matter. For more details and exceptions, please see applicable statutes and rules, such as Texas Transportation Code Section 501.0234 and Chapter 503, Subchapter C; Occupations Code Chapter 2301; and Title 43 of the Texas Administrative Code, Section 217.4 and Chapter 215, Subchapter E.