

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES YEAR OF MANUFACTURE LICENSE PLATE PROGRAM PLATE DESIGN GUIDE

PASSENGER PLATES First year of issue: 1904

1993-1996



Measurements: 6" x 12" Material: Aluminum **Base Color:** White Letter Color: Blue

Fully Reflective YOM Use: 1993-1996 model years

Number Sequence Allowed: Between 1 and 5 digits (numbers only), or 1 Letter followed by up to 3 numbers, or 2 letters followed by up to 3 digits

Description: Embossed plate message in blue characters centered on plate. A small embossed blue dash is present following two letters of non-vanity plate message. A small blue screened graphic anchor is present in the top left corner. "OCEAN STATE" screened on top of plate centered in between the mounting holes in blue characters. "RHODE ISLAND" screened on bottom of plate centered in between the mounting holes in blue characters. Embossed blue pinstripe border on perimeter of plate. Revalidated with stickers (See sticker chart).

1987-1992 and 1996



Measurements: 6" x 12" Material: Aluminum
Base Color: White Letter Color: Blue
Fully Reflective YOM Use: 1987-1996 model years

Number Sequence Allowed: Between 1 and 5 digits (numbers only), or 1 Letter followed by up to 3 numbers, or 2 letters followed by up to 3 digits

Description: Embossed plate message in blue characters centered on plate. A small embossed blue dash is present following two letters of non-vanity plate message. A small blue embossed anchor is present in the top left corner. "OCEAN STATE" embossed on top of plate centered in between the mounting holes in blue characters. "RHODE ISLAND" embossed on bottom of plate centered in between the mounting holes in blue characters. Embossed blue pinstripe border on perimeter of plate. Revalidated with stickers (See sticker chart).

1986 (Graphic)



Measurements: 6" x 12" Material: Aluminum
Base Color: White Letter Color: Blue
Fully Reflective YOM Use: 1986 model year

Number Sequence Allowed: Between 1 and 5 digits (numbers only), or 1 Letter followed by up to 3 numbers, or 2 letters followed by up to 3 digits

Description: Embossed plate message in blue characters centered on plate. A small embossed blue dash is present following two letters of non-vanity plate message. A small blue embossed anchor is present in the top left corner. "OCEAN STATE" screened in decorative font on top of plate centered in between the mounting holes in blue characters. Small blue Embossed "86" in top right corner. "RHODE ISLAND" screened in decorative font which is (slightly larger than top lettering) on bottom of plate centered in between the mounting holes in blue characters.

Embossed blue pinstripe border on perimeter of plate.



Measurements: 6" x 12" Material: Aluminum
Base Color: White Letter Color: Blue
Fully Reflective YOM Use: 1986 model year

Number Sequence Allowed: Between 1 and 5 digits (numbers only), or 1 Letter followed by up to 3 numbers, or 2 letters followed by up to 3 digits

Description: Embossed plate message in blue characters centered on plate. A small embossed blue dash is present following two letters of non-vanity plate message. A small blue embossed anchor is present in the top left corner. "OCEAN STATE" embossed on top of plate centered in between the mounting holes in blue characters. Small blue Embossed "86" in top right corner. "RHODE ISLAND" embossed on bottom of plate centered in between the mounting holes in blue characters. Embossed blue pinstripe border on perimeter of plate.

1985



Measurements: 6" x 12" Material: Aluminum
Base Color: White Letter Color: Blue
Fully Reflective YOM Use: 1985 model year

Number Sequence Allowed: Between 1 and 5 digits (numbers only), or 1 Letter followed by up to 3 numbers, or 2 letters followed by up to 3 digits

Description: Embossed plate message in blue characters centered on plate. A small embossed blue dash is present following two letters of non-vanity plate message. A small blue embossed anchor is present in the top left corner. "OCEAN STATE" embossed on top of plate centered in between the mounting holes in blue characters. Small blue Embossed "85" in top right corner. "RHODE ISLAND" embossed on bottom of plate centered in between the mounting holes in blue characters. Embossed blue pinstripe border on perimeter of plate.



Measurements: 6" x 12" Material: Aluminum Base Color: White Letter Color: Blue Fully Reflective YOM Use: 1984 model year

Number Sequence Allowed: Between 1 and 5 digits (numbers only), or 1 Letter followed by up to 3 numbers, or 2 letters followed by up to 3 digits

Description: Embossed plate message in blue characters centered on plate. A small embossed blue dash is present following two letters of non-vanity plate message. A small blue embossed anchor is present in the top left corner. "OCEAN STATE" embossed on top of plate centered in between the mounting holes in blue characters. Small blue Embossed "84" in top right corner. "RHODE ISLAND" embossed on bottom of plate centered in between the mounting holes in blue characters. Embossed blue pinstripe border on perimeter of plate.

1983



Measurements: 6" x 12" Material: Aluminum
Base Color: White Letter Color: Blue
Fully Reflective YOM Use: 1983 model year

Number Sequence Allowed: Between 1 and 5 digits (numbers only), or 1 Letter followed by up to 3 numbers, or 2 letters followed by up to 3 digits

Description: Embossed plate message in blue characters centered on plate. A small embossed blue dash is present following two letters of non-vanity plate message. A small blue embossed anchor is present in the top left corner. "OCEAN STATE" embossed on top of plate centered in between the mounting holes in blue characters. Small blue Embossed "83" in top right corner. "RHODE ISLAND" embossed on bottom of plate centered in between the mounting holes in blue characters. Embossed blue pinstripe border on perimeter of plate.



Measurements: 6" x 12" Material: Aluminum
Base Color: White Letter Color: Blue
Fully Reflective YOM Use: 1982 model year

Number Sequence Allowed: Between 1 and 5 digits (numbers only), or 1 Letter followed by up to 3 numbers, or 2 letters followed by up to 3 digits

Description: Embossed plate message in blue characters centered on plate. A small embossed blue dash is present following two letters of non-vanity plate message. A small blue embossed anchor is present in the top left corner. "OCEAN STATE" embossed on top of plate centered in between the mounting holes in blue characters. Small blue Embossed "82" in top right corner. "RHODE ISLAND" embossed on bottom of plate centered in between the mounting holes in blue characters. Embossed blue pinstripe border on perimeter of plate.

1980-1981



Measurements: 6" x 12" **Material:** Aluminum **Base Color:** White **Letter Color:** Blue

Fully Reflective YOM Use: 1980 and 1981 model years **Number Sequence Allowed**: Between 1 and 5 digits (numbers only), or 1 Letter followed by up to 3 numbers, or 2 letters followed by up to 3 digits

Description: Embossed plate message in blue characters centered on plate. A small embossed blue dash is present following two letters of non-vanity plate message. A small blue embossed anchor is present in the top left corner. "OCEAN STATE" embossed on top of plate centered in between the mounting holes in blue characters. Small blue Embossed "80" in top right corner. "RHODE ISLAND" embossed on bottom of plate centered in between the mounting holes in blue characters. Embossed blue pinstripe border on perimeter of plate. Revalidated with stickers. (See sticker chart).



Measurements: 6" x 12" Material: Aluminum
Base Color: White Letter Color: Black
Fully Reflective YOM Use: 1972-1979 model years

Number Sequence Allowed: Between 1 and 5 digits (numbers only), or

1 Letter followed by up to 3 numbers, or 2 letters followed by up to 3 digits **Description:** Embossed plate message in black characters centered on plate. A small embossed black dash is present following two letters of non-vanity plate message. "OCEAN STATE" embossed on top of plate centered in between the mounting holes in black characters. "RHODE ISLAND" embossed on bottom of plate centered in between the mounting holes in black characters. Embossed black pinstripe border on perimeter of plate. Revalidated with stickers. (See sticker chart).

1967-1972



Measurements: 6" x 12" Material: Aluminum

Base Color: White Letter Color: Black YOM Use: 1967-1972 model years

Number Sequence Allowed: Between 1 and 5 digits (numbers only), or 1 Letter followed by up to 3 numbers, or 2 letters followed by up to 3 digits

Description: Embossed plate message in black characters centered on plate. A small embossed black dot is present following two letters of non-vanity plate message. "DISCOVER" embossed on top of plate centered in between the mounting holes in black characters. "RHODE ISLAND" embossed on bottom of plate centered in between the mounting holes in black characters. Embossed black pinstripe border on perimeter of plate. Revalidated with stickers. (See sticker chart).

Special Note In 1972, two different base plates were issued. Both are acceptable.



Measurements: 6" x 12" **Material:** Aluminum **Base Color:** White **Letter Color:** Black

YOM Use: 1957-58 model years, provided tabs are in place – 1961-1966 model years with correct stickers

Number Sequence Allowed: Between 1 and 5 digits (numbers only), or 1 Letter followed by up to 3 numbers, or 2 letters followed by up to 3 digits Description: Embossed plate message in black characters centered on plate. "RHODE ISLAND" embossed on top of plate justified to the left in black characters. Embossed black pinstripe border on perimeter of plate. When letters are present, they are slightly smaller than numbers. Revalidated with stickers from 1961-1966. (See sticker chart). Plate is nearly identical to 1957-1958 plate with exception of embossed year of issue and tab slots. For the purposes of our program, the 1957-1958 and 1961-1966 plates shall be considered interchangeable provided the year of the vehicle is shown with the proper tab, is naturally embossed on the plate (for 57-58) or the correct sticker is on the plate (for 61-66). Vanity plates were first issued on this base in 1961.

1959-1960





Measurements: 6" x 12" **Material:** Steel

Base Color: Black Letter Color: White YOM Use: 1959 and 1960 model years Number Sequence Allowed: Between 1 and 5 digits (numbers only), or 1 Letter followed by up to 3 numbers, or 2 letters followed by up to 3 digits

Description: Embossed plate message in white characters centered on plate. "RHODE ISLAND {TAB}" embossed on top of plate centered in white characters. Embossed white pinstripe border on perimeter of plate. When letters are present, they are slightly smaller than numbers. Revalidated with black on white tabs in 1960. (See Tab Chart).





Measurements: 6" x 12" **Material:** Steel **Base Color:** White **Letter Color:** Black

YOM Use: 1957-58 model years, provided tabs are in place – 1961-1966 model years with correct stickers

Number Sequence Allowed: Between 1 and 5 digits (numbers only), or 1 Letter followed by up to 3 numbers, or 2 letters followed by up to 3 digits

Description: Embossed plate message in black characters centered on plate. "RHODE ISLAND {TAB}" embossed on top of plate centered in black characters. Embossed black pinstripe border on perimeter of plate. When letters are present, they are slightly smaller than numbers. Revalidated with white on black tabs in 1958. For the purposes of our program, the 1957-1958 and 1961-1966 plates shall be considered interchangeable provided the year of the vehicle is shown with the proper tab, is naturally embossed on the plate (for 57-58) or the correct sticker is on the plate (for 61-66).

1951-1952 and 1955-1956







Measurements: 6 1/4" x 11" Material: Steel Base Color: Black Letter Color: White YOM Use: 1951, 1952, 1955 and 1956 model years

Number Sequence Allowed: Between 1 and 5 digits (numbers only), or

1 Letter followed by up to 4 numbers.

Description: Embossed plate message in white characters centered on plate. "RHODE {TAB} ISLAND" embossed on bottom of plate centered in white characters. Debossed edge border on perimeter of plate. 1951 plates were revalidated with a window sticker. New registrations in 1952 were issued plates with "52" embossed on the plate. New plates were issued for all registrations in 1955 and revalidated with tabs in 1956. For the purposes of our program, these plates shall be considered interchangeable provided the year of the vehicle is shown with the proper tab (see Tab Chart), or naturally embossed on the plate.

1948-1950 and 1953-1954











Measurements: 6 1/4" x 11" **Material:** Aluminum (1948-1950), Steel (1953-1954)

Base Color: White Letter Color: Black **YOM Use:** 1948, 1949, 1950, 1953 and 1954 model years

Number Sequence Allowed: Between 1 and 5 digits (numbers only), or

1 Letter followed by up to 4 numbers.

Description: Embossed plate message in black characters centered on plate. "RHODE {TAB} ISLAND" embossed on bottom of plate centered in black characters. Debossed edge border on perimeter of plate. Revalidated with tabs in 1949 and 1950. New plates issued in 1953 (revalidated in 1954) that were aesthetically the same as 1948. For the purposes of our program, these plates shall be considered interchangeable provided the year of the vehicle is shown with the proper tab (see Tab Chart), or naturally embossed on the plate.

<u>1946-1947</u>





Measurements: 6 1/4" x 11" **Material:** Aluminum **Base Color:** Raw Aluminum/Silver **Letter Color:** Black

YOM Use: 1946 and 1947 model years

Number Sequence Allowed: Between 1 and 5 digits (numbers only), or

1 Letter followed by up to 4 numbers.

Description: Embossed plate message in black characters centered on plate. "RHODE {TAB} ISLAND" embossed on bottom of plate centered in black characters. Debossed edge border on perimeter of plate. Revalidated with Tabs in 1947.

1942-1946









Measurements: Varies based on number of characters **Material:** Steel

Base Color: Black Letter Color: White

YOM Use: 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945 and 1946 model years

Number Sequence Allowed: Between 1 and 5 digits (numbers only), or

1 Letter followed by up to 4 numbers.

Description: Embossed plate message in white characters centered on plate. "R.I. {TAB}" embossed on bottom of plate centered in white characters. Debossed edge border on perimeter of plate. A small embossed white rectangle follows the first letter of the plate. Revalidated with a window sticker in 1943 and tabs in 1944, 1945 and 1946. (See Tab Chart). For the purposes of our program, these plates shall be considered interchangeable provided the year of the vehicle is shown with the proper tab, or naturally embossed on the plate.

Special Note In 1946, two different base plates were issued. Both are acceptable.



Measurements: Varies based on number of characters Material: Steel Base Color: White Letter Color: Black YOM Use: 1941 model year Number Sequence Allowed: Between 1 and 5 digits (numbers only), or 1 Letter followed by up to 4 numbers.

Description: Embossed plate message in black characters centered on plate. "R.I. 41" embossed on top of plate centered in black characters. Debossed edge border on perimeter of plate. A small embossed black rectangle follows the first letter of the plate.

<u>1940</u>



Measurements: Varies based on number of characters **Material:** Steel **Base Color:** Black **Letter Color:** White **YOM Use:** 1940 model year **Number Sequence Allowed:** Between 1 and 5 digits (numbers only), or 1 Letter followed by up to 4 numbers.

Description: Embossed plate message in white characters centered on plate. "R.I. 40" embossed on bottom of plate centered in white characters. Debossed edge border on perimeter of plate. A small embossed white rectangle follows the first letter of the plate.

<u>1939</u>



Measurements: Varies based on number of characters Material: Steel Base Color: White Letter Color: Black YOM Use: 1939 model year Number Sequence Allowed: Between 1 and 5 digits (numbers only), or 1 Letter followed by up to 4 numbers.

Description: Embossed plate message in black characters centered on plate. "R.I. 39" embossed on top of plate centered in black characters. Debossed edge border on perimeter of plate. A small embossed black rectangle follows the first letter of the plate.

<u>1938</u>



Measurements: Varies based on number of characters Material: Steel Base Color: Black Letter Color: White YOM Use: 1938 model year Number Sequence Allowed: Between 1 and 5 digits (numbers only), or 1 Letter followed by up to 4 numbers.

Description: Embossed plate message in white characters centered on plate. "R.I. 1938" embossed on bottom of plate centered in white characters. Debossed edge border on perimeter of plate.

<u>1937</u>



Measurements: Varies based on number of characters Material: Steel Base Color: White Letter Color: Black YOM Use: 1937 model year Number Sequence Allowed: Between 1 and 6 digits (numbers only)

Description: Embossed plate message in black characters centered on plate. "1937 RHODE ISLAND" embossed on bottom of plate centered in black characters. Embossed black pinstripe border on perimeter of plate. A tiny black embossed square precedes the third character from the right on plates with 4 or more characters.

<u>1936</u>



Measurements: Varies based on number of characters Material: Steel Base Color: Black Letter Color: White YOM Use: 1936 model year Number Sequence Allowed: Between 1 and 6 digits (numbers only)

Description: Embossed plate message in white characters centered on plate. "1636 RHODE ISLAND 1936" embossed on top of plate centered in white characters. "300th YEAR" centered on bottom of plate in white characters. Embossed white pinstripe border on perimeter of plate. A tiny white embossed square precedes the third character from the right on plates with 4 or more characters.



Measurements: Varies based on number of characters Material: Steel Base Color: White Letter Color: Black YOM Use: 1935 model year Number Sequence Allowed: Between 1 and 6 digits (numbers only)

Description: Embossed plate message in black characters centered on plate. "RHODE ISLAND 35" embossed on bottom of plate centered in black characters. Embossed black pinstripe border on perimeter of plate. A tiny black embossed square precedes the third character from the right on plates with 4 or more characters.

1934



Measurements: Varies based on number of characters Material: Steel Base Color: Black Letter Color: White YOM Use: 1934 model year Number Sequence Allowed: Between 1 and 6 digits (numbers only)

Description: Embossed plate message in white characters centered on plate. "1934 RHODE ISLAND" embossed on bottom of plate centered in white characters. Embossed white pinstripe border on perimeter of plate. A tiny white embossed square precedes the third character from the right on plates with 4 or more characters.

<u>1933</u>



Measurements: Varies based on number of characters Material: Steel Base Color: White Letter Color: Black YOM Use: 1933 model year Number Sequence Allowed: Between 1 and 6 digits (numbers only)

Description: Embossed plate message in black characters centered on plate. "33 RHODE ISLAND" embossed on top of plate centered in black characters. Embossed black pinstripe border on perimeter of plate. A tiny black embossed square precedes the third character from the right on plates with 4 or more characters.

1932



Measurements: Varies based on number of characters Material: Steel Base Color: Black Letter Color: White YOM Use: 1932 model year Number Sequence Allowed: Between 1 and 6 digits (numbers only)

Description: Embossed plate message in white characters centered on plate. "RHODE ISLAND 1932" embossed on top of plate centered in white characters. Embossed white pinstripe border on perimeter of plate. A tiny white embossed square precedes the third character from the right on plates with 4 or more characters.



Measurements: Varies based on number of characters Material: Steel Base Color: White Letter Color: Black YOM Use: 1931 model year Number Sequence Allowed: Between 1 and 6 digits (numbers only)

Description: Embossed plate message in black characters centered on plate. "31 RHODE ISLAND" embossed on bottom of plate centered in black characters. Embossed black pinstripe border on perimeter of plate. A tiny black embossed vertical dash precedes the third character from the right on plates with 4 or more characters.

1930



Measurements: Varies based on number of characters Material: Steel Base Color: Black Letter Color: White YOM Use: 1930 model year Number Sequence Allowed: Between 1 and 6 digits (numbers only)

Description: Embossed plate message in white characters centered on plate. "RHODE ISLAND" embossed on bottom of plate justified to the left in white characters. "1930" embossed on bottom of plate justified to the right in white characters. Embossed white pinstripe border on perimeter of plate. A white embossed dash precedes the third from the right character on plates with 4 or more characters.

<u>1929</u>



Measurements: Varies based on number of characters Material: Steel Base Color: White Letter Color: Black YOM Use: 1929 model year Number Sequence Allowed: Between 1 and 6 digits (numbers only)

Description: Embossed plate message in black characters centered on plate. "29 - R.I." embossed on bottom of plate centered in black characters. Embossed black pinstripe border on perimeter of plate. A black embossed square precedes the third character from the right on plates with 4 or more characters.

1928



Measurements: Varies based on number of characters Material: Steel Base Color: Black Letter Color: White YOM Use: 1928 model year Number Sequence Allowed: Between 1 and 6 digits (numbers only)

Description: Embossed plate message in white characters centered on plate. "R.I. 1928" embossed on bottom of plate centered in white characters. Embossed white pinstripe border on perimeter of plate. A white embossed dash precedes the third character from the right on plates with 4 or more characters.



Measurements: Varies based on number of characters Material: Steel Base Color: White Letter Color: Black YOM Use: 1927 model year Number Sequence Allowed: Between 1 and 5 digits (numbers only)

Description: Embossed plate message in black characters centered on plate. "27 R.I." embossed on top of plate centered in black characters. Embossed black pinstripe border on perimeter of plate. A black embossed dash precedes the third character from the right on plates with 4 or more characters.

<u>1926</u>



Measurements: Varies based on number of characters Material: Steel Base Color: Black Letter Color: White YOM Use: 1926 model year Number Sequence Allowed: Between 1 and 5 digits (numbers only)

Description: Embossed plate message in white characters centered on plate. "R.I. 1926" embossed on top of plate centered in white characters. Embossed white pinstripe border on perimeter of plate. A white embossed dash precedes the third character from the right on plates with 4 or more characters.

<u>1925</u>



Measurements: Varies based on number of characters Material: Steel Base Color: White Letter Color: Black YOM Use: 1925 model year Number Sequence Allowed: Between 1 and 5 digits (numbers only)

Description: Embossed plate message in black characters centered on plate. "R.I. 1925" embossed on bottom of plate centered in black characters. Embossed black pinstripe border on perimeter of plate. A black embossed dash precedes the third character from the right on plates with 4 or more characters.

<u>1924</u>



Measurements: Varies based on number of characters Material: Steel Base Color: Black Letter Color: White YOM Use: 1924 model year Number Sequence Allowed: Between 1 and 5 digits (numbers only)

Description: Embossed plate message in white characters centered on plate. "R.I. 1924" embossed on bottom of plate centered in white characters. Embossed white pinstripe border on perimeter of plate. A white embossed dash precedes the third character from the right on plates with 4 or more characters.

<u>1923</u>



Measurements: Varies based on number of characters Material: Steel Base Color: White Letter Color: Black YOM Use: 1923 model year Number Sequence Allowed: Between 1 and 5 digits (numbers only)

Description: Embossed plate message in black characters centered on plate. "R.I. 1923" embossed on bottom of plate centered in black characters. Embossed black pinstripe border on perimeter of plate. A black embossed dash precedes the third character from the right on plates with 4 or more characters.



Measurements: Varies based on number of characters Material: Steel Base Color: Black Letter Color: White YOM Use: 1922 model year Number Sequence Allowed: Between 1 and 5 digits (numbers only)

Description: Embossed plate message in white characters centered on plate. "R.I. 1922" embossed on bottom of plate centered in white characters. Embossed white pinstripe border on perimeter of plate.

<u>1921</u>



Measurements: Varies based on number of characters Material: Steel Base Color: White Letter Color: Black YOM Use: 1921 model year Number Sequence Allowed: Between 1 and 5 digits (numbers only)

Description: Embossed plate message in black characters centered on plate. "R.I. 1921" embossed on bottom of plate centered in black characters. Embossed black pinstripe border on perimeter of plate.

1920



Measurements: Varies based on number of characters Material: Steel Base Color: Black Letter Color: White YOM Use: 1920 model year Number Sequence Allowed: Between 1 and 5 digits (numbers only)

Description: Flat Plate. Plate message is centered on plate with white characters. "R.I. 1920" on bottom of plate centered in white characters.

<u>1919</u>



Measurements: Varies based on number of characters Material: Steel
Base Color: White Letter Color: Black YOM Use: 1919 model year
Number Sequence Allowed: Between 1 and 5 digits (numbers only)

Description: Flat Plate. Plate message is centered on plate with black characters. "R.I. 1919" on bottom of plate centered in black characters. Inverse color scheme from 1918 plate.

<u>1918</u>



Measurements: Varies based on number of characters Material: Steel
Base Color: Black Letter Color: White YOM Use: 1918 model year
Number Sequence Allowed: Between 1 and 5 digits (numbers only)

Description: Flat Plate. Plate message is centered on plate with white characters. "R.I. 1918" on bottom of plate centered in white characters.

<u>1912-1917</u>



Measurements: 4 ½" x 12" Material: Porcelain on Iron
Base Color: White Letter Color: Black YOM Use: 1912-1917 model years
Number Sequence Allowed: Between 1 and 5 digits (numbers only)
Description: Flat Plate. "R" over "I" followed by plate message in black characters.



Measurements: 5 ½" x 14" or 5 ½" x 9 ½" Material: Porcelain on Iron Base Color: Black Letter Color: White YOM Use: 1908-1911 model years Number Sequence Allowed: Between 1 and 4 digits (numbers only)

Description: Flat Plate. Plate message in white characters followed by "RI" in capital letters.

1904-1907



Measurements: 6"x10" Material: Porcelain on Iron
Base Color: Black Letter Color: White YOM Use: 1904-1907 model years
Number Sequence Allowed: Between 1 and 4 digits (numbers only)
Description: Flat Plate. 1st plates issued in state of RI. "REGISTERED IN R.I." across top of plate in white capital letters. Plate message centered in large white characters.