



TOW TRUCKS/WRECKERS REGISTRATION OPTIONS INTRASTATE OR INTERSTATE OPERATION

- MGVWR:** Manufacturer’s Gross Vehicle Weight Rating is the total weight of the vehicle, passenger’s optional components and cargo that the vehicle is designed to carry, as assigned by the manufacturer.
- GVWR:** Gross Vehicle Weight Rating is the same as MGVWR.
- GCWR:** Gross Combined Weight Rating is the combined maximum load weight (vehicle, passengers, cargo and towed vehicle) that the vehicle is designed to tow, as assigned by the manufacturer.

INTRASTATE	
Vehicles operated solely within Virginia	
IF VEHICLE OPERATION IS FOR-HIRE	IF VEHICLE OPERATION IS PRIVATE
<p style="text-align: center;">PLATE OPTIONS^{1,2,3}</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MGVWR of 10,001 pounds and over: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tow Truck For-Hire plates, or ○ Truck For-Hire plates • MGVWR of 10,000 pounds and under: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Truck For-Hire plates 	<p style="text-align: center;">PLATE OPTIONS^{2,3}</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regardless of weight: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Truck Private plates
<p style="text-align: center;">VIRGINIA OPERATING AUTHORITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bulk property carrier permit required. • Property carrier permit required if hauling sheds and other structures (“rollback”). • Annual \$10 Operating Authority fee is included with the registration fee for vehicles that are NOT qualified motor vehicles.⁴ • Operating Authority status is reflected on vehicle registration card. 	<p style="text-align: center;">VIRGINIA OPERATING AUTHORITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None required
<p style="text-align: center;">INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$750,000 Bodily Injury and Property Damage, Virginia Code § 46.2-2143. • \$50,000 Cargo requirements • Federal limits may be higher. 	<p style="text-align: center;">INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$70,000 Bodily Injury and Property Damage, Virginia Code § 46.2-472.
<p style="text-align: center;">REGISTRATION AND FEES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Truck for-Hire Plates: Estimated fees \$80 - \$1,328 based on gross weight of the towing vehicle. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Registration may be renewed annually or quarterly. • Tow Truck for-Hire (WT) Plates: Estimated fees \$100 - \$400 based on GVWR of the towing vehicle. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Registration must be renewed annually. 	<p style="text-align: center;">REGISTRATION AND FEES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimated fees \$63 - \$1,322 based on gross weight of the towing vehicle. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Registration must be renewed annually.
<p>REFERENCE: Virginia Code § 46.2-697, 46.2-649.1</p>	<p>REFERENCE: Virginia Code § 46.2-697</p>

Important Plate Option Notes

1. Tow trucks MUST have a GVWR/MGVWR/GCWR/Registered Gross Vehicle Weight of 10,000 pounds or more to be eligible for Tow Truck For-Hire (WT) plates.
2. “Permanent” plates are available for customers who do not wish to display decals.
3. Personalized plates are available.
4. Qualified motor vehicles are motor vehicles that either have (a) 2 axles and GVWR/MGVWR/GCWR or Registered Gross Vehicle Weight of 26,001 pounds or more, OR (b) 3 or more axles regardless of the weight.

INTERSTATE	
Vehicles operated in Virginia and at least one other jurisdiction	
IF VEHICLE OPERATION IS FOR-HIRE	IF VEHICLE OPERATION IS PRIVATE
PLATE OPTIONS^{1,2,3,4}	PLATE OPTIONS^{2,3,4}
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 2 axles and GVWR/MGVWR/GCWR/Registered Gross Vehicle Weight of 10,000 pounds or less <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Truck For-Hire plates (Trip Permit Needed), or • IRP (Apportioned) plates (Optional)² b) 2 axles and GVWR/MGVWR/GCWR or Registered Gross Vehicle Weight of 10,001 to 26,000 pounds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tow Truck For-Hire (WT), or • Truck For-Hire plates (Trip Permit Needed), or • IRP (Apportioned) plates (Optional)² c) 2 axles and GVWR/MGVWR/GCWR or Registered Gross Vehicle Weight of 26,001 pounds or more <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tow Truck For-Hire (WT) plates, or • IRP (Apportioned) plates⁵ d) 3 or more axles, regardless of vehicle gross weight <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tow Truck For-Hire (WT) plates, or • IRP (Apportioned) plates⁵ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 2 axles and a GVWR/MGVWR/GCWR or Registered Gross Vehicle Weight of 26,000 pounds or less <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Truck Private plates (Trip Permit Needed), or • IRP (Apportioned) plates (Optional)² b) 2 axles and GVWR/MGVWR/GCWR or Registered Gross Vehicle Weight of 26,001 pounds or more or <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IRP (apportioned) plates c) 3 or more axles, regardless of gross vehicle weight <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IRP (apportioned) plates
VIRGINIA OPERATING AUTHORITY	VIRGINIA OPERATING AUTHORITY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bulk property carrier permit required if operating point-to-point in Virginia and only hauling vehicles. • Property carrier permit required if hauling sheds and other structures. (“rollback”) • Annual \$10 Operating Authority fee is included with registration fees for vehicles that are NOT qualified motor vehicles.⁶ • Virginia Operating Authority type is reflected on vehicle registration card. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None required
ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS	ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other state or federal additional operating authority and/or other permits may be required. • The tow truck must have a USDOT number affixed to the truck body if the GVWR is OVER 10,000 pounds. • If the vehicle is a qualified motor vehicle, IFTA credentials MUST be maintained and affixed to the truck body.⁶ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other state or federal additional operating authority and/or other permits may be required. • The tow truck must have a USDOT number affixed to the truck body if the GVWR is OVER 10,000 pounds. • If the vehicle is a qualified motor vehicle, IFTA credentials MUST be maintained and affixed to the truck body.⁶
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REFERENCE: Virginia Code § 46.2-649.1, 46.2-697 & 46.2-703	REFERENCE: Virginia Code § 46.2-703, 46.2-697

Important Plate Option Notes

1. Tow trucks must have a GVWR/MGVWR/GCWR or Registered Gross Vehicle Weight of 10,000 or more to be eligible for Tow Truck For-Hire (WT) plates.
2. Some states do not allow operation by a tow truck with a Virginia WT plate or Truck for-Hire plate or a Truck Private plate. Contact Motor Carrier Services at (804) 249-5130 for questions about how to obtain apportioned (IRP) trip permits from a trip permit issuance agency.
3. “Permanent” plates are available for customers who do not wish to display decals.
4. Personalized plates are available.
5. For tow trucks that travel in IRP jurisdictions other than Virginia, North Carolina, Maryland, and Tennessee and transport vehicles and/or OTHER types of cargo.
6. Qualified motor vehicles are motor vehicles that either have (a) 2 axles and GVWR/MGVWR/GCWR or Registered Gross Vehicle Weight of 26,001 pounds or more, OR (b) 3 or more axles regardless of the weight.