

Issuance of Tan OHV Identification/Stickers

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New Information

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will begin issuing a new tan sticker for noncomplying off-highway vehicles (OHVs) model year 2022 and newer. The new tan sticker will differentiate these vehicles from model year 2003 through 2021 vehicles (which were issued red stickers) and assist riding park management personnel with identification and law enforcement efforts.

NOTE: Applications for noncomplying OHVs model year 2022 and newer will be finalized at DMV headquarters because the system is not programmed to issue the new tan sticker. DMV will continue to issue red stickers to noncomplying OHVs model year 2003 through 2021.

Procedures

Continue to follow existing procedures in *Vehicle Industry Registration Procedures (VIRP) Manual* Chapter 6 New Vehicles Sold by California Dealers, Chapter 7 Miscellaneous Originals, Chapter 11 Transfers, and Chapter 15 Off-Highway Vehicles (OHVs).

Registration of Noncomplying OHVs

<i>If the OHV Is a</i>	<i>Then It</i>
2002 or older year model <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snowmobile • Amphibian • Dune Buggy • Golf Cart 	Can be registered and issued a green OHV sticker.
2003 through 2021 year model with a “3” or “C” in the eighth vehicle identification number (VIN) position NOTE: Street-legal motorcycles with a “3” or “C” in the eighth VIN position may be registered if assigned the correct on-road type license code.	Is a noncomplying OHV and can be registered. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue a red OHV sticker. • Refer to the Registration of Noncomplying OHVs section for procedures.
2022 and newer year model OHV with a “3” or “C” in the eighth VIN position	Is a noncomplying OHV and can be registered. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Partner Automation (BPA) program participants utilizing the Virtual Clerk system should contact their First Line Service provider for guidance on indicia issuance.

Background

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) modified regulations related to the red sticker program for OHVs that do **not** meet emission standards and made changes to California OHV riding areas.

References

Vehicle Code (VC) §§4000, 24007, 38010, 38012, 38070

California Code of Regulations, Article 3, Section 2410-2415, Chapter 9, Division 3, Title 13

Vehicle Industry Registration Procedures Manual, Chapters 6, 7, 11, 15

Distribution

Notification of this memo (available at **dmv.ca.gov** by searching Vehicle Industry Services) was sent through the California DMV Automated Email Alert System in February 2026 to:

- Dealers
- Registration Services

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