

## March 2025 Vehicle Newsletter



### MOTOR VEHICLE NEWSLETTER

**Iowa DOT: Central Programs Bureau**

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#### **New Form: POA Affidavit**

Effective April 1, there is a new DOT form 411020 *Affidavit of Authority for Vehicle Pursuant to General Power of Attorney*, which expands POA options for your customers. The form is to be completed when a customer submits a notarized, general POA that is not specific to the vehicle being transacted. On this form, an authorized agent attests, under penalty of perjury, to the general POA still being valid at the time of the transaction and specifically for the vehicle being transacted. The combination of this new form and a general POA complies with the requirements of Iowa Code 321.49, which requires POA users to use a form determined by DOT.

Customers using POA may now:

1. Submit DOT form 411021 Power of Attorney Authorization.
2. Submit alternate POA drafted specifically for a vehicle (like DOT form 411021) or a wider POA including the specific vehicle details.
3. Submit general POA and new DOT form 411020.

[\[Iowa DOT\] 411020: Affidavit of Authority for Vehicle Pursuant to General Power of Attorney](#)

### **10-year Replacement Plate Synchronization**

There are some discrepancies among counties and dealers on when to issue the 10-year replacement plates and when to collect or submit the appropriate fees (replacement & mail). These differences may result in excess/shortage of fees and denied transactions, especially in ERT. ARTS is programmed to automatically issue the replacement plates starting every January for all plates due for replacement in that calendar year. While this replacement cycle was originally set up for issuance at registration renewal, a plate transfer within the plate's tenth year also needs to be addressed. Please see the attached guidance to synchronize county treasurer personnel and dealers on the 10-year Replacement Plate Cycle. See attachment.

### **Heavy Vehicle Use Tax (HVUT) Document Change**

The IRS provided advance notice of an e-file watermark placement change on Form 2290 (Schedule 1 page). The e-filed watermark will be moved to no longer obstruct the listing of VINs. This change will reduce legibility issues for those reviewing Form 2290, Schedule 1. A valid form must be presented when attempting to register a vehicle. E-filed Schedule 1 baring the new placement of the e-file watermark may appear much different than prior watermarked Schedule 1s. This change is expected to take place prior to July 1, 2025, before July renewals. Please see the attached draft example.

### **Stolen TX Title Stock; Cloned Vehicles**

In November 2024, the State of Texas discovered a box of secure title stock was stolen (2,000 sheets). The control numbers ranged from 13719001 to 13721000. Iowa has had two cloned vehicles identified that came in on this title stock. It looks legitimate because it is on the secure paper, but the information is fraudulent. Please contact your investigator, if you receive a Texas title with a control number in this range, as the title is invalid.

### **Few Montana Titles May Have Typo**

On March 17, 2025, Montana went live with a new title and registration system, CARS. Titles Issued on March 17th, 18th, and 19th had a typo in the address line of the seller section, where inadvertently "City" also appeared in the "Zip code" line. These issued titles are acceptable and should not be rejected.

<b>SELLER COMPLETES IN INK</b>	As the Registered Owner of the above vehicle, I transfer all right, title and interest to the vehicle to the following person, as of the date below:			
	Print name of buyer, whether individual or business			Date of Transfer (delivery of vehicle)
	Buyer's Street Address		City	State      City
	Federal and state law require that the owner state the mileage of a vehicle upon transfer of ownership. If you fail to complete this disclosure or provide a false statement, you may be subject to fines and/or imprisonment. I state that this (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> 5 or <input type="checkbox"/> 6 digit odometer now reads (no tenths) _____ miles, date read _____ and to the best of my knowledge it reflects the actual mileage unless one of the following statements is checked:			
	<b>DO NOT CHECK UNLESS APPLICABLE:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The odometer reading reflects the amount of mileage in excess of its mechanical limits. <input type="checkbox"/> The odometer reading is not the actual mileage. Warning - odometer discrepancy.			
<b>ALL OWNERS MUST SIGN</b> - Additional owners are listed to the right of the first owner above. Under penalty of law, I certify the above odometer disclosure and transfer of ownership information is correct to the best of my knowledge; that I am the same person named above; and if signing for a business entity or trust, I have full authority to act upon behalf of the owner, whose name appears on the upper left side of this Title.				

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