

## **NOTICE OF PROPOSED GUIDANCE DOCUMENT**

### **Display of License Plates and Stickers**

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 227.112, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is hereby seeking comment on Display of License Plates and Stickers, ch. 341, a proposed guidance document.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION**

Comments may be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for 21 days by:

1. Department's website:

<https://appengine.egov.com/apps/wi/dot/guidance-docs?guidDocId=DMV477>

2. Mailing written comments to:

Division of Motor Vehicles  
Wisconsin Department of Transportation  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
PO Box 7336  
Madison, WI 53707-7336

### **WEBSITE LOCATION OF FINAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT**

The final version of this guidance document will be posted at [wisconsin.gov](http://wisconsin.gov) to allow for ongoing comment.

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# Display of license plates and validation stickers

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## License plates

[State law](#) requires that when WisDOT issues two license plates, both plates must be attached to the vehicle; one on the front and one on the rear. The plates must be maintained in a legible condition and displayed so that they can be seen and read. License plate brackets that cover any part of the readable message on a license plate are illegal.

## Validation stickers

Most registration license plates receive validation stickers for display on the rear plate only if two plates are issued (customers receive registration validation stickers when they receive new license plates). WisDOT issues new license plate expiration stickers after payment of registration renewal

fees. When receiving new stickers, WisDOT recommends removing the old sticker first, instead of affixing the new sticker over the old one. Cleaning and drying the license plate will also improve adhesion.

State law also requires that you place registration month and year stickers on the rear license plate in the manner directed by WisDOT. Stickers:

- Must be affixed to the REAR license plate, right side up.
- May not cover any letters, numbers or other registration information.

For specific sticker placement information based on vehicle type, see the following:

- [Autos and light trailers; motor homes with personalized or special plates](#)
- [Farm trucks and trailers](#)
- [Heavy trailers, tractors and trucks](#)
- [Light truck plates](#)
- [Motorbuses, motor homes, and RV trailers](#)
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- [Plates that do not require validation stickers](#)
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