Florida
Department of Highway Safety
and Motor Vehicles
Division of Motorist Services

PROCEDURE
RS-28

SUBJECT:
CUSTOM VEHICLE AND STREET ROD LICENSE PLATES

DESCRIPTION AND USE:
THIS PROCEDURE PROVIDES INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS TO ASSIST TAX
COLLECTOR EMPLOYEES, LICENSE PLATE AGENCY EMPLOYEES, AND THE DEPARTMENT
OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES WITH THE ISSUANCE OF CUSTOM VEHICLE
AND STREET ROD LICENSE PLATES.

I. PROVISIONS OF LAW:

Section 319.14(1)(c)11a and b, Florida Statutes, defines a Custom vehicle as a motor vehicle that is
25 years old or older and of a model year after 1948 or was manufactured to resemble a vehicle
that is 25 years old or older and of a model year after 1948; and has been altered from the
manufacturer's original design or has a body constructed from nonoriginal materials.

Section 319.14(1)(c)12a and b, Florida Statutes, defines a Street rod as a motor vehicle that is of a
model year of 1948 or older or was manufactured after 1948 to resemble a vehicle of a model year
of 1948 or older; and has been altered from the manufacturer's original design or has a body
constructed from nonoriginal materials.

Section 320.0863, Florida Statutes, provides for registration of Custom Vehicles and Street Rods.

II. DEFINITIONS:

A. Custom Vehicle:

Is 25 years of age or older and of a model year after 1948 or was manufactured to resemble a vehicle
that is 25 years of age or older and of a model year after 1948; and has been altered from the
manufacturer's original design or has a body constructed from nonoriginal materials.

NOTE: The model year and year of manufacture that the body of a custom vehicle resembles is
the model year and year of manufacture listed on the certificate of title, regardless of
when the vehicle was actually manufactured.

B. Street Rod:

Is of a model year of 1948 or older or was manufactured after 1948 to resemble a vehicle of a
model year of 1948 or older; and has been altered from the manufacturer’s original design or has
body constructed from non-original materials.

NOTE: The model year and year of manufacture that the body of a street rod resembles is the
model year and year of manufacture listed on the certificate of title, regardless of when
the vehicle was actually manufactured.

Revision(s) to this procedure: Added statutes and updated the definitions of custom vehicles and street rods.

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III. GENERAL INFORMATION FOR CUSTOM VEHICLES:

Custom vehicle license plates may only be issued for motor vehicles that are 25 years of age or older and of a model year after 1948 and has been altered from the manufacturer’s original design or has a body constructed from non-original materials.

Or,

Was manufactured to resemble a vehicle that is 25 years of age or older and of a model year after 1948; and has been altered from the manufacturer’s original design or has a body constructed from non-original materials.

The vehicle title/record must carry a brand of “custom vehicle” prior to applying for a custom vehicle license plate.

IV. GENERAL INFORMATION FOR STREET RODS:

Street Rod license plates may only be issued for motor vehicles with a model year of 1948 or older and has been altered from the manufacturer’s original design or has a body constructed from non-original materials.

Or,

Was manufactured after 1948 to resemble a vehicle of a model year of 1948 or older and has been altered from the manufacturer’s original design or has a body constructed from non-original materials.

The vehicle title/record must carry a brand of “street rod” prior to applying for a street rod license plate.

V. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR STREET RODS AND CUSTOM VEHICLES:

A. The vehicle title/record must carry a brand of “custom vehicle” or “street rod” prior to applying for a custom vehicle or street rod license plate. Once branded, an accurately completed form HSMV 83045, Application for Registration of a Street Rod, Custom Vehicle, Horseless Carriage or Antique (Permanent), is required for the issuance of a custom vehicle or street rod license plate.

B. Proof of Florida insurance is required. Refer to DMS Procedure RS-36 for additional insurance requirements.

C. Fees: Submit the regular tax fees shown in the Tax Due and Credit Manual using class code 95, trust fund fee from the Class Code/Fee Chart, Processing fee, Original License Plate fee, Decal on Demand fee and Service fee (add Branch fee, if applying through a county branch office). Refer to Registration Fees and Flat Taxes Distribution Chart for applicable fees.
VI. RENEWALS AND TRANSFERS OF **CUSTOM VEHICLE OR STREET ROD** LICENSE PLATES:

Renewals and transfers may be processed through any local county license plate agency. **Custom Vehicle and Street Rod** license plates can only be transferred to a motor vehicle that meets the qualifications of a **Custom Vehicle or Street Rod**.

VII. REPLACEMENT LICENSE PLATES:

Applications for replacement license plates may be processed by the county license plate agency. The following is required:

A. Form HSMV 83146, Application for Replacement License Plate, Validation Decal or Parking Permit, accurately completed.

B. A copy of the vehicle registration certificate. Refer to DMS Procedure RS-06 for additional information and fees.

C. When an applicant reports a license plate or decal as stolen to a law enforcement agency and attests that the license plate or decal has been reported as stolen on form HSMV 83146, no fee should be charged for the replacement license plate or decal.