

## Historical – Model Year



<b>Org Code:</b>	N/A
<b>Revised Code:</b>	4503.181
<b>Link in BASS:</b>	HISTORICAL
<b>Eligible vehicle classes:</b>	All
<b>Eligible reserve types:</b>	N/A - Plate is provided by applicant
<b>Cost:</b>	A one-time fee of \$10.00 is charged for the issuance of a Historical plate if one is not already on record. There is no additional cost to display a model year plate.

Model year plates allow an owner of any historical vehicle to display a plate issued the same year as the vehicle model year in place of the Historical plate. There are two types of model year plates:

- Plates that display the expiration year as a part of the plate, which were issued through the end of 1974, with exception to 1942 and 1951.
- Plate colors that were issued or displayed during the same year as the historical vehicle model year but do not display the expiration year as a part of the plate, which were issued 1975 and after with a validation sticker that displayed the

expiration year (validation sticker with year is not required for the plate to be used as a model year plate).

### **Applicant requirements**

The applicant/vehicle must meet all of the following requirements:

- The vehicle must qualify for Historical plate registration.
- The applicant must already have or must obtain Historical plate registration.
- The applicant must provide their own model year plate to display on the vehicle in place of the Historical plate.
- The applicant must complete and submit the BMV 4853, *Historical “Model Year” License Plate Affidavit*.
- The applicant must complete and submit the BMV 4806, *Application and Affidavit for Historical License Plates*, if the customer does not already have Historical plate registration.
- The applicant must submit a color photocopy of the model year plate or plates.

### **Additional Information**

- A model year plate must meet all the following requirements:
  - Authentic and issued by Ohio, excluding plates issued specifically for county, state, or other government use;
  - Legible and in a serviceable condition (able to be used); and
  - Issued or used the same year as the vehicle model year. See the “Color Combinations for Ohio License Plates” table beginning on the next page for valid plate colors used each year.

- **Issuing a model year registration in BASS**

If the applicant already has Historical plate registration, issue a Duplicate transaction and enter the model year plate number on the *Vehicle Information* page.

If the applicant is applying for Historical and model year registration at the same time, perform a transaction that includes a New or Exchange to issue the

Historical plate registration and enter the model year plate number on the *Vehicle Information* page during that transaction.

- Keep the completed BMV form(s) and the color photocopy of the plate(s) with the Deputy Registrar copy of the vehicle registration application.
- Validation stickers and county stickers are not applicable. Stickers displayed on a model year plate are not recorded by the BMV.
- A model year plate must be displayed on the vehicle and the Historical plate and registration must be in the vehicle at all times.



## OHIO PASSENGER RUN, 1908–1995



YEAR	BACKGROUND	NUMERALS	MATERIAL	REMARKS
1908	Blue	White	Porcelain & Steel	No Year on Plate
1909	Blue	White	Porcelain & Steel	No Year on Plate
1910	Red Woodgrain	White	Porcelain & Steel	
1911	White	Black	Porcelain & Steel	
1912	Ivory	Green	Steel	Flat Plate
1913	Ivory	Maroon	Steel	Flat Plate
1914	Ivory	Red	Steel	Flat Plate
1915	Yellow	Black	Steel	Flat Plate
1916	Black	White	Steel	Flat Plate
1917	Orange	Black	Steel	Flat Plate
1918	Dark Green	Light Blue	Steel	Embossed Plates Began
1919	Maroon	White	Steel	
1920	Dark Blue	White	Steel	
1921	Green	White	Steel	
1922	White	Blue	Steel	
1923	Gray	Red	Steel	
1924	Dark Blue	White	Steel	
1925	Ivory	Black	Steel	
1926	Brown	White	Steel	
1927	Gray	Black	Steel	
1928	Navy Blue; Black is also acceptable	White	Steel	
1929	Light Green	Black	Steel	
1930	Red	White	Steel	
1931	Gray	Black	Steel	
1932	Dark Blue	White	Steel	
1933	Orange	Black	Steel	
1934	Red	White	Steel	
1935	Black	Yellow	Steel	
1936	White	Blue	Steel	
1937	White	Maroon	Steel	
1938	White	Black	Steel	"150 Anniv. N.W. Terr." w/Covered Wagon
1939	White	Blue	Steel	
1940	Dark Blue	White	Steel	
1941	Maroon	White	Steel	
1942	White	Dark Green	Steel	
1943	1942 Plates and Red Windshield Sticker			
1944	Dark Blue	White	Steel	Only One Plate Issued
1945	White	Dark Blue	Steel	Only One Plate Issued
1946	White	Red	Steel	Only One Plate Issued

YEAR	BACKGROUND	NUMERALS	MATERIAL	REMARKS
1947	Dark Green	White	Steel	
1948	Lemon Yellow	Black	Steel & Aluminum	
1949	Black	Lemon Yellow	Aluminum	
1950	Yellow	Black	Aluminum	
1951	Dark Blue	White	Steel	
1952	1951 Plates and Blue Windshield Sticker			
1953	Dark Green	Lemon Yellow	Steel	One Plate Issued. 1803-1953 - 150 Yrs Statehood
1954	Maroon	White	Steel	
1955	Dark Blue	White	Steel	
1956	Dark Green	White	Steel	Standardized 6"x12" Plates Began
1957	Maroon	White	Steel	
1958	Blue	White	Steel	
1959	White	Red	Steel	
1960	Gold	Blue	Steel	
1961	Green	White	Steel	
1962	Maroon	White	Steel	
1963	Dark Blue	White	Steel	
1964	Dark Green	White	Steel	
1965	White	Red	Steel	
1966	Red	White	Steel	
1967	Medium Blue	White	Steel	
1968	White	Red	Steel	
1969	White	Blue	Steel	
1970	Gray	Scarlet	Steel	
1971	Yellow	Black	Steel	
1972	Blue	Gold	Steel	
1973	Green	White	Steel	"Seat Belts Fastened?"
1974	White	Green	Steel	"Seat Belts Fastened?"
1975	1974 Plates with Validation Sticker			
1976 - 1979	White	Red	Aluminum	No Year on Plate Began
1980 - 1984	White	Blue	Steel	
1985 - 1990	White	Green	Steel	TK/TL Plates have Red Numerals
1991 - 1995	White	Blue	Steel	"Heart of It All"
1996 – 1998	White	Blue	Steel	"Heart of It All"
	Gold (White at top fades to Gold on bottom)	Dark Blue	Steel	"Heart of It All"
1998 - 2000	White	Blue	Steel	"Heart of It All"
	Gold (White at top fades to Gold on bottom)	Dark Blue	Steel	"Heart of It All" or "Birthplace of Aviation"



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2001 - 2003	Gold (White at top fades to Gold on bottom)	Dark Blue	Steel	"Heart of It All" or "Birthplace of Aviation"
	Bicentennial (White, red/blue bars on top/bottom, Bicent. logo)	Dark Blue	Steel	"Ohio Bicentennial" / "Birthplace of Aviation"
2004 - 2008	Gold (White at top fades to Gold on bottom)	Dark Blue	Steel	"Heart of It All" or "Birthplace of Aviation"
	Bicentennial (White, red/blue bars on top/bottom, Bicent. logo)	Dark Blue	Steel	"Ohio Bicentennial" / "Birthplace of Aviation"
	Sunburst (White, blue sunburst, red/blue bars on top/bottom)	Dark Blue	Steel	"Birthplace of Aviation"
2009 - 2012	Gold (White at top fades to Gold on bottom)	Dark Blue	Steel	"Heart of It All" or "Birthplace of Aviation"
	Bicentennial (White, red/blue bars on top/bottom, Bicent. logo)	Dark Blue	Steel	"Ohio Bicentennial" / "Birthplace of Aviation"
	Sunburst (White, blue sunburst, red/blue bars on top/bottom)	Dark Blue	Steel	"Birthplace of Aviation"
	Beautiful Ohio (Landscape at bottom, blue sky at top)	Dark Blue	Steel	"Beautiful Ohio, Birthplace of Aviation"
2013 - 2021	Gold (White at top fades to Gold on bottom)	Dark Blue	Steel	"Heart of It All" or "Birthplace of Aviation"
	Bicentennial (White, red/blue bars on top/bottom, Bicent. logo)	Dark Blue	Steel	"Ohio Bicentennial" / "Birthplace of Aviation"
	Sunburst (White, blue sunburst, red/blue bars on top/bottom)	Dark Blue	Steel	"Birthplace of Aviation"
	Beautiful Ohio (Landscape at bottom, blue sky at top)	Dark Blue	Steel	"Beautiful Ohio, Birthplace of Aviation"
	Ohio Pride (White with gray slogans, red chevron at top)	Dark Blue	Steel	"Birthplace of Aviation"
	Ohio Pride (White with gray slogans, red chevron at top)	Dark Blue	Aluminum	"Birthplace of Aviation"
2022 - Present	Bicentennial (White, red/blue bars on top/bottom, Bicent. logo)	Dark Blue	Steel	"Ohio Bicentennial" / "Birthplace of Aviation"
	Sunburst (White, blue sunburst, red/blue bars on top/bottom)	Dark Blue	Steel	"Birthplace of Aviation"
	Beautiful Ohio (Landscape at bottom, blue sky at top)	Dark Blue	Steel	"Beautiful Ohio, Birthplace of Aviation"
	Ohio Pride (White with gray slogans, red chevron at top)	Dark Blue	Steel	"Birthplace of Aviation"
	Ohio Pride (White with gray slogans, red chevron at top)	Dark Blue	Aluminum	"Birthplace of Aviation"
	Sunrise in Ohio (Sunrise over Ohio landscape)	Dark Blue	Aluminum	"Birthplace of Aviation"