



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 4501-7-14 Vehicles used to train the operation of motor vehicles other than commercial motor vehicles.

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[Comment: For dates and availability of material incorporated by reference in this rule, see paragraph (A) in rule 4501-7-39 of the Administrative Code.]

- (A) Every driver training enterprise that provides students with behind-the-wheel instruction in the operation of motor vehicles shall supply all equipment necessary to give the required instruction for operating motor vehicles, except that a student with a disability may provide a motor vehicle that is specially equipped for that student's disability.
- (B) Every motor vehicle used to provide behind-the-wheel instruction shall be maintained in safe mechanical condition and shall be in compliance with all applicable provisions of Chapter 4513. of the Revised Code.
- (C) Safety belts that meet the standards set forth in section 4513.262 of the Revised Code shall be provided for all occupants of motor vehicles used for driver training. Such belts shall be in use by all occupants of a driver training vehicle at all times.
- (D) All motor vehicles used for behind-the-wheel training shall be equipped with dual controls as defined in this chapter of the Administrative Code. The auxiliary control device shall be securely fastened and easily accessible to the person seated in the front seat on the right side of the vehicle.
- (E) All motor vehicles used for behind-the-wheel instruction shall be equipped with inside rearview mirrors for both the driver and instructor and outside rearview mirrors on the driver's and passenger's side of the vehicle. A visor mirror shall not be used as an inside rear view mirror.
- (F) All motor vehicles used for training shall be equipped with a sign on the front of the vehicle and a sign on the rear of the vehicle containing the words, "student driver." The words of both signs shall be visible and legible outside of the motor vehicle from both the front and the rear. Such words shall be a minimum of three inches high, contrast the color of the vehicle and use material that reflects light at night. Any other words on such signs shall be no more than two inches high. Additional signs on the front, rear, or doors that indicate the vehicle is being used as a driver-training vehicle are permitted.
- (G) Every motor vehicle shall carry a current financial responsibility identification card or insurance identification card that complies with rule 4501:1-2-02 of the Administrative Code.
- (H) The authorizing official or training manager of the school shall make all motor vehicles used by the school available for inspection by the director at any and all reasonable times.



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- (1) Every motor vehicle used by the school shall be inspected annually. No motor vehicle shall be used for driver training unless it is inspected and received an inspection number by the director within the last twelve months.
- (2) When a driver training enterprise obtains vehicles to add to its fleet for instructional purposes, the authorizing official or training manager notifies the department for a motor vehicle inspection. The department will schedule a motor vehicle inspection in response to such a request from a driver training school official, manager, or instructor.
 - (a) Prior to first using a vehicle for training, the authorizing official or training manager shall:
 - (i) Inspect the vehicle for compliance and complete the "Driver Training Vehicle Inspection";
 - (ii) Add the vehicle information to the fleet list for the online school function; and
 - (iii) Schedule the vehicle for inspection by the department.
 - (b) If the motor vehicle acquired by the enterprise meets the provisions of this rule as determined by the authorizing official or training manager but does not receive the inspection number required by this rule, the motor vehicle may be used for a period not to exceed thirty days from the date the vehicle was acquired by the driver training enterprise.
- (I) A person who has a disability may provide and receive instruction in a motor vehicle that has been altered for the purpose of providing the person with special equipment. Any vehicle provided for this purpose shall be in a safe operating condition as determined by the licensed driver training instructor, training manager or authorizing official, and the vehicle shall be insured as provided in paragraph (E) of rule 4501-7-08 of the Administrative Code.