

Real-Time Motor Vehicle Registration Search

The Real-Time Motor Vehicle Registration Search provides current information on a vehicle. Since Vehicle registrations are renewed each year, address information is often more up-to-date than other sources (such as driver license records).

The vehicle data returned from this query is only current information. No historical records are included.

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Restrictions

The Real-Time Motor Vehicle Registration Search is subject to DPPA restrictions. A DPPA permitted use must be selected prior to querying the data and results will be restricted in accordance with the regulations of the state(s) involved. Search results may also vary based on the type of search submitted and the data available from the state.

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Quick Start

First, try to find a business record using one or more of the following search techniques:

- Search using **Last Name**, **Street Address**, **City**, and **State** (or **Zip**).
- Search using **Last Name**, full address (Street Address, City, and State or Zip), **Year**, **Make**, and **Model**.
Note: The **Make** and **Model** drop down menu are not available until you have entered a Year.
- Search using **VIN**.
- Search with **Tag Number** and **State**.

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Search Tips

Reference

This may be an optional field depending on your company policy. It can be your case name or number. You can enter an alpha-numeric string. This information may be used to track all the searches for a case or for billing. For a normal user you will find Reference in the Comprehensive Report for person; for an administrator, you will find the Reference in the Activity and Billing Info.

Search by Last Name and Address

Since this search only uses current data, if you entered a previous address for a person, you will not find any vehicle record for that person.

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Results Display

Returned elements vary from state to state, but may include some or all of the following:

- Description - Short description of vehicle Year, Make, and Model
- VIN
- Registrant(s) information - Name, Address, Issue State, and Latest Registration Date.

Locate the Record in the Results List

Identify the proper records by carefully examining the information displayed. Make sure the record(s) you pick fits into what is known.

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Next Steps

There are a few things you can do with the results records. You can copy/print/email one or all records, export the results list to Excel, search deeper on elements with hyperlinks, and order a Motor Vehicle Report.

Copy/Print/Email the Record

To copy a record so you can paste it in another application,

1. Click the  icon to the most left of the record. The **Record Utilities** screen opens, with **Quick Links** box in the middle and the record information at the bottom in text format.
2. Highlight the record text and right click your mouse. Several options display.

3. Select **Copy**.
4. Open the application where you want to store the record and paste the text.

To print/email a record,

1. Click the  icon to the most left of the record. The **Record Utilities** screen opens, with **Quick Links** box in the middle and the record information at the bottom in text format.
2. From the **Quick Links** box, select either **Print** or **Email**.
3. If you select **Print**, your printer box will open up, from where you can print the selected record. If you select **Email**, your default email application will launch, with the record information auto populated in the content area. Just enter the recipient's email address and send the email.

To copy/print/email all records on the list,

1. Click the **All** link on top left. The **Record Utilities** screen opens, with **Quick Links** box in the middle and all the records information at the bottom in text format.
2. Copy/Print/Email the records as indicated above.

Export the Results List to Excel

Make sure you have Excel in your computer. If not exporting is not an option.

1. Click the **Export to Excel** link on the top right of the results list. The Download box pops up.
2. Check one of the two radio buttons to choose to download the records on the first page (records 1 to 25) or all of the records.
3. Click the Download button. The **File Download** prompt appears momentarily.
4. Click the Save button. The **Save As** dialog box displays with **File name** populated, and file extension as .csv (which is Excel compatible).
5. Accept the default **File name** or change it to another name as desired.
6. Click the Save button again.

You can later open the .csv file in Excel and then save it as an .xls file.

Search Deeper

In the results list, Name/Company Name, Address, VIN, and Tag Number contain links for further searches.

1. Click the desired link. A **Search Selection** box opens that contains all the possible options for further searches.
Note: The search options vary depending on the element you pick for further searches. For example, the **Search Selection** box has more options for an address than for a VIN.
2. Make a selection from the **Search Selection** screen. The system automatically performs the search selected and populates the results.

Order Reports

You can obtain more data of a vehicle by ordering a Real-Time Motor Vehicle Registration Report.

To order, click the **Run Real-Time Motor Vehicle Registration Report** link or the icon . The report opens in a new window in a matter of seconds.

Note: Since it is real-time, the report is not saved in the Reports Manager.

A Real-Time Motor Vehicle Registration Report will provide you with the following information:

- State Of Origin
- VIN
- **Vehicle Description** which includes:
 - Description
 - Engine
 - Net Weight
 - Anti-lock Brakes
 - Air Conditioning
 - Daytime Running Lights
 - Power Steering
 - Power Brakes
 - Power Windows
 - Security System
 - Roof
 - Base Price
 - Radio
 - Front Wheel Drive
 - Four Wheel Drive
 - Tilt Wheel
- **Registrant(s)** which includes:
 - Name (Full name)
 - Address (Full address)
 - **Registration Information**
 - Latest Registration Date
 - Expiration Date

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