



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

COMMERCIAL PLATES

YOM Commercial plates can be used on trucks only. First year of issue was 1912.

1993-1996



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

Base Color: White **Letter Color:** Blue

Fully Reflective **YOM Use:** 1993-1996 model year

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

Description: Embossed plate message in blue characters centered on plate. "COMM" embossed down left side of plate preceding plate message in blue letters. 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



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) for plates with “COMM” down the side, or between 1 and 6 digits (numbers only) for plates with “COMMERCIAL” on the bottom.

Description: Embossed plate message in blue characters centered on plate. “COMMERCIAL” embossed on top of plate centered in blue characters *OR* “COMM” embossed down left side of plate preceding plate message in blue letters. On plates where “COMM” is embossed down the side “OCEAN STATE” is embossed on the top in blue characters centered in between the mounting holes. 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)

Description: Embossed plate message in blue characters centered on plate. 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. “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. “COMM” embossed down left side of plate preceding plate message in blue letters. Embossed blue pinstripe border on perimeter of plate.

1986



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)

Description: Embossed plate message in blue characters centered on plate. 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. "COMM" embossed down left side of plate preceding plate message in blue letters. "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)

Description: Embossed plate message in blue characters centered on plate. 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. "COMM" embossed down left side of plate preceding plate message in blue letters. "RHODE ISLAND" embossed on bottom of plate centered in between the mounting holes in blue characters. Embossed blue pinstripe border on perimeter of plate.

1984



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)

Description: Embossed plate message in blue characters centered on plate. 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. "COMM" embossed down left side of plate preceding plate message in blue letters. "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)

Description: Embossed plate message in blue characters centered on plate. 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. "COMM" embossed down left side of plate preceding plate message in blue letters. "RHODE ISLAND" embossed on bottom of plate centered in between the mounting holes in blue characters. Embossed blue pinstripe border on perimeter of plate.

1982



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)

Description: Embossed plate message in blue characters centered on plate. 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. "COMM" embossed down left side of plate preceding plate message in blue letters. "RHODE ISLAND" embossed on bottom of plate centered in between the mounting holes in blue characters. Embossed blue pinstripe border on perimeter of plate.

1981



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

Base Color: White **Letter Color:** Blue

Fully Reflective **YOM Use:** 1981 model year

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

Description: Embossed plate message in blue characters centered on plate. 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 "81" in top right corner. "COMM" embossed down left side of plate preceding plate message in blue letters. "RHODE ISLAND" embossed on bottom of plate centered in between the mounting holes in blue characters. Embossed blue pinstripe border on perimeter of plate.

1972-1980



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

Base Color: White **Letter Color:** Black

Fully Reflective **YOM Use:** 1972-1980 model years

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

Description: Embossed plate message in black characters centered on plate. "COMMERCIAL" embossed on top of plate centered in between mounting holes in black characters *OR* "COMM" embossed down left side of plate preceding plate message in black letters. On plates where "COMM" is embossed down the side "OCEAN STATE" is embossed on the top in black characters centered in between the mounting holes. "RHODE ISLAND" is embossed on the bottom in black characters centered in between the mounting holes. Embossed black pinstripe border on perimeter of plate. Revalidated with stickers. (See sticker chart).

1968-1971



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

Base Color: White **Letter Color:** Black **YOM Use:** 1968-1971 model years

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

Description: Embossed plate message in black characters centered on plate. "COMMERCIAL" embossed on top of plate centered in between mounting holes in black characters. Embossed large black square in bottom left corner to indicate validation sticker placement. Small black Embossed "68" in bottom right corner. Embossed black pinstripe border on perimeter of plate. Revalidated with stickers. (See sticker chart)

1965-1967



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

Base Color: Black **Letter Color:** White **YOM Use:** 1965-1967 model years

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

Description: Embossed plate message in white characters centered on plate. "R. I." embossed on top of plate slightly left of center in white characters "COMMERCIAL" embossed on bottom of plate centered in between mounting holes in white characters. Embossed white pinstripe border on perimeter of plate. Revalidated with stickers. (See sticker chart)

1962-1964



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

Base Color: White **Letter Color:** Black

YOM Use: 1958-59 model years, provided tabs are in place – 1962-1964 model years with correct stickers

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

Description: Embossed plate message in black characters centered on plate. "COMMERCIAL" embossed on top of plate centered in between mounting holes in black characters. "R. I." embossed on bottom of plate slightly left of center in black characters. Embossed black pinstripe border on perimeter of plate. Revalidated with stickers from 1963-1964. (See sticker chart). Plate is nearly identical to 1958-1959 plate with exception of embossed year of issue and tab slots. For the purposes of our program, the 1958-1959 and 1962-1964 plates shall be considered interchangeable provided the year of the vehicle is shown with the proper tab, is naturally embossed on the plate (for 58-59) or the correct sticker is on the plate (for 62-64). (See Tab and/or Sticker Chart).

1960-1961



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

Base Color: Black **Letter Color:** White **YOM Use:** 1960 and 1961 model years

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

Description: Embossed plate message in white characters centered on plate. "COMMERCIAL" embossed on top of plate centered in between mounting holes in white characters. "R. I. {TAB}" embossed on bottom of plate centered in between mounting holes in white characters. Embossed white pinstripe border on perimeter of plate. Revalidated with white on black tabs in 1961.

1958-1959



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

Base Color: White **Letter Color:** Black **YOM Use:** 1958 and 1959 provided tabs are in place – 1962-1964 model years with correct stickers

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

Description: Embossed plate message in black characters centered on plate. "COMMERCIAL" embossed on top of plate centered in between mounting holes in black characters. "R. I. {TAB}" embossed on bottom of plate centered in between mounting holes in black characters. Embossed black pinstripe border on perimeter of plate. Revalidated with white on black tabs in 1959. For the purposes of our program, the 1958-1959 and 1962-1964 plates shall be considered interchangeable provided the year of the vehicle is shown with the proper tab, is naturally embossed on the plate (for 58-59) or the correct sticker is on the plate (for 62-64). (See Tab and/or Sticker Chart).

1956-1957



Measurements: 6 ¼” x 11” **Material:** Steel

Base Color: Black **Letter Color:** White **YOM Use:** 1956 and 1957 model years

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

Description: Embossed plate message in white characters centered on plate. “COMMERCIAL” embossed on top of plate centered in white characters. “R. I.” in white letters justified left and “{TAB}” justified right embossed on bottom of plate. Revalidated with black on white tabs in 1957.

1947-1955

See passenger plates.

1947 through 1955 saw the return of the presence of an “X” prefix denoting a commercial plate. For the purposes of our program, because plates from this era are only distinguished by a prefix and the plate type is not indicated on the plate, commercial and passenger plates are interchangeable for these years.

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)

Description: Embossed plate message in white characters centered on plate. "COMMERCIAL" embossed on top of plate centered in white characters. "R.I. {TAB}" embossed on bottom of plate centered in white characters. Debossed edge border on perimeter of plate. A small embossed white rectangle precedes the third character from the right on plates with 4 or more characters in the plate message. Revalidated with a window sticker in 1943 and tabs in 1944, 1945 and 1946. 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.

1941



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)

Description: Embossed plate message in black characters centered on plate. “R.I. 41” embossed on top of plate centered in black characters. “COMMERCIAL” embossed on bottom of plate centered in black characters. Debossed edge border on perimeter of plate. A small embossed black rectangle precedes the third character from the right on plates with 4 or more characters in the plate message.

1940



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)

Description: Embossed plate message in white characters centered on plate. “COMMERCIAL” embossed on top of plate centered in white characters. “R.I. 40” embossed on bottom of plate centered in white characters. Debossed edge border on perimeter of plate. A small embossed white rectangle precedes the third character from the right on plates with 4 or more characters in the plate message.

1939



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)

Description: Embossed plate message in black characters centered on plate. “R.I. 39” embossed on top of plate centered in black characters. “COMMERCIAL” embossed in black letters centered on bottom of the plate. Debossed edge border on perimeter of plate. A small embossed black rectangle precedes the third character from the right on plates with 4 or more characters in the plate message.

1938



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)

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

1912-1937

See Passenger Plates.

In 1912 through 1937 the presence of an “X” prefix denoted a commercial plate. For the purposes of our program, because plates from this era are only distinguished by a prefix and the plate type is not indicated on the plate, commercial and passenger plates are interchangeable for these years.