Demonstration Permits

“Demo Tag”

Demonstration Permits are issued to Dealers for the **LIMITED** purposes of *Testing*, *Demonstrating* or *Preparing* a Vehicle for Sale or Lease. Any vehicle operated on a public roadway is required to have a Demo Tag.

- Dealers should ensure that each vehicle in their inventory is issued its own Demonstration Permit and it is “Affixed” to the **specific vehicle** for which the permit is issued.
- A Demonstration Permit, after being affixed to a specific vehicle, shall be valid for as long as the vehicle is held in the Dealer’s inventory.
- Proper use of this permit is deemed compliance with state statute that requires every owner to title and register their vehicle.

**Demonstration Permits are specific to each vehicle. They may not be used on work or service vehicles that are owned, used or held in inventory by a Dealer.**

A Dealer who uses Demonstration Permits is required to maintain a list showing the date on which the Dealer assigned the permit to a vehicle and the name and a description of the vehicle, including its make, model, model year and vehicle identification number.

- A Dealer shall maintain the list for three years from the end of the year in which the Dealer issued the permit and must make it available to TRD-MVD and to law enforcement officers during reasonable business hours.
- When a vehicle is sold, the dealer **shall** keep Demonstration Permits with other records of the sale. A Demonstration Permit shall name the Dealer to whom the Demonstration Permit is issued and display a unique identification number assigned by the department.
Temporary Registration Permits issued to Licensed Dealers are to be used only on vehicles sold at retail by the Dealer to whom the permits are issue.

- These Permits shall not be extended nor another issued for the same vehicle except for good cause shown.
- The proper use of Temporary Registration Permits shall be deemed compliance with state statute that requires every owner to title and register their vehicle.
- Temporary Registration Permits shall be valid for thirty days from the date of validation. Temporary registration permits shall:
  1. Name the Dealer to whom the Temporary Registration Permits are issued;
  2. Name the person to whom the vehicle has been sold; and
  3. Be signed and dated by the Dealer who executed the Temporary Registration Permit

Individuals (Non-Dealer issued)
- MVD and partner offices may issue a Temporary Registration Permit to individuals to operate a vehicle pending action by the department upon an application for registration and certificate of title or renewal of registration when the application is accompanied by the proper fees and taxes.
- The temporary registration permit shall be valid for a period not to exceed thirty business days from the day it is validated by the department. Temporary Registration Permits shall not be extended nor another issued except for good cause shown.

For access issues please contact either the New Mexico Auto Dealers Association (New Car Dealers) at 505-345-6060 or New Mexico Independent Auto Dealers Association (Used car dealers) at 505-232-0809. For billing issues contact New Mexico Interactive at 505-982-8307.