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REGISTRATION AND TITLE SYSTEM

INTRODUCTION TO:

RTS VERSION 5.8.0

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# Introduction to RTS Version 5.8.0 and Vendor Specialty Plates

## I. OVERVIEW

This implementation includes the addition of vendor specialty plates offered by My Plates to the Registration and Title System (RTS). In addition, you will be provided information regarding the functional and procedural changes related to the following:

- Vendor Specialty Plates
- Permanent Disabled Parking Card Fee
- County Mobility Fee
- New Vehicle Make
- New Specialty Plate
- Numerous Fixes and Activity Changes

## II. VENDOR SPECIALTY PLATES

Vendor specialty plates have some processing procedures and rules that are different than those of the existing specialty license plates. The major differences are:

- The vendor specialty plate expiration will not be the same (synced) as the registration expiration of the vehicle. At this time, the vendor specialty plate will only be attached (linked) to the vehicle record.
- In the *Special Plate Revise* event, only the owner contact information fields will be enabled for most specialty plates including vendor specialty plates.
- A renewal cannot be processed if the vendor specialty plate is expired or will be at the start of the new renewal period. This applies to renewal transactions processed in the *Renewal and Title Application* events.
- The following new error message will appear when attempting to renew registration if the vendor specialty plate will be expired on the effective date of the new registration: “Vendor plate will be expired on the effective date of the registration. The plates must be changed”. Renewals with this message will not be stopped if presented to a county subcontractor for processing.
- A vendor specialty plate cannot be renewed in the *Special Plate Renewal* event. At this time the vendor specialty plate must be renewed through My Plates.
- No specialty plate fees are charged nor will the plate expiration month and year be changed for vendor specialty plates in RTS.
- Plate expiration month and year for vendor specialty plates will be printed on receipts generated by RTS but will not be shown on RSPS subcontractor receipts.

Vendor specialty plates will be offered for one year, five years, or 10 year time periods and will be available for passenger vehicles and light trucks (less/eql. 1 ton). Three designs are available for motorcycles. In addition, the International Symbol of Access will be available on all vendor specialty plates.

Vendor specialty plates can be ordered through the vendor only; they cannot be ordered through RTS or TxDOT's online specialty plate ordering system. The counties will continue to receive the standard \$1.90 commission and \$0.50 for each vendor specialty plate issued.

Customers can select from three categories.

- Category A – Custom
- Category B – Premium
- Category C – Luxury

**Note:** When a vendor specialty plate is received at the county tax office, it is important to pay close attention to the label that comes with the plate. The label will specify the plate type to be selected on the *Class/Plate/Sticker Type Choice* screen (REG008).

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**Listed below are the Item Codes and Descriptions for the vendor specialty plates.**

ITEM CODE	DESCRIPTION
PLPA001	LONE STAR A WHITE/BLACK
PLPC001	LONE STAR C WHITE/BLACK
PLPA001M	LONE STAR A WHITE/BLACK MC
PLPC001M	LONE STAR C WHITE/BLACK MC
PLPA002	LONE STAR A WHT/DRK BLUE
PLPC002	LONE STAR C WHT/DRK BLUE
PLPA003	LONE STAR A WHITE/RED
PLPC003	LONE STAR C WHITE/RED
PLPA004	LONE STAR A WHITE/ORANGE
PLPC004	LONE STAR C WHITE/ORANGE
PLPA005	LONE STAR A WHITE/MAROON
PLPC005	LONE STAR C WHITE/MAROON
PLPA006	LONE STAR A WHITE/PINK
PLPC006	LONE STAR C WHITE/PINK
PLPA007	LONE STAR A WHITE/PURPLE
PLPC007	LONE STAR C WHITE/PURPLE
PLPA100	STARS & STRIPES A PLT
PLPC100	STARS & STRIPES C PLT
PLPA101	TEXAS HEART A PLT
PLPC101	TEXAS HEART C PLT
PLPA102	TEXAS STATE MAP A PLT
PLPC102	TEXAS STATE MAP C PLT
PLPA103	WESTERN YOKE A PLT
PLPC103	WESTERN YOKE C PLT
PLPA105	TEXAS PRIDE A PLT
PLPC105	TEXAS PRIDE C PLT
PLPA106	COWBOY A PLT
PLPC106	COWBOY C PLT
PLPA107	NATURAL TEXAS A PLT
PLPC107	NATURAL TEXAS C PLT

ITEM CODE	DESCRIPTION
PLPA108	TRADITIONAL TEXAS A PLT
PLPC108	TRADITIONAL TEXAS C PLT
PLPA109	NEW TEXAS A PLT
PLPC109	NEW TEXAS C PLT
PLPA111	SOCCER A GREEN PLT
PLPC111	SOCCER C GREEN PLT
PLPA112	TEXAS FOOTBALL A BLUE
PLPC112	TEXAS FOOTBALL C BLUE
PLPA113	TEXAS FOOTBALL A RED
PLPC113	TEXAS FOOTBALL C RED
PLPA114	TEXAS FOOTBALL A BLACK
PLPC114	TEXAS FOOTBALL C BLACK
PLPB200	T FOR TEXAS B PLT
PLPB200M	T FOR TEXAS B MC PLT
PLPB201	TEXAS 4 EVER B PLT
PLPA300	TEXAS TOUGH A PLT
PLPC300	TEXAS TOUGH C PLT
PLPA300M	TEXAS TOUGH A MC PLT
PLPC300M	TEXAS TOUGH C MC PLT
PLPC301	TEXAS VINTAGE C WHITE
PLPC302	TEXAS VINTAGE C BLACK
PLPC303	LONE STAR BADGE C PLT
PLPA400	*TIERRA DE VAQUEROS A PLT
PLPC400	*TIERRA DE VAQUEROS C PLT
PLPA401	*TEJANO FUERTE A PLT
PLPC401	*TEJANO FUERTE C PLT

\*These plates will not be offered to the public until 2009.

### III. PERMANENT DISABLED PARKING PLACARD FEE

The collection of the \$5 fee for a **PERMANENT** disabled placard is eliminated.

- The "Charge Fee" checkbox will continue to be enabled and will default to checked in the *Disabled Parking Card* event (MRG002).
- If "Blue Permanent Mobility" or "Red Permanent Non-Mobility" is selected, no fee will be charged even if the checkbox is checked. You do not need to remove the check from the checkbox.
- If "Blue Temporary Mobility" or "Red Temporary Non-Mobility" is selected, the \$5 fee will be charged.

### IV. COUNTY MOBILITY FEE

RTS now includes programming to automatically collect the county mobility fee. A new fees category for county mobility fees has been created and will appear on the Title and Registration Receipts, Batch, Downloaded and Funds Reports.

**Note:** Currently, only Cameron and Hidalgo counties meet the statutory location and population criteria for collecting the county mobility fee not to exceed \$10.00.

**TITLE APPLICATION RECEIPT**

COUNTY: HIDALGO      TAC NAME: ARMANDO BARRERA JR.      EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/21/2008      EXPIRES:      TRANSACTOR:      EMPLOYEE ID: KHARREL

PLATE NO: 999CSZ      DOCUMENT NO: 10800039648123019

OWNER NAME AND ADDRESS:  
J  
J  
J  
J  
J, TX 99999

REGISTRATION CLASS:      PLATE TYPE:      ORGANIZATION:      STICKER TYPE: US

VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NO: 4X4TRLE31D070972      VEHICLE CLASS:      UNIT NO:      GROSS WT: 9550      TRAVEL TO:      CARRYING CAPACITY: 5300      EMPTY WT: 4200      MODEL:      BODY STYLE: CT

INVENTORY ITEM(S):      YR:      TRAVEL TELR PLT:      PLATE STICKER:      2009

VEHICLE RECORD NOTATIONS:      RELEASE OF PERSONAL INFO RESTRICTED

ODOMETER READING:      BRAND:      OWNERSHIP EVIDENCE: TEXAS TITLE      1ST LIEN

2ND LIEN      3RD LIEN

**FEE'S ASSESSED**  
 TITLE APPLICATION FEE      13.00  
 TERP FEE      15.00  
 DELO TRANS PENALTY 2008      125.00  
 SALES TAX FEE      937.50  
 TRANSFER      2.50  
 PLATE STICKER      90.13  
 REFLECTORIZATION FEE      0.30  
 CNTY ROAD BRIDGE ADD-ON FEE      10.00  
 COUNTY MOBILITY FEE      10.00  
 AUTOMATION FEE (LARGE CNTY)      1.00  
 REGIS. CREDIT REMAINING      -6.48  
**TOTAL**      \$ 1,197.95

**METHOD OF PAYMENT AND PAYMENT AMOUNT:**  
 CHECK #      \$ 1,200.00

**SALES TAX CATEGORY: SALES/USE**  
 Date of Assignment/Sales Tax Date: 03/03/2008  
 Sales Price \$ 15,000.00  
 Less Trade In Allowance \$ 0.00  
 Taxable Amount \$ 15,000.00  
 Sales Tax Paid \$ 937.50  
 Less Other State Tax Paid \$ 0.00  
 Tax Penalty \$ 0.00  
**TOTAL TAX PAID \$ 937.50**  
 Batch No: 0003964801      Batch count: 1

THIS RECEIPT TO BE CARRIED IN ALL COMMERCIAL VEHICLES.  
 Current law requires an additional \$1.00 fee (already included) in counties with \$9,500 or more vehicles.  
 THIS RECEIPT IS YOUR PROOF OF APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF TITLE AND REGISTRATION.

**VOID**  
 DO NOT USE/  
 NO USE

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 HIDALGO      999CSZ

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## V. NEW VEHICLE MAKE

RTS has been updated to include a new vehicle make: **SMRT – SMART**. SMART is available in the MAKE dropdown menu in the *Title* event.

## VI. NEW SPECIALTY PLATE

The new “Houston Rockets” plate is available for county tax offices to issue on the following vehicle types:

ITEM CODE	DESCRIPTION	APPLICABLE VEHICLE TYPES
SPORT	PROF SPORTS TEAMS PLT	Passenger Less/Eql 6000
PLPSPORT	PER PROF SPORTS TEAMS PLT	Passenger – More Than 6000 Truck – Less/Eql 1 Ton Truck – More Than 1 Ton Motor Bus

## VII. NEW REMARK

A new remark will display on apportioned vehicles that have been taken out of service by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).

- The **FMCSAOOS** (Federal Motor Carrier Out of Service Order) remark will appear when viewing vehicle records in RTS.
- The remark will be manually set and removed by VTR.
- The remark is placed on the vehicle record to prevent unsafe carriers from registering with Apportioned Plates until the remark is removed.

## VIII. VERSION 5.8.0 ACTIVITY CHANGES – COUNTIES

PRIMARY EVENT SELECTION	SECONDARY EVENT SELECTION	ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION	STATUS
<b><u>CUSTOMER Registration Only</u></b>	Renewal, Exchange and POS Internet Renewal	<b>Problem:</b> Use of old Antique plate prompting to issue from inventory. Old Antique plates are not Specialty Plates and should be allowed to select Customer Supplied.	<b>Fix completed:</b> RTS will now allow the Customer Supplied Old Antique Plate to be entered at the REG029 without prompting for inventory.
<b><u>Title/ Registration</u></b>	Title Application	<b>Problem:</b> Delinquent Penalty Fees improperly calculated and collected for title transactions prior to January 1, 2008, in Version 5.7.0.	<b>Fix completed:</b> RTS is correctly calculating the Delinquent Penalty Fees for title transactions prior to January 1, 2008.
<b><u>Admin Tables</u></b>		<b>Problem:</b> Additional admin table inventory patterns are needed for the capability RTS has to issue 7 digit plate numbers on selected plate types.	<b>Fix completed:</b> Admin Tables have been updated to include the new 7 digit plate patterns for passenger (PSP) and truck (TRK) plate types. <b>Note:</b> Issuance of 7digit plates will begin in early to mid-2009.

## IX. VERSION 5.8.0 ACTIVITY CHANGES – HEADQUARTERS

PRIMARY EVENT SELECTION	SECONDARY EVENT SELECTION	ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION	STATUS
<u>CUSTOMER</u>  <u>Title/</u> <u>Registration</u>	Salvage	<b>Problem:</b> When processing a Non-Repairable title, the vehicle location is carried forward.	<b>Fix completed:</b> The vehicle location is no longer carried forward.
		<b>Problem:</b> The lienholder information is not printing on the Non-Repairable titles when issuing a Duplicate Non Repairable title.	<b>Fix completed:</b>
		<b>Problem:</b> The character length in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> line of the Owners Name for Salvage/COA's allowed but not limited to a maximum of 30 characters to be entered.	<b>Fix completed:</b>
		<b>Problem:</b> When processing a Salvage/COA transaction with an existing Other State/Country associated with a Junk record, the State/Country field defaults to TX.	<b>Fix completed:</b>
		<b>Problem:</b> When processing a Salvage title, with a specialty plate, the address is being altered with the new owner address. Specialty Plate registration data should reflect Plate owner not new vehicle owner.	<b>Fix completed:</b>
		<b>Problem:</b> When Salvage/NRCOT titles are created incorrectly with "Not Actual Mileage" the mileage brand is disabled.	<b>Fix completed:</b> The mileage brand field will be enabled when correcting a Salvage/NRCOT title.
		<b>Problem:</b> Missing body style on record found is not shown in red.	<b>Fix completed:</b>