



# Texas Department of Transportation

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## Registration and Title Bulletin # 23-00

To: All County Tax Assessor-Collectors

Subject: Vehicles with New Body Style

### PURPOSE

To provide information relating to vehicles that are manufactured with a new body style that resembles a 4-door sport utility vehicle with a short pickup bed. A copy of a promotional brochure photo of the Ford version of this type vehicle is attached.

### DETAILS

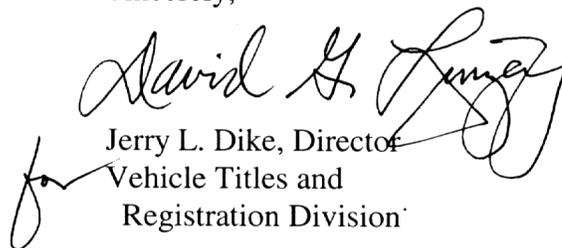
These non-standard vehicles are referred to as multi-purpose vehicles or sport alternative vehicles, dependent on the manufacturer. The department has determined that these "sport utility pickups" will not be permitted an optional registration classification but will be registered as commercial motor vehicles and should be issued truck license plates.

Additionally, tonnage is not indicated on many of these vehicles' Manufacturer's Certificates of Origin (MCOs). When tonnage is not indicated, the manufacturer's rated carrying capacity of ½ ton should be shown on the application for certificate of title.

### VTR CONTACT PERSONS

If you have any questions concerning this bulletin, please contact your local TxDOT Vehicle Titles and Registration Division Regional Office or the Customer Help Desk at (512) 465-7611. Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Jerry L. Dike, Director  
Vehicle Titles and  
Registration Division

Attachment

cc: All Dealer Associations  
Motor Vehicle Division  
Texas Department of Public Safety

# EXPLORER



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