

Plate Type ALARS Codes

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This file is set up in alphabetical order by plate type. Within each plate type, the registration types are also listed in alphabetical order.

The plate type and registration type are RMV terms used to describe the type of plates and the types of registrations for those plates that can be issued.

The mask is the allowable amounts and combinations of numbers and letters for that registration.

Note: Plate types preceded with R9/10 are Section 5 plate types (e.g. Dealer/ Repair/ Temporary / Permit)

ALARS Plate Type	CJIS Plate Type	Registration Type	Example
AHN	CA	Camper CA and 3-5 numbers CA and 4 numbers and 1 letter	CA33345
AHR	CA	Camper Reserve CA and 1-2 numbers	CA12
AHV	CA	Camper Vanity	SARGE
AMN	AM	Ambulance: AMB and 3-4 numbers Animal Ambulance: ANI and 1-2 numbers	AMB2234 ANI12
AMR	AM	Ambulance Reserve AMB and 1-2 numbers	AMB12
APN	AP	Apportioned Plate 10000-99999	55555
APR	AP	Apportioned Reserve 1-4 numbers	1234
APV	AP	Apportioned Vanity: 2-6 Letters 5 letters and 1 number 4 letters and 1-2 numbers 3 letters and 1-3 numbers 2 letters and 1-4 numbers	BCDEFG BCDEF1 BCDE12 BCD123 BC1234
ATN	TA	Authority Plates	
		Attleboro Transit: ATT and 1-3 numbers	ATT123
		Brockton Transit: BAT and 1-3 numbers	BAT123
		Berkshire Transit: BRT and 1-3 numbers	BRT123
		Cape Ann Transit: CAT and 1-4 numbers	CAT1234
		Cape Cod Regional Transit CCR and 1-3 numbers	CCR123
		Franklin Transit: FRT and 1-3 numbers	FRT123

		Greenfield Montaque Transit: GRT and 1-3 numbers	GRT123
		Lowell Transit: LRT and 1-4 numbers	LRT1234
		Martha's Vineyard Transit VTA and 1-2 numbers	VTA12
		Mass Turnpike: TPK and 1-4 numbers	TPK1234
		Mass Bay Transport: MBT and 1-4 numbers	MBT1234
		Mass Bay Transit Police: MBTP and 1-3 numbers	MBTP123
		Merrimac Valley Regional: MVRTA and 1-2 numbers	MVRTA12
		Merrimac Valley Regional: MVR and 1-4 numbers Zero will never be the first number (Effective April 20, 2000)	MVR1234
		Metro West Regional Transi MWRT and 1-2 numbers	MVRTA12
		Montachusett Transit: MRT and 1-3 numbers	MRT123
		Nantucket Regional Transit Authority:	NRT1 NRT12 NRT123 NRT1234
		Pioneer Valley Transit: PVT and 1-3 numbers	PVT123
		Southeastern Regional Transit: SRT and 1-3 numbers	SRT123
		Water Resource Authority: WRA and 1-3 numbers	WRA123
		Worcester Transit: WRT and 1-3 numbers	WRT123
AXN	TA	Motorcycle Authority Plate MBTM and 1-3 numbers	MBTM123
BUN	BU	Bus BU and 3-5 numbers BU and 1-3 numbers and 1 alpha BU and A and 1-3 numbers	BU33345
BUR	BU	Bus Reserve BU and 1-2 numbers	BU12
BUV	BU	Bus Vanity **Not Available at this time**	
CON	CO	Commercial; Trucks Greater: 5-6 numbers 1 letter (A-G) and 4-5 numbers Letter A followed by A-E or an H, J-L and 4-5 numbers BB and 4-5 numbers BB and 3-4 numbers and letter A	555556 B44445 AH44445 BB44445 BB3334A
	CO	Electric Cars EC and 1-4 numbers	EC12 EC123 EC1234

		Hearse: HR and 2-4 numbers HR 1-2 numbers and 1 letter	HR2234 HR12D
<u>COR OR CON</u>	CO	Limited Use Snow Removal (Plows/Sanders): SR and 4 numbers SE and 4 numbers SP and 4 numbers	LU1234 LU12AB LUAB12 SR1234 SE1234 SP1234
		Truck: TK and 4-5 numbers	TK44445
		Well Drilling Machine: WD and 4-5 numbers	WD44445
COR	CO	Commercial Reserve 1-4 numbers 1 letter (A-G) and 1-3 numbers BB and 1-3 numbers BB and 1-2 numbers followed by a letter 1 letter (Not available now) TK and 1-3 numbers TKO and 1-3 numbers	1234 A123 BB123 BB12A R TK123 TKO123
COV	CO	Commercial Vanity 2-6 letters 5 letters and 1 number 4 letters and 1-2 numbers 3 letters and 1-3 numbers 2 letters and 1-4 numbers	BCDEFG BCDEF1 BCDE12 BCD123 BC1234
(R9/10) DLN	DL	Dealer Plate 1-4 numbers	1234
(R9/10) DLV	DL	Dealer Vanity 1-4 Letters	ABCD
(R9/10) DMN	MD	Motorcycle Dealer 1-4 numbers	123
(R9/10) DMV	MD	Motorcycle Dealer Vanity *Not Issued*	ABC
(R9/10) BDN	BD	Boat Dealer 1-4 numbers	123
(R9/10) BDV	BD	Boat Dealer Vanity *Not Issued*	ABC
(R9/10) FAN	FM	Farm 1-4 numbers	1234
(R9/10) FAV	FM	Farm Vanity *Not Issued*	ABCD
(R9/10) RPN	RP	Repair Plate 1-4 numbers	1234
(R9/10) RPV	RP	Repair Vanity 1-4 letters	ABCD
(R9/10) OCN	OR	Owner Contractor 1-4 Numbers	1234
(R9/10) OCV	OR	Owner Contractor Vanity *Not Issued*	ABCD
(R9/10)	TD	Transport Vehicle	123

TPN	11	1-4 numbers	123
(R9/10) TPV	TP	Transport Vanity *Not Issued*	ABC
LVN	RV	Limited Use	LU1234 LU12AB LUAB12
LVN	RV	Limousine (Livery) LV and 5 numbers	LV55555
LVR	RV	Limo Reserve LV and 1-4 numbers	N/A
LVV	RV	Limo Vanity LV and 2-6 letters LV and 5 letters, 1 number LV and 4 letters, 1-2 numbers LV and 3 letters, 1-3 numbers LV and 2 letters, 1-4 numbers	LVBCDEF LVBCDEF1 LVBCDE1 LVBCD12 LVBC123
MCN	MC	Motorcycle 1 letter, then X, then 3-4 numbers Letter X, the 1 letter, then 3-4 numbers	MX3334 XB3334 AZ1000-AZ9999 BZ1000-BZ9999 CZ1000-CZ9999 DZ1000-DZ9999 EZ1000-EZ9999
MCR	MC	Motorcycle Reserve	2X12 XL12
	MC	Blue Knight	BK123 BK12C
	MC	Red Knight	RK12
MCV	MC	Motorcycle Vanity	BCDEF BCDE1 BCD12 BC123
MCS	MC	Limited Use	LU1234 LU12AB LUAB12
MCS	MC	Veteran Motorcycle Plates	
		Veteran 'Flag' Plates	VT100 VT1001 VT100A
		Veteran 'XPOW' Plates	PW100 PW1001 PW100A
		Veteran 'Pearl Harbor' Plates	PS100 PS1001 PS100A
		Veteran 'Purple Heart' Plates	PH100 PH1001 PH100A
		Veteran 'Bronze Star' Plates	VB100 VB1001 VB100A
			VS100

		Veteran 'Silver Star' Plates	VS1001 VS100A
		Veteran 'Legion of Valor' Plates	LV100 LV1001 LV100A
		Veteran 'Medal of Honor' Plates The letters I, O, U & Q will not be available for these veteran plates.	MH100 MH1001 MH100A
		Veteran 'Distinguished Flying Cross' Plates	DF100 DF1001
PAY	PC	Motorcycle Year of Manufacture (Color code is V=Variable) Antique year of manufacture	
MVN	CI	Municipal Vehicles	
		Boston Municipal	MB1234
		City or Town Vehicle	M12345 DARE MPSB MPKK MPFK
		Fire Vehicle	MF1234 MF1234A MFA12
		Municipal Handicap	HP1234
		Police Vehicle	MP1234
		2006 New plates will now show MP as part of the plate	MP1234A MFB12
MXN	CI	Municipal Motorcycle	MMC1234
PAN	PC	Passenger Normal Three numbers followed by two letters and one number I, O, U and Q will not be used	333ABC 666666 12AB34 1234AB 111LL0 1ABC10 3DEF30 8RSD40
PAR	PC	Passenger Reserve	12345 1234A A1B A25S 1T7 1FF3 A1234 OO12 A12 1234 M
PAS	CL	University of Massachusetts	UM
		UM followed by up to four numbers	UM1 UM12

			UM123 UM1234
PAS	PC	Passenger Special Plates	
	AQ	Antique 2005-The 'AN' will not appear on the plate along with the letter followed by four (4) numbers, but must be used for CJIS/NCIC query/entry.	AN12345 ANC1234
	AQ	Antique Vanity	ANV3P2 ANTO123
	AQ	Antique Motorcycle	ANMC22
	CM	Basketball Hall of Fame	BB1234 BB54ZA
	CM	Blackstone Valley BV followed by sequence	BV65JK
	PS	Bruins (Team Plate) **Not the invest in youth hockey**	BRUIN12
	PC	Bruins/Invest in Youth Hockey BR followed by up to 4 numbers BN followed by up to 4 numbers YH followed by up to 4 numbers	BR1234 BR12AB BN1234 BN12AB YH1234 YH12AB
	CN	Cape Cod and the Islands CI followed by sequence IC followed by sequence	CI3214 CICD99 CIA123 IC3214 ICCD99 ICA123
	PS	Celtics (Team Plate)	CELTS12
	PC	Boston Celtics/Children's Hospital (NOT the Team Plate) CS followed by 1 number CS followed by 2 numbers CS followed by 3 numbers CS followed by 4 numbers	CS1234 CS12AB
	PC	Choose Life	CL1234 CLBC12
	PC	Conquer Cancer CC followed by 1 number CC followed by 2 numbers CC followed by 3 numbers CC followed by 4 number CC followed by 2 numbers and 2 letters	CC4343 CC4 CC45 CC456 CC4343 CC23AB
	CM	Congressional Medal of Honor	CMH12 CMHABC
	PC	Cure Breast Cancer BC followed by 1 number BC followed by 2 numbers BC followed by 3 numbers BC followed by 4 numbers BC followed by 2 numbers AND 2 letters	BC2222 BC2 BC55 BC123 BC1234

			BC56AB
	DV	Disabled Veteran	DV1234
	VT	Distinguished Flying Cross	DF1001
	PC	Dr. Seuss Plate DR followed by 4-5 numbers	DR1234
	PC	Electric Cars EV and 1-4 numbers	EV12 EV123 EV1234 EV123B
	CI	Emergency Vehicle	EMR123
	CN	Environmental Plate RW – Right Whale RT – Roseate Tern CI – Cape & Islands IC – Cape & Islands FW – Fish and Wildlife (Trout) BV – Blackstone Valley SN – Mass Animal Coalition	RW11579 RW22AB RW102A RWF123 RT22AA CI12AA IC12AA FW51DE BV45GT SN92WD
	CM	Ex Prisoner of War	XPOW123 XPOW12A
	PF	Fireman	FIR1234
	PC	Mass Firefighters Memorial FF followed by sequence of 1, 2, 3, or 4 numbers or the sequence of 2 numbers and two letters	FF1 FF12 FF123 FF1234 FF123A FF12MA
	CN	Fish and Wildlife (Trout) FW followed by sequence	FW92BD FWF123
	PC	Gold Star Family	GS100 GSE10 GS10E
	LS	Governor's Council	GC1234
	AR	Ham Operator (Amateur Radio) Must be run on a Q3 for a listing./ = Lightning bolt Q1 = stolen, Q3 = listing	A1/WKT WR3/ACC
	DX	Handicap	HP1234 HP123A
	DX	Handicap Vanity "HP" is part of the LIC field	HPABCD HPA123 HPAB12 HPABC1
	CC	Honorary Consular	CONS123
	PC	"Invest in Children" TC followed by sequence	TC1234
	CM	Legion of Valor	LV12

	PC	Limited Use	LU1234 LU12AB LUAB12
	PC	Low Speed Plate	LS1234 LS12AB LSAB12
	PC	Mass Animal Coalition SN followed by numbers and 2 letters	SN92WD
	LH	Mass House Member	HOUS123 HOUSPKR HOUSMAJ
	PF	Medical Doctor	MD1234
	PF	Medical Vanity	MDX25P
	NI	Nantucket Island	NI1234 NI123A NI123AB
	NG	National Guard	NG1234
	PC	New England Patriots "Youth Football Plate" NE followed by 4-5 numbers NE Followed by two number and two letters	NE1234 NE12TB
	NP	News Photographer	NP1234
	CM	Pearl Harbor Survivor	VTPH12 VTPJ12
	PL	Plymouth 400	PL1234 PL123S PL12AB
	CM	Purple Heart	PH86 PH297 PH431 PH604 PH900 PH4444
	PC	Red Sox/ Jimmy Fund RS Followed by up to 4 numbers RS Followed by three numbers and a letter RS Followed by two number and two letters RS Followed by three letters and three numbers JF Followed by three numbers JF Followed by three numbers and a letter JF Followed by four numbers FP Followed by three numbers and one letter FP Followed by four numbers FP Followed by two number and two letters	RS1234 RS901F RS12AB RS12AB RSA100 RSBB10 JR123 JF901F JF1234 FP123C FP1234 FP12AB FPA100 FPBB10

	CN	Right Whale (Environmental) RW followed by sequence	RW10011 RW22AB RW100C RWF123
	CN	Roseate Tern (Environmental)	RT11AA RTF123
	CM	Olympics Team (Five Hoops)	USA12
	CM	Olympics Vanity (Five Hoops)	USAR5
	CM	Olympic Spirit	OS2245
	LS	Senate	SENAT12 SENPRES
	LE	U.S. Congress	USC12T
	LE	U.S. Senate	USS123
	PC	United We Stand (September 11th Fund) US followed by up to 4 numbers US followed by one letter and 3 numbers US followed by three numbers and a letter Plates 1000-1200 are for immediate family members of victims	US1234 USC999 US100A
	CM	Veteran (May contain the American Flag or a branch of service decal, which translates to be 'VT' as part of the plate or LIC field)	VT33 VTAB12 VT120 VT355 VT533 VT762 VT1348 VT7839
	CM	Veteran – Bronze Star	VB1234
	CM	Veteran – Silver Star	VS1234
	VF	Veteran of Foreign Wars	VFW123
	VF	Distinguished Flying Cross	DC100 DC1001
PAV	PC	Passenger Vanity	BCDEFG BCDEF1 BCDE12 BCD123 BC1234 GT0350H K. OF. C. VFW123
PAY	AQ	Year of Manufacture (Color code is V = Variable) Antique year of manufacture	21332 CC909 AN994
SBN	SB	School Bus Normal	SB33345 SB33345D
SBR	SB	School Bus Reserve	SB1 SB28
SMN	TL	Semi Trailer	SM33345
SMR	TL	Semi Trailer Reserve	SM12
SPN	SB	School Pupil Bus: Handicap School Bus:	55555 HP4444

			HPD333
STN	ST	State Vehicles:	
	ST	Environmental Police	EP123
	ST	State / State Electric If the physical plate displays only three characters, it should also be run with an extra 0 (Zero) ie ST 31E would be run as ST031E The State Plate mask/format is ST followed by 4 Alpha-Numeric Characters	ST1234 ST123A STA123 STA123 FIRMAR
	ST	State Police: Striping Machine:	SP1234 SP123E SP12W SMC123
SXN	ST	State Motorcycles	
	ST	State Police	STMC12
	ST	State Police	SPMC123 SPMC12F
TAN	TX	Limited Use	LU1234 LU12AB LUAB12
TAN	TX	Taxi	TA33345 TA123C TA335
TAR	TL	Taxi Reserve	TA127
TRN	TL	Trailer A followed by 1000-9999 B followed by 1000-9999 C followed by 1000-9999	444456 TT33345 A1000 B1234 C9999
TPR	TL	Trailer Reserve	1234 TY12
TRR	TL	Trailer Reserve	543 25 T376
VPN	CO	Vanpool	4444
WRN	CO	Wrecker Plate	N/A

Registry of Motor Vehicles – Registration Plate Colors

R – Red B - Blue M – Municipal
G – Green A - Authority V – Variable
Y – Yellow (Orange) S - State

RMV Section 5:

Section 5 – Plates

The following guidelines should be used when entering stolen Section-5 license plates.

Section-5 plates are:

Dealer Repair Owner-Contractor Farm Boat-Dealer
 M/C-Dealer Transporter

LIT CJIS	ALARS	Plate Type	Verbal
DL		DLN DLV	Dealer
MD		DMN DMV	Motorcycle Dealer
BD		BDN BDV	Boat Dealer
FM		FMN FMV	Farm
RP		RPN RPV	Repair
OR		OCN OCV	Owner-Contractor
TP		TPN TPV	Transporter

These plates when viewed (on the vehicle) have a validation decal on the left side of the plate. This decal is one of the following letters and should "not" be included in the CJIS entry:

D, R, F, C, T, DL, RP, or TP, DLN, DLR, DLV, RPN, RPV... etc

Proper entry for these plates would be as follows:

LIT: RP LIY: 97 LIS: MA

LIC: 1234A NPL: 1

Or

LIT: DL LIY: 97 LIS: MA

LIC: MITA NPL: 1

****Note**** The LIY field is for the current year only, as section-5 plates are issued yearly. This would then be entered as the current year only, i.e. 1997.

Do not include R, D, F, C, T, RP, DL, OR, TP, MD, BD, FM, DLN, DLV, DMN, DMV, BDN, BDV, FMN, FMV, RPN, RPV, OCN, OCV, TPN or TPV as part of the plate (LIC fields).

However, the Section-5 plate (Exception is the temporary Section-5 plate) must also contain the suffix letter(s) on the far right-hand side of the plate.

Example: Dealer plate 123A where the A is a small letter on the plate.

Non-Expiring Plates

When entering a non-expired plate the LIY field must = NX

Examples of non-expiring plates would be:

Municipal

Municipal Police

Municipal Fire