

Florida

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

Division of Motorist Services

PROCEDURE	SUBJECT:
RS-51	INHERENTLY LOW-EMISSION VEHICLE (ILEV) AND HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE (HOV) DECALS

DESCRIPTION:

This procedure provides information and instructions to guide employees and agents of the department with registering inherently low-emission vehicles (ILEV) and issuing high occupancy vehicle lane (HOV) decals.

PROVISIONS OF LAW:

This procedure is governed by:

- [Section 316.0741, Florida Statutes](#)
- [Chapter 318, Florida Statutes](#)
- [Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. ss. 7401 et seq.](#)

FORMS:

The forms listed below are used in the transactions described in this procedure:

- Form [HSMV 83027](#) Application for HOV Decal
- Form [HSMV 83146](#) Application for Replacement License Plate, Validation Decal or Parking Permit

Revision(s) to this procedure: Added a link to and information about the 95 Express Hybrid Registration and reformatted procedure.

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DEFINITION OF HYBRID VEHICLE:

[Section 316.0741\(5\), Florida Statutes](#), defines the term "hybrid vehicle" as follows:

- A. Draws propulsion energy from onboard sources of stored energy which are both:
 - 1. An internal combustion or heat engine using combustible fuel
and
 - 2. A rechargeable energy-storage system.
and
- B. In case of a passenger automobile or light truck:
 - 1. Has received a certificate of conformity under the [Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. ss. 7401 et seq.](#)
and
 - 2. Meets or exceeds the equivalent qualifying California standards for a low-emission vehicle.
and
- C. In the case of a tri-vehicle:
Is an inherently low-emission vehicle as provided in [Section 316.0741\(4\)](#), Florida Statutes.

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

In order to qualify for a HOV decal, the motor vehicle should be titled as an ILEV vehicle.

The decal is to be placed on the lower right-hand side of the rear window.

When the vehicle is sold, the HOV decal **MUST** be removed.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED:

The following must be submitted to the **tax collector office or** license plate **agent** to apply for an original HOV decal:

A. Form [HSMV 83027](#), accurately completed.

Visit the Department's [High Occupancy Vehicle Decal](#) website for links to:

- Form [HSMV 83027](#).
- The Environmental Protection Agency's list of eligible low emissions and energy efficient (fuel economy) vehicles.
- List of tax collector offices **and license plate agencies**.

The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles does not control the information published by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Therefore, if you are unable to find the necessary information regarding your Inherently Low Emission Vehicle (ILEV) on this list, you should contact the dealer or the manufacturer for the necessary supporting documentation.

B. The fees are listed on the form [HSMV 83027](#).

C. A copy of the current registration certificate.

D. After obtaining a HOV Decal from the department, the customer must visit the [95 Express Hybrid Registration](#) website to register their Hybrid Vehicle. After the 95 Express Team approves the customer's registration, the customer will receive a verification letter and a 95 Express Hybrid decal in the mail. Registration with the 95 Express Team authorizes the customer to travel the 95 Express Lanes toll free only in Southeast Florida.

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RENEWALS OF HOV DECAL:

A renewal may be processed at a **tax collector office or** license plate agency.

TRANSFER:

When a customer transfers a license plate to a newly acquired vehicle, their current HOV decal does not transfer with the license plate to the new vehicle. However, the customer may apply for a new decal (original) for the current vehicle if it qualifies for a HOV decal.

EXPIRATION OF HOV DECAL:

A HOV decal will have the same expiration date as the vehicle's existing license plate registration.

REPLACEMENT HOV DECAL:

Applications for replacement HOV decals may be processed at a **tax collector office or** license plate agency.

FEEES AND DOCUMENTATION:

1. Form [HSMV 83146](#), Application For Replacement License Plate, Validation Decal or Parking Permit, accurately completed.
2. The fees are the same as an original decal. For fee information, refer to form [HSMV 83027](#), Application For HOV Decal.

When the customer certifies on form [HSMV 83146](#) that they reported the HOV decal as stolen to a law enforcement agency, no fee is charged for a replacement HOV decal.

3. A copy of the current registration certificate.

LOST-IN-TRANSIT:

Application for replacement of a "Lost-In-Transit" HOV decal may be processed in any **tax collector office or** license plate agency. Check for verification in FRVIS to ensure that the HOV decal was previously processed and mailed to the customer. **If this cannot be verified, contact the tax collector office or license plate agency** that processed and mailed the HOV decal. Replacements may be issued at no charge when applied for within 180 days of the date issued. The following document must be submitted:

Form [HSMV 83146](#), Application For Replacement License Plate, Validation Decal or Parking Permit, accurately completed.