



## Vehicle registration & licensing

### Multi-vehicle collector & other floater number plates

Law enforcement information systems return the registered owner's name when looking up a valid multi-vehicle number plate (floater plate), but may show little or no vehicle information. This bulletin describes how to get vehicle information related to a floater plate. It is not a notice of any changes.

#### Getting vehicle & owner information

Collector, farm, and industrial floater plates are issued with a schedule of vehicles to carry in the vehicle displaying the floater plate. The schedule details the vehicles included in the licence.

Law enforcement officials also can get vehicle and owner information for a floater plate by phoning ICBC's secure police line.

If a vehicle is pulled over at roadside after hours, ICBC assistance will be provided through the emergency queue (secure police line menu option 2.)

The ICBC secure phone line is normally available to police via their respective Operational Communications Centres (OCCs)/Police Dispatch Centres. OCCs and dispatch centres can gain access to use this phone line by contacting the Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC) BC/Yukon Field Operations at RCMP "E" Division headquarters in Surrey.

#### Collector floater plates

Multi-vehicle collector floater plates are imprinted with a small font "multi-vehicle" indicator, this distinguishes them from regular collector plates.



Collector plates for multi-vehicles / multi-motorcycles

The multi-vehicle collector licence allows the vehicle owner to display special floater plates on any collector or modified collector vehicle included in their licence.

Vehicles included under collector multi-vehicle licences are listed on a *Schedule of Vehicles* (refer to attached form MV1919B). The vehicle in use displays the plates and carries the MV1919B, the *Owner's Certificate of Insurance and Vehicle Licence* and the registration within the vehicle.

A smaller collector floater plate is issued exclusively for use on collector or modified collector motorcycles belonging to the same owner. The licence and vehicle owner records are administered in the same way as the multi-vehicle collector licence for other vehicles.

## Floater plates for farm and industrial fleets



Farm plate & farm fleet



Commercial plate & industrial fleet, pre-2008 series



Commercial plate & industrial fleet, 2008 onwards series

Although normally operated off highway, farm vehicles and industrial vehicles are sometimes grouped into a fleet licence.

One set of regular farm or commercial number plates are issued to the owner for use on any commercial vehicle (e.g. truck or tractor) listed in the fleet, for occasional operation on highway.

Although the plates can be displayed on other vehicles in the fleet, there is no “multi-vehicle” indicator on the licence plate itself.

A schedule of vehicles is included in the *Application for Farm/Industrial Fleet Licence* (refer to the attached MV1913.) The vehicle in use displays the plates and carries the MV1913, the *Owner's Certificate of Insurance and Vehicle Licence* and the registration.

Only the heaviest vehicle in the fleet is entered into ICBC's regular vehicle records system, consequently the record may not match the vehicle displaying the licence plate. However, as with the other floater plates, law enforcement officers seeking information about any farm or industrial fleet vehicle may phone ICBC's secure police line.

Operation of these fleet vehicles is subject to the limitations and conditions set out in the licence:

- farm fleet: licence is valid only on farm fleet vehicles owned and used by the same farmer, in the conveyance of personal property in connection with his farming industry. The licence is not valid for pleasure use.
- industrial fleet: licence valid only on vehicles belonging to the same owner and used by him in the conveyance of personal property in an industry carried on by that same owner. Not valid for pleasure use.

## Floater plates for non-scheduled vehicles

These floater plates are issued to persons who operate non-registered or non-licensed motor vehicles or trailers; no schedule of vehicles document is issued with these plates.



Floater plates associated with licences allowing operation of various vehicles



Information systems do not connect vehicle information to these floater plates, because they can be displayed on any vehicle when used as set out in statutes and in the vehicle licence conditions.

Here are guidelines for their use:

- Demonstration may be attached to any unlicensed vehicle for purposes relating to the business of selling motor vehicles or trailers, including (i) demonstration use by customer (for up to 48 hours with written consent) and (ii) personal use by the licence holder, their salespeople and members of the licence holder's and salesperson's households, but not for any commercial purpose that is not directly related to the sale of the vehicle;
- Transporter for delivery of another person's vehicle only by the licensee or their authorized employee, the vehicle must not carry freight for compensation;
- Repairer for operation or towing by the owner of a repairer's garage (or detailer), or by their employee/agent, for repairing, testing or rendering service incidental to repairing or testing related to the business;
- Manufacturer must be operated by licensee or an authorized employee of the manufacturer for road test or delivery, or for up to 4 days by the purchaser of the vehicle or their authorized employee, or any person if authorized by the manufacturer to deliver a trailer;

Trailer Floater is issued exclusively for commercial trailers and semi-trailers.

The vehicle in use displays the floater plate and the *Licence and Certificate of Insurance* is carried in the motor vehicle.

For more about these and other BC number plates, refer to [bulletin 4, Licence plates – behind the characters](#), available at [www.partners.icbc.com](http://www.partners.icbc.com) under "insurance services".

## Legislation and regulations

*Motor Vehicle Act*, sections 6(13) (trailer floater plates), 9 (industrial/farm floater plate), 12 (number plates), and 38, 41, 42, 44, 45, 48 (demonstration, repairer, transporter, and manufacturer floater plates)

Motor Vehicle Act Regulations, Divisions 3 (display and use of number plates) and 22A.04 (use of licence and number plates for multiple vehicles)

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Insurance Corporation of British Columbia

(Hereinafter called the Corporation)

SCHEDULE OF VEHICLES

THIS SCHEDULE FORMS PART OF THE COLLECTOR MULTI VEHICLE LICENCE AND CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE (MV1919)

OWNER'S NAME(S)

SURNAME FOLLOWED BY GIVEN NAME(S) IN FULL

Form for owner's name with a grid for text entry.

PAGE:

Table with 8 columns: REGISTRATION NUMBER, MODEL YEAR, MAKE, MODEL, BODY STYLE, VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION (SERIAL) NUMBER, DECLARED VALUE (MOTOR CYCLES ONLY). Rows numbered 1 to 25.



APPLICATION FOR FARM / INDUSTRIAL FLEET LICENCE

For Motor Vehicles used exclusively in industry carried on by the Applicant



Insurance Corporation of British Columbia

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Initial application, Renewal of fleet, Change, Addition to fleet, Deletion to fleet, Other

Form fields for Registered Owner's Name, Address, Plate Number, and ICBC Use Only (Approval and Expiry Dates).

Table with 7 columns: Year, Make, Body Style, Net, GW, VIN, Registration Number. Header: VEHICLES TO WHICH NUMBER PLATES WILL BE ATTACHED.

FULLY DESCRIBE THE TYPE OF INDUSTRY THE APPLICANT IS CONDUCTING, AND/OR ANY OTHER OPERATION THAT IS CONNECTED WITH THE INDUSTRY.

Motor Vehicle Act (Section 9, RSBC 1996 C.318) Special Licence for Motor Vehicles Used in Industry

- 9. (1) If 2 or more motor vehicles belonging to the same owner are registered under this Act and are used exclusively in the conveyance of personal property in an industry carried on by that owner...

Conditions

This application is made pursuant to Section 9 of the Motor Vehicle Act and pursuant to the Insurance (Vehicle) Act. This application and the conditions set out below shall form a part of the application to the Corporation for insurance in conjunction with this licence, if issued.

- a) the vehicles covered by the licence issued pursuant to this application will be used exclusively in the conveyance of property for the industry carried on by the owner
b) the vehicles are used and operated wholly for the purpose of the industry and are ordinarily used and operated on premises other than a highway
c) when necessary for the purpose of the industry one of those vehicles will occasionally be used or operated on the highway; but only one of those motor vehicles shall be operated at any one time on the highway
d) a licence issued under Section 9 of the Motor Vehicle Act is not in force during any time the vehicle is operated for personal use by the owner...

I declare that the information contained in this application is true, correct and complete, and that the vehicles listed in this application will be used only in accordance with the conditions set out herein.

Under section 75 of the Insurance (Vehicle) Act, your claim is invalid if at any time you fail to provide complete and accurate information, violate a term or condition of your policy or commit fraud.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (IF A BUSINESS, THE SIGNATURE OF AN AUTHORIZED OFFICER IS REQUIRED, STATING POSITION HELD)

POSITION HELD

DECLARED AT (NAME OF AGENCY)

SIGNATURE OF AGENT

TIME OF VALIDATION

NOT VALID UNLESS STAMPED BY AUTHORIZED ISSUING OFFICE

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PM