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Amateur Radio		AR	
Antique Motorcycle		AQ	Available for 1945 or older model motorcycles that have not been altered or modified from manufacturer's original specifications. The motorcycle can only be used for special occasions such as display and parade purposes or for necessary testing, maintenance and storage purposes.
Antique Vehicle		AQ	Available for 1945 or older model vehicles that have not been altered or modified from the manufacturer's original specifications. The vehicle may only be used for special occasions such as display and parade purposes.
Apportioned Power Unit		AP	
Apportioned Semi-Trailer		AL	Plate required only if unit is operated in California. Plate is valid, but no longer issued.
Apportioned Trailer		AL	No longer issued, but is valid if currently registered.
Automobile		PC	
Automobile – For Hire		PC	Authorizes the hauling of property. May require permit fee payment. Must have insurance filed with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.
Automobile-Personalized		PC	



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Bad River Band – Lake Superior Chippewa Indians		TB	Bad River Band tribal plates display registered owner information only on DMV and "TIME" system inquiries. Both registration and vehicle records are on file with the Bad River Tribal Court and Ashland County Sheriff's Department and available by Administrative Message to WI0020000 or ALSO
Bus		BU	Issued for motor coaches, school buses and urban mass transportation vehicles.
BX Bus		BU	Issued for use with urban mass transportation vehicles. No longer issued. Valid if currently registered. This plate is valid if currently registered, but is no longer issued.
Celebrate Children		CV	Current design issued in February 2016
			Plate issued from October 22, 2010 to February 2016
			Old style plate issued through October 22, 2010
Civil Air Patrol		CV	
Collector		CL	Available for motor vehicles 20 model years old or older that have not been altered or modified from manufacturer's specifications. Must have another vehicle currently registered in Wisconsin. Cannot be operated during the month of January without a temporary plate
Collector Motorcycle		CL	Issued for vehicles 20 years or older that have not been altered or modified from manufacturer's specifications. Must have another Wisconsin registered vehicle used for regular transportation. Cannot be operated during the month of January without a temporary plate.



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Collector Special		CS	Applicant is issued the same number as their collector plate number. Plate is valid year round.
Dealer		DL	New style plate issued beginning July, 2011. Record is available via online search. No alpha suffixes are used in this plate type.
Dealer – Motorcycle/Moped		DL	New style plate issued beginning July, 2011. Record is available via online search. No alpha suffixes are used in this plate type.
Demonstrator Trailer/Semi-Trailer		DL	New style plate issued beginning July, 2011. Record is available via online search. No alpha suffixes are used in this plate type.
Demonstrator Truck/Tractor		DL	New style plate issued beginning July, 2011. Record is available via online search. No alpha suffixes are used in this plate type.
Disabled		DX	
Disabled – Motorcycle		MC	Old style plate Issued prior to 2003
			New style plate issued from 2003
Disabled Veteran		DV	Current design issued in 2009
Distributor		DL	New style plate issued beginning July, 2011. Record is available via online search. No alpha suffixes are used in this plate type.
Distributor – Motorcycle		Unavailable	Old plate style issued prior to July, 2011 – will be replaced by June, 2013 and are valid until time of renewal. All plates issued to each dealer bear the same number with consecutive alpha



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Distributor – Motorcycle		Unavailable	Use the same number with consecutive alpha suffixes. No owner information returned via online search. Call DOT Dealer & Agent section at (608) 266-1425 for inquiries.
Donate Life Wisconsin		CV	
Driver Education – Motorcycle		SV	
Ducks Unlimited		CV	
EMT		CV	Red and white design issued in 2011
			White design issued in 2007
Endangered Resources		CV	Old style plate issued 2007-2010
			New style plate issued beginning 2010
			Eagle design issued in September 2015
Ex-Prisoner of War		XP	
Farm Trailer		TL	Trailer must be used exclusively for farm purposes.



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Farm Truck		FM	Vehicle may not exceed 12,000 pounds gross weight. May not be used for any non-farm occupation or commuting to and from work
Farm Truck – Heavy		FM	Farm truck in excess of 12,000 pounds. May not be used for any non-farm occupation or commuting to and from work. Farm truck registered at 38,000 pounds or more must be used exclusively for farm purposes. Use of farm truck less than 38,000 pounds must be primarily for farm purposes.
Finance Company		DL	New style plate issued beginning July, 2011. Record is available via online search. No alpha suffixes are used in this plate type.
Firefighter		CV	Top plate is old style. Bottom plate is current style. Both are valid if currently registered. EMT plates also have similar design as top old style plate, but has a Star of Life sticker instead of the firefighter's crest.
Freemason		CV	
Gold Star Family		CV	Available to persons who have had an immediate family member die while serving in the United States Armed Forces
Golf Wisconsin		CV	
Green Bay Packers		CV	
Harley Davidson – Share the Road		CV	No motorcycle version available.
Heavy Trailer		TL	



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Heavy Truck		TK	Issued to trucks in excess of 8,000 pounds. Plates validated with a sticker showing month and year of expiration. Issued to a motor truck used as a motor home with a slide-in camper unit (dual-purpose vehicle).
Historic Military Vehicle		ML	Available for historic military vehicles manufactured for use in any country's military forces. Must be 25 or more years old if imported from another country. The vehicle may only be used for special occasions such as display and show events. Motorcycle version available.
Hobbyist		PE	Available for reconstructed or street modified motor vehicles 20 years or older, for replica vehicles 20 model years or older or for homemade vehicles. Must have another vehicle currently registered. Cannot be operated during the month of January without a temporary plate.
Hobbyist – Motorcycle		PE	Issued for reconstructed or street modified motorcycles 20 years old or older, for replica motorcycles 20 years old or older, or for homemade motorcycles. Must have another vehicle currently registered. Cannot be operated during the month of January without a temporary plate.
Human Service Vehicle		PC	Issued for certain vehicles used to transport disabled or elderly persons. Must have insurance filed with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.
In God We Trust		CV	



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Lac Courte Oreilles Chippewa Band of Lake Superior Indians of Wisconsin		TB	Disabled – Records available by Administrative Message to Sawyer County Sheriff – WI0580000 or SWSO
			Disabled Veteran - Records available by Administrative Message to Sawyer County Sheriff – WI0580000 or SWSO
			Army Veteran - Records available by Administrative Message to Sawyer County Sheriff – WI0580000 or SWSO
			Marine Corps Veteran - Records available by Administrative Message to Sawyer County Sheriff – WI0580000 or SWSO
			Air Force Veteran - Records available by Administrative Message to Sawyer County Sheriff – WI0580000 or SWSO
			Navy Veteran - Records available by Administrative Message to Sawyer County Sheriff – WI0580000 or SWSO
			Coast Guard Veteran - Records available by Administrative Message to Sawyer County Sheriff – WI0580000 or SWSO
			Eagle Plate - Records available by Administrative Message to Sawyer County Sheriff – WI0580000 or SWSO
Lac du Flambeau Band – Lake Superior Chippewa Indians		TB	Records available by Administrative Message to: State Patrol Eau Claire – WIWSP0600 or SPEC; State Patrol Wausau – WIWSP0400 or SPWA; Minocqua PD – WI0440100 or MQPD; Vilas County Sheriff – WI0640000 or VISO
Lao Veterans of America		CV	



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Law Enforcement Memorial		CV	
Lions Foundation		CV	
Low Speed Vehicle		SD	Issued for low-speed vehicles (LSV) that meet National Highway traffic Safety Administration standards and have a certification label stating that the vehicle meets those standards. May be self-propelled by gas or electric engine. A golf cart is not considered an LSV.
Manufacturer		DL	New style plate issued beginning July, 2011. Record is available via online search. No alpha suffixes are used in this plate type.
Manufacturer – Motorcycle		Unavailable	Old plate style issued prior to July, 2011 – will be replaced by June, 2013 and are valid until time of renewal. All plates issued to each dealer bear the same number with consecutive alpha suffixes. No owner information returned via online search. Call DOT Dealer & Agent section at (608) 266-1425 for inquiries.
Marquette University		CV	
Medal of Honor		CM	Non-Expiring – New design issued beginning in 2009
Menominee Indian Tribe		TB	Records on file with Menominee Tribal Police Department and available by Administrative Message to WI0400100 or METP. Top plate is an old design, bottom plate is current issuance. Both are valid if currently registered.



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Military Group	 	ML	Numerous sub-groups including WWII veteran, Vietnam War Veteran, Korean War Veteran, etc... All are run the same way. Top plate is old design, bottom plate is current issue design. Both are valid if currently registered.
Milwaukee Brewers	 	CV	Two distinct plate styles are valid if currently registered
Mobile Home Dealer		Unavailable	New plate design issued after July, 2011. Issued by the Dept. of Safety and Professional Services. Call (608) 264-9597 for inquiries. Not accessible via NLETS/TIME.
Moped	 	MP	Old style plate issued prior to 2003 New style plate issued from 2003



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Motorcycle		MC	Old style plate issued prior to 2003
			New style plate issued from 2003
Motor Home		ZZ	
Municipal		MU	
Municipal Motorcycle		MU	
National Guard		NG	
Official		LF	
Oneida Indian Tribe		TB	Records available via Administrative Message to: <u>Oneida PD</u> - WI0451200 or ONPD; <u>Brown Co. Sheriff</u> - WI0050000 or BRSO; <u>Outagamie Co. Sheriff</u> - WI0450000 or OUSO; <u>Ashwaubenon PD</u> - WI0050800 or ASPD; <u>DePere PD</u> - WI0050100 or DPPD; and <u>Green Bay PD</u> - WI0050200 or GBPD. Top plate is old design. Bottom two plates are current issue designs. The large rectangle at the bottom of the plate is for a clan designation. All are valid if currently registered.
Recreational Vehicle Dealer		DL	New style plate issued beginning July, 2011. Record is available via online search. No alpha suffixes are used in this plate type.



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Recreational Vehicle Trailer		TL	Top plate is old design issued prior to January 2015. Bottom plate is current issue design. Both are valid if currently registered.
Rescue Squad Member		CV	
Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa		TB	Red Cliff Band tribal plates display registered owner information only on DMV and "TIME" system inquiries. Records available via administrative message to: Bayfield Co Sheriff WI0040000 or BASO or Ashland Co Sheriff WI0020000 or ALSO
School Bus		BU	Plate style no longer issued, but is valid if currently registered.
Semi Trailer		TL	
Sesquicentennial		CV	No longer issued, but is valid if currently registered.
Special "X"		SP	Issued for a variety of specific use vehicles. See statutory references for vehicle qualifications.



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Special Designed Vehicle		SD	Old design issued through 2003. Issued for home-built, reconstructed or manufactured vehicles having a maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. Applicant must have a special restricted operator license.
			New design issued in 2003. Issued for home-built, reconstructed or manufactured vehicles having a maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. Applicant must have a special restricted operator license.
State Owned		ST	
State Patrol		LF	Issued only to Wisconsin State Patrol vehicles.
State Patrol Motorcycle		LF	Issued only to Wisconsin State Patrol vehicles.
Temporary	 	IT	Information regarding specific vehicle/owner not available by online inquiry. Online inquiry will return name of agent that issued the plate and contact information. Agent must be contacted by phone for vehicle/owner information.
Tractor		TR	
Trailer Dealer		DL	New style plate issued beginning July, 2011. Record is available via online search. No alpha suffixes are used in this plate type.
Transferable Trailer		TL	Used solely for transporting modular housing units or other portable buildings.



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Transporter		DL	New style plate issued beginning July, 2011. Record is available via online search. No alpha suffixes are used in this plate type.
Trout Unlimited		CV	
Truck – For Hire Carrier		TK	Used to haul property under authority of the DOT. Plate validated through December with a quarterly sticker. No longer issued. Valid if currently registered
Truck – Light		TK	Weight sticker designates gross vehicle weight: A=4,500 pounds and under; B=6,000 and under; C=8,000 and under.
University of Wisconsin		HE	Plate can display logos from any of the UW system institutions.



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U.S. Veteran – Motorcycle		MC	Old style plate issued prior to 2003
			New style plate issued from 2003
Wholesaler		DL	
Wisconsin National Guard		NG	Available to a Wisconsin resident who is an active or retired member of the National Guard
Wisconsin Salutes Veterans		CV	
Women's Health Foundation		CV	
ZA Trailer		TL	

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