

Collector Vehicle Status Fact Sheet



The following information outlines the Motor Vehicle Commission's (MVC) policy and procedures to obtain Collector Vehicle Status.

DEFINITION

The New Jersey Administrative Code (NJAC) defines *Collector Motor Vehicle* in Title 13:20-43.1 as a vehicle that does not qualify for "historic vehicle" or street rod" designation. Vehicles that qualify for Collector Vehicle Status are limited production vehicles, not driven, in excess of the 3,000 mile annual odometer restriction, are insured by a limited-use insurance policy, and do not include vehicles that have been altered in appearance or from manufacturers' specifications.

COLLECTOR VEHICLE QUALIFICATIONS

- The vehicle must be registered in the State of New Jersey.
- The vehicle must be less than 25 years old to qualify for Collector Vehicle Status.
- The vehicle must have been manufactured in limited supply or there must be evidence that the model is currently in limited quantity.
- The vehicle must maintain an operable odometer.
- The vehicle's chassis cannot be altered: High/low rise chassis are examples of altered chassis.
- The vehicle cannot be a kit or replica vehicle or be identified as a reconstructed vehicle.
- The vehicle is not qualified as a street rod as provided in N.J.S.A. 39:3-27.27.
- Collector Vehicles are subject to all applicable equipment requirements for year of manufacture and although not subject to inspection, they may be issued a summons for equipment violations if the required equipment is not maintained.

Initial Application Process

- Any application for Collector Vehicle Status processed after September 1, 2007 must be approved by the I/M Support unit, 225 East State Street, P.O. Box 680, Trenton, NJ 08666-0680.
- All applicants must submit evidence from either the manufacturer, a recognized car club (on letterhead) or collector organization that the vehicle applying for Collector Vehicle Status was issued in a limited-edition quantity or that a limited quantity of the original production run remains.
- The applicant must submit an application for Collector Vehicle Status, form SS-66. This document can be obtained either at your local motor vehicle agency or downloaded directly from the MVC Webpage at <http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/About/Forms.htm>.
- The applicant must provide proof of limited use insurance: declaration page or insurance card, which indicates the limited-use status of the vehicle.
- Photographs of the vehicle must be provided and include the following views: straights on views of front end, passenger side, driver side and rear end of vehicle.
- After MVC's review, the applicant will receive either an approval letter to be used to purchase a Collector Vehicle Voucher or denial letter stating the reason(s) why the vehicle was denied, or a request for additional information.
- Upon receipt of an approval letter, an applicant must present the original application, the approval letter with the raised seal and \$25.00 (check, or money order, credit card or cash) to any motor vehicle agency for the issuance of a Collector Vehicle Voucher. Vouchers expire 90 days from issuance.

Issuance of Collector Vehicle Sticker

- Once the Collector Vehicle Voucher is issued, the vehicle must be presented to any centralized inspection facility. At that time, an inspector will verify and record the mileage on the vehicle's odometer. The applicant will be required to provide the inspector with his/her driver license, vehicle registration, Collector Vehicle Voucher and proof of insurance. With the completion of the verification process, a triangular-shaped Collector Vehicle Decal will be issued by the inspector which will expire up to 5 years from the day of issuance.

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Renewal Application Process

- Five years from the issuance of the initial or renewal Collector Voucher, the applicant is required to obtain another voucher or renewal which can be purchased at any motor vehicle agency.
- Vehicles granted Collector Vehicle Status will be permitted to be issued a renewal voucher until it reaches 25 model years old. If the vehicle is to be renewed on its 24th model year, it will be issued a Collector Vehicle Status Sticker expiring with the vehicle registration. When the sticker and vehicle registration expire, the motorist will have to decide whether to have the vehicle inspected or have it registered as "Historic Vehicle."
- At the time of renewal, the applicant must provide a completed Application for Collector Vehicle Status (form SS-66) and check, money order, credit card or cash in the amount of \$25.00. Vouchers also expire 90 days from issuance.
- If during the verification process, it is discovered that the vehicle has exceeded its 3,000-mile annual limit or 15,000 limit over 5 years, issuance of the Collector Vehicle status will be declined, and the vehicle will be required to be inspected. Also, if a collector vehicle sticker is not issued within 90 days of expiration the entire application process will need to be repeated.
- Collector Vehicle Decals are not transferable from owner to owner. When A Collector Vehicle is sold, it is the responsibility of the new owner to either have the vehicle inspected or apply for their own Collector Vehicle Status.

Questions regarding Collector Vehicle policies, forms, or procedures should be directed to the MVC - I/M Support Unit at (609) 633-9474.