



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

TAB CHART

“Tabs” were used to re-validate plates beginning in 1944 and continuing until 1961 when stickers were issued. Here is a guide for the correct tabs for corresponding years.

***Special Notes: ***

There are two acceptable tabs for 1946.

There is no tab for 1952

There were both tabs and stickers issued for 1961.



STICKER CHART

Stickers were used to re-validate plates beginning in 1961 and continuing until the present day. In 1981, a staggered registration renewal program went into effect, and a month was added to the sticker in addition to the year. For the purposes of the program, reproduced stickers will be acceptable provided they match the examples below. If reproducing stickers for 1981-1996 plates ONLY, the following months should be used according to plate type. (Plates from 1961-1980 do not require months on stickers).

Passenger: MAY Commercial: MAR
Antique: MAY Suburban: SEP
Camper: SEP Combination: MAR
Veteran: DEC Motorcycle: JUN

Authentic Stickers affixed to the plate from any month will be allowed on a case-by-case basis, provided the year corresponds to the year the plate was issued.

Stickers are not mandatory, but if there is a sticker on the plate, it should match the YOM of the vehicle. Here is a guide for the correct stickers for corresponding years.

