



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 4501-27-07 Specifications for validation stickers.

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- (A) Specifications for the manufacture of validation stickers required for the annual registration of passenger, commercial, motorcycle, and other vehicles are presented herein. Except for vehicles that are issued permanent license plates or vehicles with universal validation stickers as provided in section 4503.191 of the Revised Code, there shall be a single validation sticker showing the month and year that the current registration period expires issued for each vehicle. The validation sticker shall be made of weather-resistant reflective sheeting that is manufactured in a manner that ensures that the information displayed thereon remains visible for at least five years.
- (B) The validation sticker shall be manufactured in a manner that insures that it shall not become brittle, flaky, discolored, or acquire a powdery surface for a period of at least five years and that permits the stacking of at least five stickers.
- (C) The validation sticker under normal service use shall adhere to the surface of the license plate and, when stacked up to five stickers high, shall adhere to the sticker to which it is applied for a minimum of five years and shall not be removable intact.
- (D) The director of public safety shall designate the design and colors of the validation stickers. Except as provided in paragraph (G) of this rule, the sticker design and colors for each month of each registration year shall be the same except for the applicable monthly code numbers one to twelve. The first code number shown on the sticker shall identify the month of expiration and the second series of numbers shall identify the last two digits of the year of expiration.
- (E) Stickers applied in accordance with instructions shall not blister, lift, or delaminate when subjected to gasoline, kerosene, diesel oils, water, steam, and cleaning detergents normally encountered in cleaning and washing service, nor shall stickers fade, disintegrate, or come off from extended exposure within a period of five years.
- (F) The dimensions of each validation sticker shall be approximately one and one-half inches in width and one inch in height.
- (G) A license plate issued to a permanently registered vehicle shall bear the inscriptions "PERMANENT" and "NO EXP" in lieu of any validation sticker.
- (H) The validation stickers may be produced by Ohio penal industries or the registrar's offices or by the deputy registrar or limited authority deputy registrars, as authorized by the registrar. Validation stickers produced by the registrar's offices or deputy registrars, or limited authority deputy registrars shall be produced by a "print on demand" process, whereby the registration expiration month and year shall be printed on the validation sticker as each validation sticker is issued.