

## Considerations for Registering a Deuce/MV

First of all, let me say thanks to several people who made acquiring a Deuce from Ft. Carson thru GovLiquidation possible. First, to Phil Movish, for discussing the vehicles and offering many good tips on the acquisition and EUC process. Second, to Phil Curry; who, on short notice, made the time to go with me on the recovery to Ft. Carson once my EUC was approved. Third, to the folks in the MVCC for the support and the large amount of information they have been sharing since I brought the Deuce home on Jan 22, 2009. And also to the folks of the CO National Guard 2/135 Aviation at Buckley who took great care of the deuce I am now the caretaker of.

The purchase went smoothly, the EUC was acquired in only 3 weeks and the recovery was flawless. The truck is AWESOME. The only roadblock I have had with the acquisition was getting the truck registered in El Paso County. I ended up being overcharged more than \$700 from what I should have been charged. That said, I will also give kudos to the DMV personnel I have dealt with, as they have all been personable and professional. However, the amount of vehicles such as a Deuce that they see is very small and thus they aren't experts on this type of vehicle—as I'm sure many in the MVCC have seen.

Hopefully, I can shed some insights on how to register a MV in the state of Colorado. The information should work for a Deuce; however, heavier or lighter MVs may be covered by different procedures than I will cover.

Going to a DMV office on a Friday, especially if it is the last business day of the month, is bound to try anyone's patience. Yes, I have done it (What can I say, the EUC showed up on a Friday)!! In El Paso County, due to budget cuts, only one of the three county offices is open, and it is the location at Chapel Hills Mall. Another important consideration is arriving at the DMV with the mindset that your MV is not one of the thousands of Camrys (wheel-chocks), mini-vans or SUV's they deal with all the time. They don't frequently see these MVs and having patience will certainly go a long way.

When I went to the DMV to get my temporary tags, I made sure I brought everything I could think of in the hopes of getting the temporary tag. This included various pictures of the truck, a copy of the online GL invoice, a copy of the GL auction page for the specific truck I had won (which contained the mileage, VIN and more pictures of the truck) and Proof of Insurance. I was charged a little over \$6 for a one month temporary. The agent I dealt with, when I explained that I hadn't registered something like this before (I have dealt with my 4,300 pound Pinzgauer for the last 9 years, but the weight and diesel of the deuce put me in a new league,) even printed off a copy of the Colorado Administrative Title Procedures (Titles 14.1 thru Titles 14.7.) These procedures include the listing of forms, like VIN verification, SF-97, etc. I was required to get an emissions test done by the county because of the diesel.

The next time I returned to the DMV was with a VIN verification, SF-97, emissions certificate and a checkbook, for what I was expecting to be about \$400 for the 5 year plates. What I ended up with, getting there at 4pm on a Friday was over a 1 hour wait, late in the day with employees that had had a long week. I was the last person out the door, and was in shock with the \$1,117

registration cost for 5 years. I immediately made some calls to some MVCC members to compare registration notes, and came to 2 conclusions. 1.) The procedures people have dealt with throughout the area are all over the board, and 2.) I was WAY overcharged. So, to prepare for dealing with the county, I went online and found some great information at the Colorado Dept of Revenue site. This discussion will not go into all plate types available in CO, just the Collector vehicle plates.

At the CO Dept of Revenue site, under Motor Vehicle-Other Plates, there are two plates we potentially qualify for—the Collector Vehicle (25 years or older Pax cars and trucks that do not exceed 16,000 empty weight) and the Collector Truck/Tractor—non-commercial (25 years old with an empty weight of 16,001 or greater or declared gross vehicle weight of 16,001 or more.) Note: BOTH of these plates are only for NON-COMMERCIAL.

<http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite?c=Page&cid=1185870965443&pagename=Revenue-MV%2FRMVLLayout>

Both plate types list, under “information,” Colorado Revised Statute 42-12-101 and 42-12-102. For this discussion, there is information in Colo. Rev. Statute 42-12-102 that could affect how much you pay per year for registration, if your vehicle use qualifies. NOTE: if you don’t specify that your vehicle meets the three criteria below, you may be charged the normal use fees for a heavy vehicle, which is what I was originally charged.

<http://www.michie.com/colorado/lpext.dll?f=templates&fn=main-h.htm&cp=> (then type in 42-12-102 in the “search” field.)

Specifically, Para. (1)(c) lists:

(c) The annual registration fee for a truck or truck tractor that has an empty weight of 6,001 pounds or more or a declared gross vehicle weight of 16,001 or more and is a collectors’ item, shall be **\$65** if such vehicle is used exclusively for noncommercial transportation and only used to drive:

- (I) To and from assemblies, conventions, or other meetings where such vehicles and their ownership are the primary interest;
- (II) For special occasions, demonstrations, and parades and on occasions when their operation on the streets and highways will not constitute a traffic hazard; or
- (III) Traveling to and from and while on local, state, or national tours held primarily for the exhibition and enjoyment of such vehicles by their owners.

If your intended use meets these criteria, and meets the weights, you can get the Collector Truck/Tractor plates and pay \$65 a year. The limitations are quite open to interpretation. I am not a lawyer, but I would think a “demonstration” would involve showing the capabilities of the vehicle, maybe in the mountains, etc.

Armed with this information, I worked with the El Paso DMV manager, Bob Becker, and his top Assistant, Kathy Driscoll, to get this resolved. We arrived at the point that my Deuce qualifies for the Truck plates and the \$65 a year registration. The registration will be slightly more than this as they added on the diesel use fee, etc. All fees are added in x5 for the 5 year plate. Total

cost for 5 years registration for the truck is \$424, so approx. \$400/5 years is about right. They have even conducted a weekly training session on this area, as these statutes are not often seen, and easily overlooked. Kathy printed me out a copy of the DMV procedures for the Collector Truck/Tractor plates—it's under REGISTRATION 25.41 in their procedures. Their instructions don't list the extensive criteria allowed in (I), (II) and (III) above, so if the agent you are working with lists the following restrictions, they are going from their manual, which is greatly abbreviated. In the DMV manual, it's just listed as:

- To and from assemblies, conventions etc.
- Special occasions, demonstrations, parades.
- Traveling to and from local, state or national tours.

The DMV promptly refunded the overcharge and I would say my experience with the office overall was excellent. Hopefully this information will make the acquisition go smoothly for others in this group—and possibly provide a more cost effective alternative to GVR plates, etc. If you should have excellent service at the DMV, please considering taking the time to fill out a comment/compliment card as this helps take care of the people that take care of us.  
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