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
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.