



Department of
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Bureau of Motor Vehicles

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Experimental Motor Vehicle

Requirements and/or Restrictions

Requirements:

- A person in the business of developing experimental motor vehicles shall register with the Secretary of State as an experimental motor vehicle inventor by making application providing your name, address, description and photographs of the experimental motor vehicle in development.
- There is an annual fee of \$20.00 per plate.
- You must provide a copy of the insurance application, binder or insurance ID card showing that there is coverage by an automobile bodily injury and property damage liability insurance policy providing coverage against any legal liability when injury, death or damage results from or has been caused by the operation of any vehicle bearing an experimental motor vehicle registration plate. The insurance must be active at all times. If said insurance is cancelled or expires, the inventor must return the experimental motor vehicle registration plate(s) to the Secretary of State, Dealer and Agent Services Section, immediately upon notice.
- The experimental motor vehicle inventor may be issued no more than 2 plates.
- An experimental motor vehicle is exempt from inspection requirements under section 1751 but must comply with the equipment standards of chapter 17 to include at a minimum:
 - Body components
 - Exhaust system
 - Reflectors
 - Running gear
 - Tires
 - Horn
 - Lights
 - Directional signals
 - Brakes
 - Steering mechanism
 - Windshield wipers
 - Safety seat belts
 - Rearview mirrors

Restrictions:

- A person may not operate an experimental motor vehicle on a public way with a posted speed limit that exceeds the capability of that vehicle to achieve and safely maintain that speed.
- Experimental motor vehicles are prohibited from operation on the interstate highway system and Maine Turnpike at all times.
- Experimental motor vehicles may be operated only in daylight hours.