

## ANTIQUÉ MOTOR VEHICLE LAW

**Antique Motor Vehicles.** Per Tennessee Code Ann. § 55-4-111, a person may register a vehicle as an “antique motor vehicle” providing that certain requirements are satisfied. The vehicle:

- Must be a motor vehicle over twenty-five (25) years old and have a non-modified engine and body,
- Can be used for participation in, or transportation to and from, club activities, exhibits, tours, parades, and similar uses as a collector’s item,
- Can only be used for **general transportation** on Saturday and Sunday, and
- Can be used on any day for the purpose of selling, vehicle testing, or obtaining repairs to or doing maintenance on the vehicle.

**Note:** Both cars and motorcycles may be considered antique motor vehicles, if all provisions are met as stated above.

**No renewal required.** This registration is a **permanent registration** and is not required to be renewed annually. Once assigned, the license plate cannot be reassigned to another vehicle.

**Violations.** Any person violating the provisions of Tennessee Code Ann. 55-4-111 will be restricted from participating in Tennessee’s Antique Motor Vehicle plate program for five (5) years from the date of the violation, will be asked to surrender the license plate and will be required to pay the full vehicle registration price for operating the vehicle. An example of a violation would be operating the vehicle for general transportation purposes on a day other than Saturday or Sunday.

**Display of the antique motor vehicle plate.** The antique plate can be mounted on the rear of the vehicle or the owner may display, on the rear of the vehicle, a license plate from an era when the manufacture of such vehicle occurred, as long as the antique vehicle license plate is maintained in the vehicle and is readily assessable and produced upon request of any law enforcement officer.

**Vintage License Plates.** Instead of registering a vehicle with the standard antique motor vehicle plate, a person may chose to register an antique motor vehicle with an official vintage Tennessee license plate of the era when the vehicle was manufactured, and may display that license plate as their official Tennessee vehicle registration on the rear of the vehicle. Provisions for vintage plates also apply to motorcycles. Please see the chart below to determine the proper plate for the antique vehicle:

Model Year	Plate Year
1912-1962	Same as model year. Plates produced each year.
1963-1965	1962
1966-1970	1966
1971-1976	1971
1977-1983	1977
1984-1985	1984

All other provisions of Tennessee Code Ann. 55-4-111 must be followed to avoid forfeiture of the registrant’s antique license plate privileges.

**Cost of Registration.** Class (C) Antique Vehicles - registration fee is \$32.75, plus any applicable county fees.



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**CERTIFICATION FOR ANTIQUE VEHICLE REGISTRATION**

**NOTE TO APPLICANT: READ INFORMATION ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM CAREFULLY  
 TO DETERMINE YOUR ELIGIBILITY TO REGISTER YOUR VEHICLE**

**Applicant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Street*

*City*

*County*

*State*

*Zip Code*

**Vehicle Make**

**Vehicle Year and Model**

**Complete VIN/Serial Number**

*For use when registering with a **Vintage Tennessee License Plate**  
 (Tenn. Code Ann. § 55-4-111 still applies)*

**Requested Vintage Plate Number** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year Plate Issued:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** From 1912 to 1962, Tennessee issued new metal plates each year. Vehicles manufactured during these years would use a specific official Tennessee license plate issued in that particular vehicle's year of manufacture.

Vehicles with model years from 1963 to 1987 may register their antique motor vehicle using a corresponding official Tennessee license plate issued in 1962, 1966, 1971, 1984 or 1986.

If you are unsure which vintage plate is proper to use, please contact your county clerk or the Tennessee Department of Revenue directly at (615) 741-3101.

**Certification Statement**

I certify that I am the owner of the above described vehicle, which is over twenty-five years old and is owned solely as a collector's item and will be used for participation in club activities, exhibits, tours, parades and similar uses, but in no event for general transportation, unless otherwise authorized by Tenn. Code Ann. Section 55-4-111. I further certify that upon the transfer of my interest in the vehicle, if the license plate with which my antique vehicle is registered is a vintage official Tennessee plate, and therefore my personal property, it will be removed; otherwise the antique plate issued by the State of Tennessee will be surrendered to my county clerk.

**Certification Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_