eTAG Dealer Plate & Tag Usage

DEALER'S 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 on vehicle 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 OR CONVERTER'S TEMP TAG - VEHICLE SPECIFIC

- Uses:
  1) Vehicle demonstration
  2) Transit from dealer to dealer, auction, reconditioning, etc.
  3) May be used on a loaner to a customer while vehicle is being repaired

-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 signs on vehicle

- Valid from 1 to 60 calendar days

- More than one tag may be issued to any agent but only one tag may be assigned to any specific vehicle at a time

- TITLE must be in name of or assigned to dealership

DEALER'S TEMP TAG - AGENT SPECIFIC

- Uses:
  1) Vehicle demonstration
  2) Personal use
  3) Only on vehicles dealer is licensed to sell

- Only one plate is issued for display on vehicle and must be displayed and properly secured in rear plate holder.

- MUST have current inspection if titled in Texas

- 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 the auction

- CANNOT display signs on vehicle

- Valid from 1 to 60 calendar days

- More than one tag may be issued to any agent but only one tag may be assigned to any specific vehicle at a time

- TITLE must be in name of or assigned to dealership

BUYER'S TEMP TAG & RECEIPT

- Issued to a retail purchaser

- 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 with original expiration date

- CAN display signs and carry load on vehicle

- TAG is good for 60 calendar days (Effective 9-1-2009)

- Dealer is required to apply for title and registration within 20 working days of the date of sale or 45 calendar days if Seller financed.

- No inspection if retail out of state/export sale

INTERNET DOWN TEMP TAG & RECEIPT

- USED when Internet is down as an alternate Buyer’s tag. Tags and receipts are pre-printed by dealer with the assigned number. Buyer and vehicle info is hand-printed by the dealer.

- Dealer required to enter all info into E-Tag database within 24 hours of resuming Internet service.

- Same requirements and uses as Buyer’s Temp Tag

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