



INFORMATION FOR PICK-UP TRUCK OWNERS

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◆ Choice of Registering as Passenger or Commercial

Pick-up trucks with an unladen weight of **5,500 pounds or less**, that are used as a personal vehicle, may be registered in either the commercial or passenger class. In either case, you will pay a commercial registration fee, along with any commercial use tax applicable for your county (form MV-202C).

◆ Modified Pick-Up

If the pick-up truck, of any weight, **has been modified** (that is, the truck bed is completely and permanently enclosed by a camper top, and has seats, seat fittings or camping equipment mounted in the truck bed), it may be registered in the passenger class or commercial class, at the registrant's option.

◆ Pick-Up Not Modified

If the pick-up truck weighs **more than 5,500 pounds and has not been modified**, it must be registered in the commercial class. You must pay a commercial fee.

◆ Driving on Restricted-Use Roads

Registering in the passenger class allows you to drive the truck on roads and parkways in New York State that are restricted to non-commercial traffic only. In the past, most pick-up trucks had to be registered in the commercial class, meaning they could not be driven on these restricted-use roads.

◆ Is This Change Right For You?

Registering in the passenger class may not be appropriate for all pick-up truck owners. There are numerous **parking restrictions** in New York City with respect to passenger and commercial vehicles and plates. Any pick-up truck owner who often drives and parks in NYC should carefully consider whether or not registering in the passenger class will be helpful.

◆ Cost to Make the Change

If you decide to change the registration to the passenger class the fee is \$28.75. You must turn in your commercial plates, and affirm on the registration application that the pick-up truck weighs 5,500 pounds or less and does not have advertising anywhere on the truck. The truck may be covered by a tarp or cap.

If you are registering the truck for the first time, or are renewing your registration, you will pay \$25.00 for passenger plates, in addition to the regular registration fee.

◆ Custom Plates

In most cases, if the truck has commercial personalized custom plates, you can order the same custom plate in the passenger series. It will take about three weeks before you receive your personalized plates (and others made to order). Until then, you will keep your current commercial custom plates, but you will not be able to drive on the parkways until the new plates arrive. You will pay \$1.00 for a change of class transaction, plus the plate fee appropriate for your custom plate.

