

Chapter 20 – Temporary License Plates

Subchapter 1 - General Provisions

465:20-1-1. Purpose

The rules of this Chapter have been adopted for the purpose of complying with the provisions of 75 O.S. Section 250 et. seq. and 47 O.S. Section 1137.3, as amended. This chapter will provide a description of the design and use of the temporary license plate for dealers who sell new motor vehicles, travel trailers, or commercial trailers.

Subchapter 3. Design and Placement

465:20-3-1. Form and substance of the temporary license plate

(a) **Plate size.** The temporary license plate for all new motor vehicles, travel trailers, and commercial trailers, except motorcycles and scooters, shall be 11 ½ inches in length and 6 inches in height.

(b) **Cycle plate size.** A temporary license plate for new motorcycles and scooters shall be 7 inches in length and 4 inches in height.

(c) **Substance.** The temporary license plate shall be of a weatherproof non-glare plastic-impregnated white substance with ink absorbing characteristics capable of withstanding continual exposure to the natural elements such as water, mud and wind, without the loss of form or content for a period in excess of thirty (30) days.

(d) **Fastening.** Fastener holes for placing the temporary license plate to the vehicle shall be at an appropriate location for use of the factory installed mounting holes on the vehicle on which the temporary license plate shall be placed.

465:20-3-2. Content of the temporary license plate

(a) **Format.** There shall be two rectangular shaped blocks for the month, two rectangular shaped blocks for the day of the month, and two rectangular shaped blocks for the year indicating the date of the sale of the vehicle. The blocks shall be of a size of at least 1 ¾ inches in height and 1 ½ inches in width and pale or light toned green in color. The rectangular blocks for the motorcycle and scooter temporary license plates shall be 1 inch in height and ¾ inch in width. Preprinted below the two blocks on the left shall be the words "SOLD MONTH"; below the middle two blocks shall be the words "SOLD DAY"; and below the two blocks on the right shall be the words "SOLD YEAR".

(b) **Ink type.** Any writing on the temporary license plate not preprinted shall be applied by an instrument using indelible black ink. The ink marker for writing in the date blocks should be capable of making a mark of at least ¼ inch in width.

(c) **Required verbiage.** The temporary license plate shall have the following preprinted language: The selling dealer's company name, the selling dealer's license number which is issued by the Oklahoma Tax Commission, the word "Oklahoma" or "Okla", and the words "30 Day Temporary Tag", and a line with the words "Vehicle Year, Make, Model" below the line.

(d) **Unique sequential number.** In addition to the preprinted information recited in paragraphs (a) and (c), the temporary license plate shall have a preprinted unique sequential number of no fewer than six digits approximately one inch in height. The height of the preprinted unique sequential number for a motorcycle temporary license plate shall be no less than ½ inch. The dealer shall record the temporary license plate's unique sequential number on the front of the vehicle's bill of sale in a conspicuous location. A dealer shall not issue more than one sequentially numbered temporary license plate for the same vehicle sale.

(e) **Purchaser information.** The name of the purchaser shall be written on the temporary license plate; or, in lieu of the name of the purchaser, the words "see bill of sale" may be used. If the term "see bill of sale" is used, the purchaser shall retain the bill of sale in the vehicle at all times until the vehicle has been registered in the purchaser's name.

(f) **Recordkeeping.** The dealer shall maintain a record of temporary license plates issued for a minimum of three years from the date of sale. The record shall include the unique sequential number, the date issued, the name of the purchaser and the year, make, model and vehicle identification number, for which the temporary license plate was issued. The record shall be available to Commission and law enforcement personnel upon request.

465:20-3-3. Location of the temporary license plate

Upon the sale of a new motor vehicle, the temporary license plate shall be placed on the vehicle at the location provided for the permanent license plate, and shall be securely fastened so that all of the required information remains visible while the vehicle is in motion on streets and highways.