

# Application for Registration of a Street Rod, Custom Vehicle, Horseless Carriage or Antique (Permanent)

INSTRUCTIONS: COMPLETE APPLICATION AND CHECK APPLICABLE BOX

**1 APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Florida Driver License Number or FEID Number \_\_\_\_\_

**2 VEHICLE INFORMATION**

YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ MAKE \_\_\_\_\_ BODY TYPE \_\_\_\_\_ WEIGHT OF VEHICLE \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR \_\_\_\_\_  
 ENGINE OR ID# \_\_\_\_\_  
 TITLE# \_\_\_\_\_ PREVIOUS LICENSE PLATE# \_\_\_\_\_

**3 CERTIFICATION**

**(Check Applicable Box)**

- The vehicle described in section 2 is a "Street Rod" which is a modified motor vehicle manufactured prior to 1949. The vehicle meets state equipment and safety requirements that were in effect in this state as a condition of sale in the year listed as the model year on the certificate of title. The vehicle will only be used for exhibition and not for general transportation. A vehicle inspection must be done at a FLHSMV Regional office and the title branded as "Street Rod" prior to the issuance of the Street Rod license plate.
- The vehicle described in section 2 is a "Custom Vehicle" which is a modified motor vehicle manufactured after 1948 and is 25 years old or older and has been altered from the manufacturer's original design or has a body constructed from non-original materials. The vehicle meets state equipment and safety requirements that were in effect in this state as a condition of sale in the year listed as the model year on the certificate of title. The vehicle will only be used for exhibition and not for general transportation. A vehicle inspection must be done at a FLHSMV Regional office and the title branded as "Custom Vehicle" prior to the issuance of the Custom Vehicle license plate.
- The vehicle described in section 2 is a "Horseless Carriage" which is an automobile, truck or motorcycle weighing 5,000 pounds or less, for private use, manufactured in 1945 or earlier. The license plate is permanent and valid for use without renewal as long as the vehicle is owned by the same owner/registrant.
- The vehicle described in section 2 is "Antique" and **ONLY** used in exhibitions, parades or public displays. It qualifies as one of the following:
  - A Firefighting Apparatus (30 years old or older).
  - A Former Military Vehicle (regardless of the vehicle's age).
  - A Historical Motor Vehicle (30 years old or older).

I certify the above information is true and correct. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signature of Applicant)

**4 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & REQUIREMENTS**

- ❖ A Street Rod or Custom Vehicle License Plate should be processed through your local county Tax Collector's Office or License Plate Agency. The customer has the option of submitting a completed application for a permanent antique (for a qualifying firefighting vehicle only) to your local County Tax Collector's office, the license plate agency, or directly to the department for processing.  
Visit the following website for current mailing addresses: <https://www.flhsmv.gov/locations/>
- ❖ A Horseless Carriage or Permanent Antique (except for a qualifying firefighting vehicle) License Plate **MUST** be issued by the department. The completed and signed application along with a copy of the Florida vehicle registration, or a copy of the Florida title, and proof of insurance must be submitted to the following address:  
**Direct Mail, MS# 72, 2900 Apalachee Parkway, Neil Kirkman Building, Tallahassee, FL. 32399.** A department employee will contact you via telephone to complete the processing and payment
- ❖ Horseless Carriage and Antique license plates are available for the following:
  - **Permanent Antique Motor Vehicle**      ➤ **Replacement for Permanent Antique Motor Vehicle**
  - **Horseless Carriage Motor Vehicle**      ➤ **Replacement for Horseless Carriage Motor Vehicle**
  - **Horseless Carriage Motorcycle**      ➤ **Replacement for Horseless Carriage Motorcycle**
  - **Permanent Antique Firefighting apparatus/military vehicle**
  - **Replacement for Permanent Antique Firefighting apparatus/military vehicle**
  - **Permanent Horseless Carriage Firefighting apparatus/military vehicle**
  - **Replacement for Horseless Carriage Firefighting apparatus/military vehicle**

**Add an additional \$10, if the GVW weight is 10,000 lbs. or more.**

**NOTE: The Initial Registration Fee is not required on vehicles that are 30 years old or older.**

## **PROVISIONS OF LAW:**

Section 320.086, Florida Statutes, reads:

(1) The owner of a motor vehicle for private use manufactured in 1945 or earlier, equipped with an engine manufactured in 1945 or earlier or manufactured to the specifications of the original engine, and operated on the streets and highways of this state shall, upon application in the manner and at the time prescribed by the department and upon payment of the license tax for an **ancient** motor vehicle prescribed by s. 320.08(1)(d), (2)(a), or (3)(e), be issued a special license plate for such motor vehicle. The license plate shall be permanent and valid for use without renewal so long as the vehicle is in existence. In addition to the payment of all other fees required by law, the applicant shall pay such fee for the issuance of the special license plate as may be prescribed by the department commensurate with the cost of its manufacture. The registration numbers and special license plates assigned to such motor vehicles shall run in a separate numerical series, commencing with "Horseless Carriage No. 1," and the plates shall be of a distinguishing color.

(2)(a) The owner of a motor vehicle for private use manufactured after 1945 and of the age of 30 years or more after the date of manufacture, equipped with an engine of the age of 30 years or more after the date of manufacture, and operated on the streets and highways of this state may, upon application in the manner and at the time prescribed by the department and upon payment of the license tax prescribed by s. 320.08(1)(d), (2)(a), or (3)(e), be issued a special license plate for such motor vehicle. In addition to the payment of all other fees required by law, the applicant shall pay the fee for the issuance of the special license plate prescribed by the department, commensurate with the cost of its manufacture. The registration numbers and special license plates assigned to such motor vehicles shall run in a separate numerical series, commencing with "Antique No. 1," and the plates shall be of a distinguishing color. The owner of the motor vehicle may, upon application and payment of the license tax prescribed by s. 320.08, be issued a regular Florida license plate or specialty license plate in lieu of the special "Antique" license plate.

(b) Motor vehicles licensed under this section which have been issued a permanent license plate prior to October 1, 1999, shall maintain such plate unless the vehicle is transferred to a new owner. Motor vehicles licensed under this section which have been issued a "Collectible" license plate prior to October 1, 1999, may retain that license plate until the next regularly scheduled replacement.

(3) The owner of an ancient or antique firefighting apparatus, former military vehicle, or other historical motor vehicle 30 years old or older which is used only in exhibitions, parades, or public display may, upon application in the manner and at the time prescribed by the department and upon payment of the license tax prescribed by s. 320.08(2)(a), be issued a license plate as prescribed in subsection (1) or subsection (2). License plates issued under this subsection shall be permanent and valid for use without renewal as long as the vehicle is in existence and its use is consistent with this subsection.

(4) Any person who is the registered owner of a motor vehicle as defined in this section and manufactured in the model year 1974 or earlier may apply to the department for permission to use a historical Florida license plate that clearly represents the model year of the vehicle as a personalized prestige license plate. This plate shall be furnished by such person and shall be presented to the department with a reasonable fee to be determined by the department for approval and for authentication that the historic license plate and any applicable decals were issued by this state in the same year as the model year of the car or truck. The requirements of s. 320.0805(8)(b) do not apply to historical plates authorized under this subsection.

(5) A former military vehicle that is used only in exhibitions, parades, or public display is exempt from the requirement to display a license plate or registration insignia if the exemption is necessary to maintain the vehicle's accurate military markings. However, the license plate and registration certificate issued under this section must be carried within the vehicle and available for inspection by any law enforcement officer.

(6) For purposes of this section, "former military vehicle" means a vehicle, including a trailer, regardless of the vehicle's size, weight, or year of manufacture, that was manufactured for use in any country's military forces and is maintained to represent its military design and markings accurately.