

Registration and Title System

RTS- County Release Notes

Release 25.1

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Version	Date	Description	Author
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About the Release

These Release Notes contain information about new features, enhancements, and reported issues resolved in this release of the Registration and Title System Point of Sale (RTS POS).



Release Notes are located under the **Release Notes & Support** tab on the TAC Hub (www.txdmv.gov/tax-assessor-collectors).

RTS POS Overview

The refactored RTS POS is a web-based application designed to process vehicle registrations, titles, and temporary permits for Texas motorists. RTS POS provides functions for cash accounting, funds allocations, and a full audit trail along with inventory control for license plates, windshield/plate stickers, and temporary permits.

Getting Help

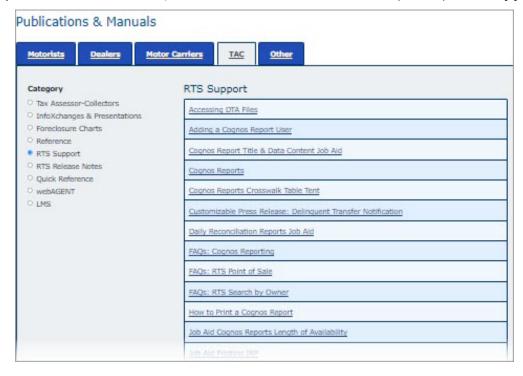
When logged in to the RTS POS, you can display reference information about using the RTS POS and get specific application-level help.

- To get application-level help, click **Help** on the page you are viewing.
- To see the entire user assistance web site, select Help > User Guide on the main page menu bar.



Additional Resources

For additional resources for the RTS POS, see the TAC hub (<u>www.txdmv.gov/tax-assessor-collectors</u>). Open the **Resources** tab, select **Publications & Manuals | TAC | RTS Support**.





Summary of Enhancements

- COG-615 Enhance the existing COGNOS Fee Type Funds Report to search by account item description.
- COG-630 HB 3297 Impacted Financial Reports (New inspection fees).
- RRTS-35880 For willing and statutorily required renewal and private party title transactions emissions inspection verification is determined by the residence county.
- RRTS-35884 IVTRS Updates-Validate the county selected against the county displayed on the registration sticker.
- RRTS-35890 Update the Status Change Event Inspection Status for out-of-state vehicles requiring emissions testing.
- RRTS-35893 RTS Timed Permits Remove all inspection requirements to allow permit issuance effective January 1, 2025.
- RRTS-35985 Create a new emissions fee code "Emissions Inspection Fee."
- RRTS-36077 Dealer (GDN) Title Transfer Transactions.
- RRTS-36102 WebSUB Updates Validate county of residence for emissions inspection requirements.
- RRTS-36108 Remove the out-of-state "VERIFY INSPECTION" remark from records for all non-commercial vehicles located in non-emission counties.
- RRTS-36112 Disable VIN CERTIFICATION WAIVED Checkbox.
- RRTS-36206 Created a new "Affidavit Exempt Reasons INS002" page launched from the "INS001" screen in POS.
- RRTS-36419 Update the Status Change Event Dealer Sale Out-of-State (OOS).
- RRTS-36420 IVTRS Update Remove the self-certification page for travel trailers.
- RRTS-36461 Charge an "Inspection Replacement Fee" in place of the current inspection fee for all non-commercial vehicles.
- RRTS-36466 "MOBILITY / CLEAN AIR FEE" has been renamed to "INSPECTION REPLACEMENT FEE"
- RRTS-36467 Updates to the Inspection Code Type list.
- RRTS-36859 Capture the Title Control Number in the Title Event for Reporting Purposes.
- RRTS-36294 TAMU Univ Texarkana Collegiate State Specialty License Plate
- RRTS-36315 Guadalupe Mountains National Park State plate RRTS-36419 Update the Status Change Event Dealer Sale OOS.
- RRTS-36493 Premium Embossed Carbon Fiber (Vendor) Specialty License Plate
- RRTS-36437 Embossed Black & White Vendor Specialty License Plate



Enhancements in RTS POS 25.1

COGNOS Reports

COG-615

Enhance the existing COGNOS - Fee Type Funds Report to search by account item description.

COGNOS - Fee Type Funds Report, enhancement allows for an optional dropdown menu selection to search by a specific account item code description and not by account item code alone.

COG-630 HB 3297 - Impacted Financial Reports (New inspection fees).

HB3297 inspection fee changes have an impact on the following financial reports.

- 1. Out of State eTag Payment Report
- 2. Fee Collection and Distribution Report
- 3. Countywide Breakdown Funds Collected
- 4. Week/Month to Date Fees report
- 5. Fee Type Funds Report
- 6. Daily USAS Transaction Code Report
- 7. Daily [County/Region] FTP Electronic Funds Transfers Report
- 8. Funds Remittance Report
- 9. Hot Check Status Report
- 10. Late Remittance Report
- 11. RSC Financial Report
- 12. E-Pay Deposits / Refund Notification Report
- 13. VTR Funds Adjustment Report



RTS Tickets

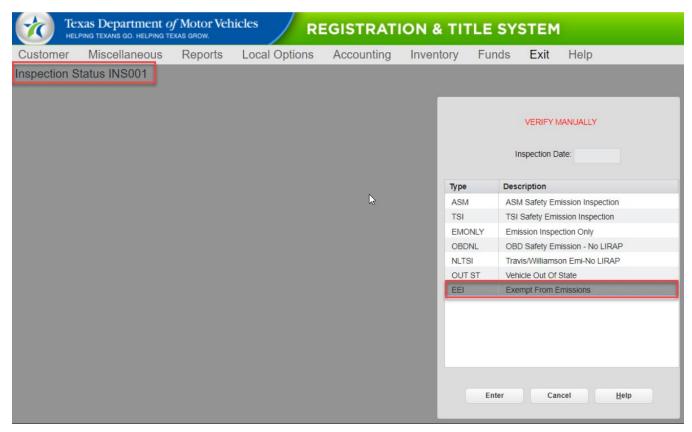
RRTS-35880

For willing and statutorily required renewal and private party title transactions emissions inspection verification is determined by the residence county.

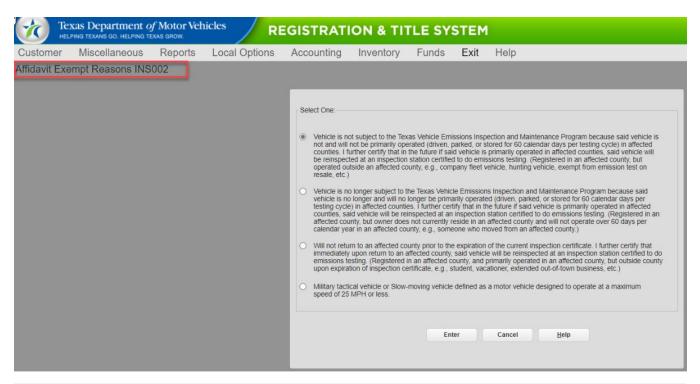
In RTS for renewals and private party title transactions NOT associated with a dealer GDN the emissions inspection requirements will be based on the residence county.

If no emissions inspection is found in the inspection database, and the customer is not exempt from the emissions inspection the clerk will need to manually verify the emissions inspection has been completed and select the appropriate emissions inspection on the Inspection Status INS001 screen.

If the customer is exempt from the emissions inspection due to a qualifying affidavit exempt reason or exempt vehicle class option, the clerk will select the new "EEI – Exempt from Emissions" on the INS001 screen to prompt the new "Affidavit Exempt Reasons" INS002 screen for a manual selection of an affidavit exempt reason. Upon selection of the appropriate affidavit exemption reason the clerk will continue processing the renewal and verify the emission fee was not displayed or collected. The clerk will also verify the \$7.50 Inspection Replacement Fee displays and is collected for non-commercial vehicles who were previously subject to a safety inspection.











IVTRS Updates - Validate the county selected against the county displayed on the registration sticker.

In IVTRS, upon renewal, the county of residence the customer selects must match the address on their registration sticker so that if the address is not on record, we can obtain a current and valid address to determine whether the customers live in an emissions county. Texas residents who live in emissions counties must obtain a passing emissions inspection and pay the applicable \$2.75 Emissions Inspection Fee prior to renewing registration unless exempt from emissions inspection.





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If the customer is exempt from the emissions inspection due to being out-ofstate, a qualifying affidavit exempt reason or an exempt vehicle class option, the customer will manually select a reason on the new "Registration Renewal: Affidavit Exempt Reasons" page.

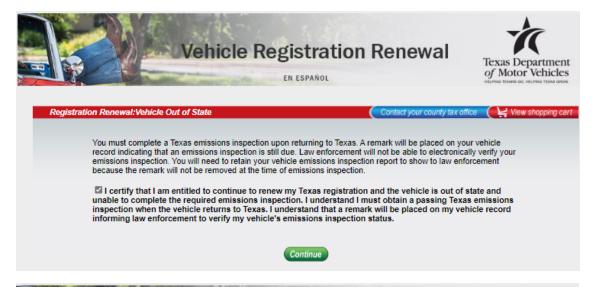




If an applicable affidavit exempt reason is selected the customer will continue processing the renewal. The \$7.50 Inspection Replacement Fee displays and is collected for non-commercial vehicles who were previously subject to a safety inspection. Customers that fall under one of the new affidavit exempt reasons will not be charged the Emission Inspection Fee unless a passing emissions test is found in the inspection database. If an Affidavit Exempt Reason is selected it will be retained in our records for reporting purposes.

Customers who attest that they are out-of-state at the time of renewal will be charged the \$7.50 Inspection Replacement Fee. Customers who are out-of-state at the time of renewal must certify that they will obtain a passing emissions testing when they return to Texas. A "VERIFY INSPECTION" remark will be placed on the customer motor vehicle record requiring an emissions inspection to be completed and the payment of the applicable \$2.75 Emissions Inspection Fee upon returning to Texas.







Customers who select "None of these apply" on the "Registration Renewal: Affidavit Exempt Reasons" page will be shown with the following hard stop error message and will not be able to complete their registration renewal online:

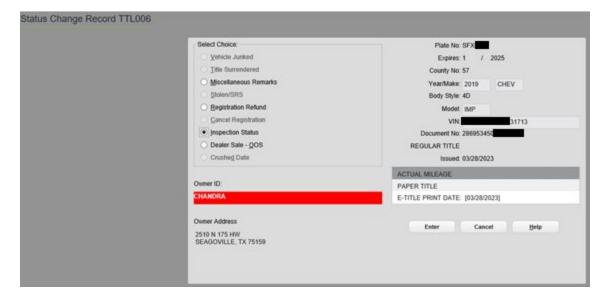




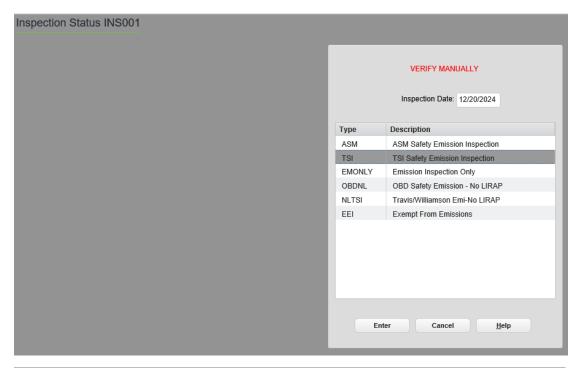


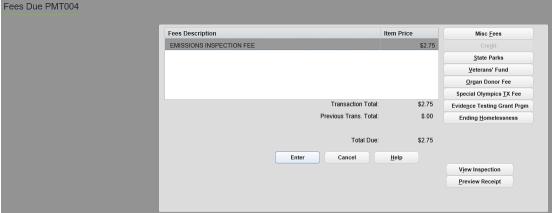
Update the Status Change Event - Inspection Status for out-of-state vehicles requiring emissions testing.

Customers who previously certified they were out-of-state at the time of renewal and live in an emissions county must obtain a current passing emissions inspection upon returning to Texas to remove the "VERIFY INSPECTION" remark off their motor vehicle record. Once the customer has obtained the current passing emissions inspection the clerk will process the transaction in the Status Change event. The clerk will select the Inspection Status radio button on the "Status Change Record TTL006" screen and select the appropriate emissions inspection type on the "INS001" screen. The clerk will verify the \$2.75 Emissions Inspection Fee is charged. Upon completion of the emissions inspection requirement the "VERIFY INSPECTION" remark will be removed from the customers motor vehicle record.











RRTS-35893

RTS Timed Permits - Remove all inspection requirements to allow permit issuance effective January 1, 2025.

The inspection requirements have been removed within the system for the following permits:

- factory delivery permits
- One-trip permits
- 72-hr permits
- 144-hr permit
- 30-day permits

The department will no longer require inspection verification to process the permit transaction.



Create a new emissions fee code - "Emissions Inspection Fee."

The new "Emissions Inspection Fee" code & description is displayed, and the system will charge a fee of \$2.75 on payments screen and receipts when an emissions inspection is required.

In instances where an emissions inspection is required but the emissions inspection is not found in the inspection database the clerk may need to manually select the applicable emissions inspection type on the "INS001" screen.

The system is programmed to automatically charge the \$2.75 Emissions Inspection Fee if any of the following inspection types are selected:

- 1. TSI
- 2. ASM
- 3. OBD
- 4. EMONLY
- 5. TSIOBD
- 6. OBDNL
- 7. NLTSI

Гуре	Description
ASM	ASM Safety Emission Inspection
TSI	TSI Safety Emission Inspection
EMONLY	Emission Inspection Only
OBDNL	OBD Safety Emission - No LIRAP
NLTSI	Travis/Williamson Emi-No LIRAP
OUT ST	Vehicle Out Of State
EEI	Exempt From Emissions



RRTS-36077 Dealer (GDN) Title Transfer Transactions.

Effective January 1, 2025, dealers submitting an application for title with registration for non-commercial vehicles are required to obtain a current passing emissions inspection within 180 days of the sale date and pay the \$2.75 Emissions Inspection Fee, if the vehicle is sold by a dealer in one of the 17 emissions counties.

For dealer title transactions processed in the purchaser, dealer, or lienholder county (statutory county) the emissions inspection requirement and verification are based on the processing county location. For dealer title transactions processed in any other county, the emissions inspection requirement is based on the dealer's county. Emissions inspections are still required in the following Texas counties:

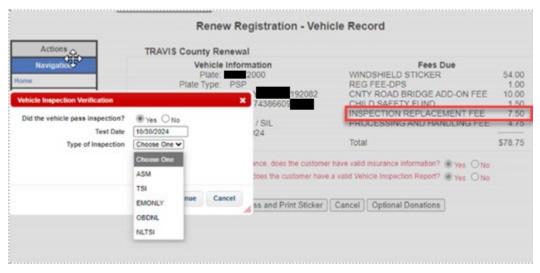
- 1. Brazoria 20
- 2. Collin 43
- 3. Dallas 57
- 4. Denton 61
- 5. Ellis 70
- 6. El Paso 71
- 7. Fort Bend 79
- 8. Galveston 84
- 9. Harris 101
- 10. Johnson 126
- 11. Kaufman 129
- 12. Montgomery 170
- 13. Parker 184
- 14. Rockwall 199
- 15. Tarrant 220
- 16. Travis 227
- 17. Williamson 246



WebSUB Updates - Validate county of residence for emissions inspection requirements.

When a customer resides in any one (1) of the seventeen (17) emissions counties an emissions inspection is required and must be obtained prior to registration renewal.

webSUB has been programmed to charge the \$2.75 Emissions Inspection Fee if an emissions inspection is found electronically in the inspection database in both emissions and non-emissions counties. If an emissions inspection is required but not found electronically in the inspection database, the clerk will utilize the manual verification process.





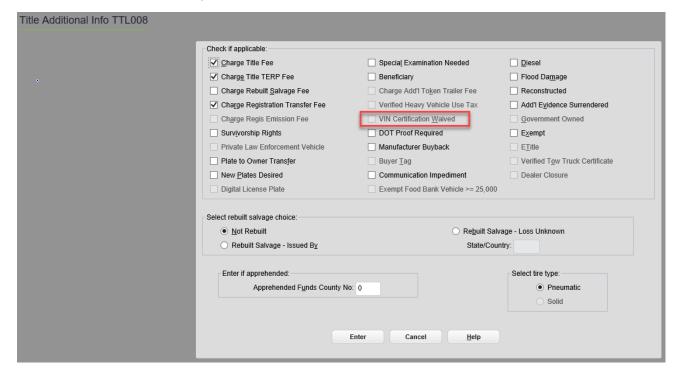


Remove the out-of-state "VERIFY INSPECTION" remark from records for all non-commercial vehicles located in non-emission counties.

The out-of-state "VERIFY INSPECTION" remark has been removed from registration records for all non-commercial vehicles located in non-emission counties where verification of the inspection is no longer required.

RRTS-36112 Disable VIN CERTIFICATION WAIVED Checkbox.

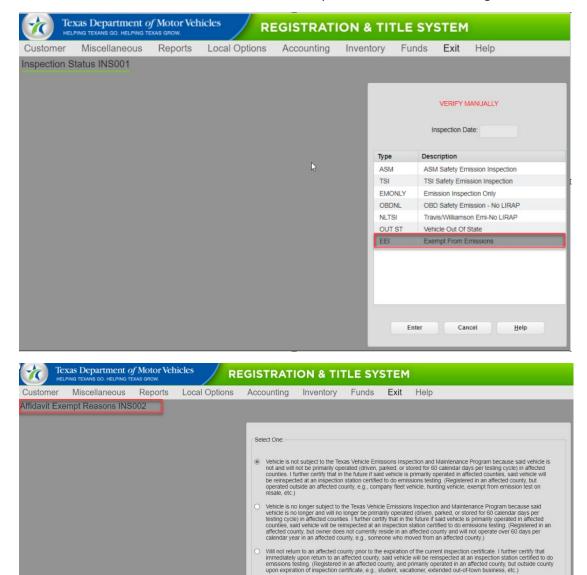
The VIN CERTIFICATION WAIVED checkbox on the TTL008 screen will be disabled for all title application events to prevent the addition of the remark to vehicle records for vehicles last registered and/or titled out of state or out of the country.





Created a new "Affidavit Exempt Reasons INS002" page launched from the "INS001" screen in POS.

When the emissions inspection is not required due to a qualifying affidavit exempt reason or exempt vehicle class option, and the emissions inspection is NOT found electronically in the inspection database, the "INS001" screen has been updated with the new "EEI - Exempt from Emissions" option for selection. The new "Affidavit Exempt Reasons INS002" screen pops up for selection of the reason the customer is exempt from emissions testing.



Military tactical vehicle or Slow-moving vehicle defined as a motor vehicle designed to operate at a maximum speed of 25 MPH or less.

Cancel

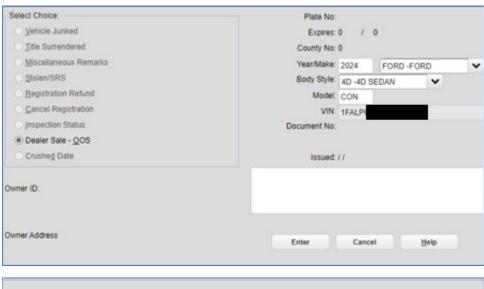


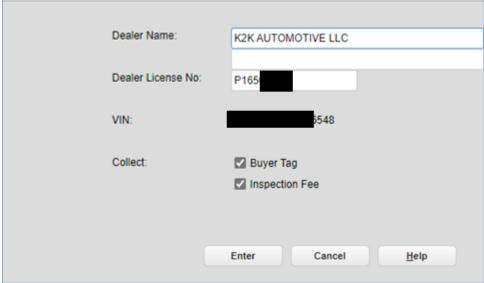
RRTS-36419 Update the Status Change Event - Dealer Sale Out-of-State (OOS).

RTS accommodates for the collection of the Emissions Inspection Fee, Inspection Replacement Fee and Buyers Tag Fee, as needed, if a dealer opts not to submit the payment of the fees using the eTAG system, upon completing the initial out-of-state sale.

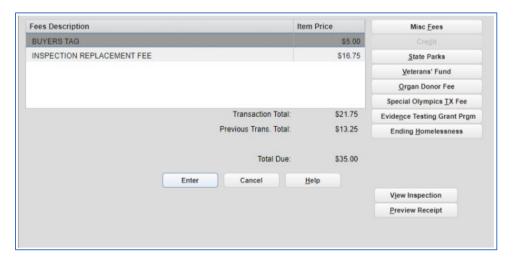
New Vehicle:

Customers who are out-of-state and purchase a new vehicle from a dealership in Texas will be charged the applicable \$16.75 (2-year) Inspection Replacement Fee.



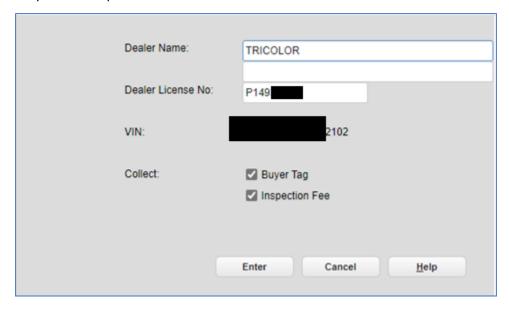






Used Vehicle:

Customers who are out-of-state and purchase a used vehicle from a Texas dealership located in an emissions county are required to have an emission inspection and pay the applicable \$2.75 Emissions Inspection Fee and \$7.50 Inspection Replacement Fee.







RRTS-36420 IVTRS Update - Remove the self-certification page for travel trailers.

IVTRS has been updated to remove the self-certification page for travel trailers due to the state inspection program being eliminated for all non-commercial vehicles statewide. With the state inspection program being eliminated, travel trailers will no longer be required to self-certify the trailer is in safe and proper working condition.



RRTS-36461 Charge an "Inspection Replacement Fee" in place of the current inspection fee for all non-commercial vehicles.

Effective January 1, 2025, the state inspection program is being eliminated for non-commercial vehicles statewide. This means all non-commercial vehicles will no longer be required to obtain a vehicle safety inspection prior to registration.

Owners of previously registered vehicles will pay an annual Inspection Replacement Fee of \$7.50. This fee will continue to be paid in addition to the vehicle registration fee.

Owners of new vehicles (current or preceding model year), that have not been previously registered in Texas or another state, will pay an initial Inspection Replacement Fee of \$16.75. Applicants who pay the \$16.75 fee are not required to pay the annual fee of \$7.50 for the same vehicle during the following registration year.



"MOBILITY / CLEAN AIR FEE" has been renamed to "INSPECTION REPLACEMENT FEE"

Currently, trailers, semitrailers, pole trailers, and mobile homes that have a gross weight or registered gross weight of more than 4,500 pounds but no more than 7,500 pounds are required to pay an annual fee (at registration) of \$7.50 per Section 548.510, Transportation Code, in lieu of paying such a fee to the State for previously required safety inspections of these vehicles. In RTS, this fee is currently identified with the account item code description "MOBILITY / CLEAN AIR FEE."

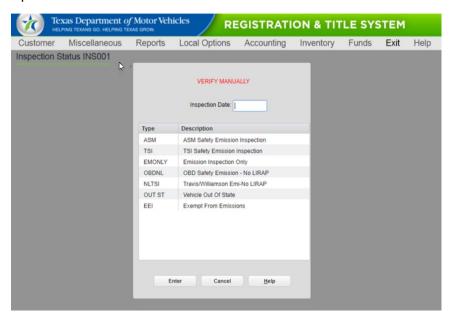
"MOBILITY / CLEAN AIR FEE" will no longer be used to record incoming money after 12/31/2024. Vehicle types currently subject to the use of the "MOBILITY / CLEAN AIR FEE" will continue to pay the \$7.50 annual fee, under the new name of "Inspection Replacement Fee."

RRTS-36467 Updates to the Inspection Code Type list.

The "INS001" screen has been updated to show current and valid inspection code types effective January 1, 2025. If the applicant is required to obtain an emissions inspection and the emissions inspection is not found electronically in the inspection database a manual selection on the "INS001" screen is required.

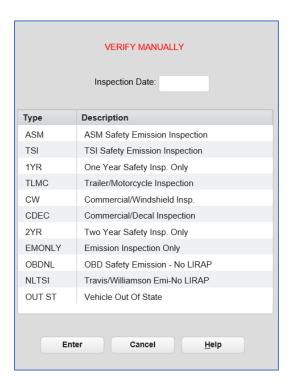
Selection of any of the valid inspection code types on the "INS001" screen satisfy the required emissions inspection. The clerk should select the valid inspection type that is captured on the Vehicle Inspection Report (VIR).

Updated INS001 screen:



Previous INS001 screen:

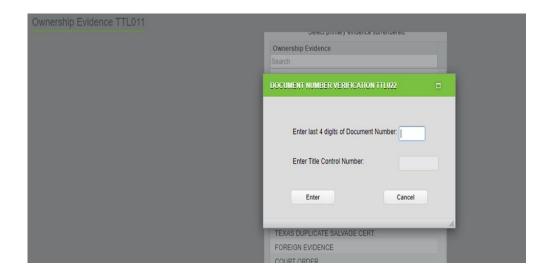


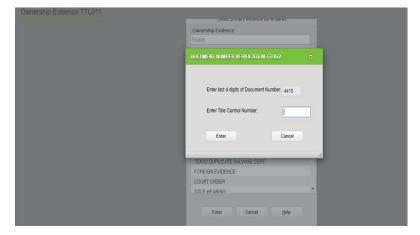




Capture the Title Control Number in the Title Event for Reporting Purposes.

After entering the last 4 digits of a valid document number, users must enter the title control number in a title event on the "Evidence of Ownership TTL011" screen if the surrendered evidence of ownership is a certified copy of Texas title (CCO).



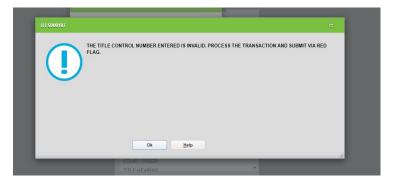


If the title control number field is left blank and the user selects enter the following error message will display and the user will be required to enter the title control number.





If the title control number entered is identified to be one of the control numbers that went missing and deemed invalid, the following message will display and if processed, a legal restraint will be placed on the record. All transactions involving a CCO with an invalid title control number must be sent for review through the red flag process.





License Plates

RRTS-36294

TAMU Univ - Texarkana - Collegiate State Specialty License Plate

The new Collegiate Texas A&M University Texarkana plate has a 7-character limit and is a non-vendor plate available for purchase for the following Registration Classes.

25, 26 PASSENGER

Application VTR-228 / Renewal Fee: \$30

Special plate fee: \$8 year

Replacement Fee: \$6



12 X 6" full size plate

Show your school pride and help fund scholarships by displaying collegiate license plates on your vehicle. The fee for college/university plates is \$30, with \$22 going to Texas A&M University Texarkana for scholarships for students who demonstrate a need for financial assistance.

RRTS-36315

Guadalupe Mountains National Park - State plate

The Guadalupe Mountain National Park state plate is a non-vendor plate available for purchase at the County TAC office(s), TxDMV HQ, RSC or MyPlates.com. This plate can be placed on a passenger car or truck, a moped or motorcycle, a trailer or travel trailer, and a private bus up to a 7-character limit.

Application VTR-999 / Renewal Fee: \$30

Special plate fee: \$8 year

Replacement Fee: \$8





12 X 6" full size plate



7 x 4" MC plate

From the \$30 specialty plate fee, \$22 goes to support the El Paso Community Foundation, for purposes including trail and other park improvements, youth programs, interpretation, habitat conservation, site and species recovery, and historic preservation.

RRTS-36493

Premium Embossed - Carbon Fiber (Vendor) Specialty License Plate

Premium Embossed - Carbon Fiber - Vendor SLP



The Premium Embossed Carbon Fiber specialty plate is now available for the public to buy in the MyPlates.com program as a category E (embossed personalized) and a category S (embossed background only):

Passenger Plate Only up to 8 characters and 8 bytes.

	One year	Three-year	Five-year
PLPS346 Background	\$125.00	\$205.00	\$250.00
PLPE346 Personalized	\$270.00	\$520.00	\$570.00

25, 26	PASSENGER <=6000, PASSENGER >6000
35, 36	TRUCK-LESS <=1 TON, TRUCK >1 TON
20, 22	MOPED, MOTORCYCLE
37, 38	TRAILER, TRAVEL TRAILER
28, 41	PRIVATE BUS <=6000; PRIVATE BUS >6000





Embossed - Black & White - Vendor Specialty License Plate

Embossed - Black & White - Vendor SLP

The Premium Embossed Black & White vendor specialty plate is now available for the public to buy in the MyPlates.com program as a category E (embossed personalized) and a category S (embossed background only):

Passenger Plate Only up to 8 characters and 8 bytes.



	One year	Three-year	Five-year
PLPS346 Background	\$125.00	\$205.00	\$250.00
PLPE346 Personalized	\$270.00	\$520.00	\$570.00



Defects Addressed in RTS POS 25.1 Summary of Defects

ID	Description
RRTS-33549	Error on attempting to complete POS Permit transaction w/ Spanish Characters in Business Name: This defect addresses correcting the long input field when the clerk types a non-English character + 29 other characters.

ID	Description
RRTS-36332	2nd and 3rd Lien holder details are not showing up if the 1st Lien data is missing in the table: If the 1st Lien is not available in the TTL_PE_NA (lien data table), then the 2nd and 3rd Lien data is not displaying in TLETS and MVDI. This issue is only applicable for TLETS and MVDI but works fine in Core online. This happens only in the lower environments and not Production.