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Motor Vehicle Color

Counties are not to use or accept title applications where the vehicle color is identified as "multicolor" or "unknown", unless it is absolutely necessary to get a transaction done. Counties in communication with a dealer or customer need to figure out a valid color.

Vehicle color remains a critical identifier for law enforcement, supporting accurate identification during traffic stops, theft investigations, pursuits, and other enforcement activities.

Dealers/customers need to use the following standards when noting vehicle color for vehicles with more than one color on the applications.
1. Compliant option: Dealers/customers may use the majority color on a two-tone vehicle, or vehicles with more than one color. For example, this vehicle would be noted as red.



2. Better option: Dealers/customers may note the majority color on the application with a minority/secondary color on page 3 of the application. Counties have the ability in ARTS to note up to three colors, but the majority color will be listed as color 1. For example, the vehicle above would be noted as red on the application with color 2 as black noted on page 3 of the application.

As best practice in the extremely rare event that "unknown" is used for initial title and registration, counties need to add an exception case to ensure the color is still added to the vehicle record later, like during registration renewal.

New Disabled Veteran License Plate

Eligibility and Exchange Process

Customers who have already received DV qualification through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs are eligible to exchange their current DV plate for the new design at no charge. If a Disabled Veteran customer wishes to register a different qualifying vehicle, the customer shall provide the evidence to qualify that vehicle to a County Treasurer. Upon receipt of the DD214 and application, county offices will submit application materials to Vehicle Customer Services for review and subsequent DV characteristic in the system.

Please be reminded that only the Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) is authorized to add or remove the DV characteristic from a customer's record. County staff should not attempt to complete this in the system.

Discretionary Edits

If you submit a discretionary edit (DE) to the OVS General Queue, kindly await a response prior to processing the transaction. Should you have submitted it by mistake, please contact the VIP team via phone or email to request its removal from the queue.

Hawaii Joins NMVTIS

Hawaii has initiated the reporting to NMVTIS as of February 20, 2026. As a result, jurisdictions will have the capability to access Hawaii's data via NMVTIS.

Colorado Lost Title Paper

The state of Colorado reported a box of 2,000 sheets of title paper is missing. Please see attached memo from AAMVA.

Title Amendments on NMVTIS

Please send all necessary NMVTIS corrections to vehicle.central@iowadot.us

Thank you!

Reminder: Past newsletters can be located on the county vehicle resource site.

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