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Temporary Dealer and Other Timed Permits

Temporary permits issued in lieu of registration were originally printed on cardboard stock and provided by dealers or at the county tax assessor-collectors' offices statewide depending on the type of permit and its use. There was no statewide tracking mechanism for the permits which included dealer Buyer's Tags, Internet Down Tags, One Trip, 30 Day, 72-Hour, and 144-Hour Permits.

Timeline of Security Enhancements to Dealer and Other Timed Permits

2008 – October	• eTAG system created for ease of use to print dealer Buyer's Tags and eTAG permits
2010 – October	• Registration and Title System (RTS) enhanced with a permit database to track non-dealer temporary timed permits issued • Allowed for real time creation and tracking of permit records
2014 – September	• Non-dealer temporary timed permits added to the TxDMV website (webPermits) for ease of customer use • Limited number of temporary timed permit prints/reprints to three
2016 – June	• Restricted issuance of 30-Day permits to a vehicle with an existing Texas record
2018 – April	• eTAG integrated with the webDEALER application • Limited number of Buyer's Tag prints/reprints to three
2018 – May	• New security features added to the temporary permits, e.g., barcode, hologram, state seal, and Bezier curves
2018 – June	• Removed 30 Day and One Trip permit ordering from TxDMV website
2018 – December	• Query of temporary permits by VIN added to MVINet and Texas Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (TLETS) for law enforcement use • Captured applicant's Internet Protocol address for TxDMV website permit purchases and the eTAG System • The origination or destination for a One Trip Permit must be in Texas • Upon entry of a VIN in the webPermit system on TxDMV website, customer must verify the vehicle year, make, and body style
2019 – August	• TxDMV submitted a suggestion for an interim examination of the department's authority to address misuse of the temporary tag database and whether termination of database access and temporary suspension or restriction of a motor vehicle dealer's license could provide additional tools to combat noncompliance
2019 – September	• Captured vehicle color for temporary permits - law enforcement request • Effective date of the permit limited to one year from the date of issuance • Governmental agencies authorized to issue Buyer's Tags through the eTAG system for vehicles sold or transferred, per H.B. 3760, 86th session
2019 – December	• Validation of dealer license number and Buyer's Tags in webDEALER and RTS • ReCAPTCHA, a program or system intended to distinguish human from machine input, added to the webPermit system to prevent use of the system by automated bots
2021 – February	• TxDMV Board recommended to the 87th Legislature to grant rulemaking authority to establish a limit on the total number of temporary tags a dealer may issue and allow a dealer to make a request to the department to issue additional tags as recommended by staff and the Consumer Protection Advisory Committee
2021 – June	• Query of permits in MVINet and TLETS displays seller name, DBA (if available) dealer license number, and dealer address, including expired and voided eTAG information