

Historical License Plates

For Fiero owners who only occasionally drive their cars, an historical license plate may make sense. I saved over \$500 a year by switching to an historical plate. For more information about these plates, see this link:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/hplate_16252_7.pdf

License Plates for Michigan's Historical Vehicles

Michigan, the automobile capital of the world, has many residents who collect and restore antique vehicles. Since 1956, the state has offered a special, inexpensive vehicle registration for older vehicles that are operated on the road only occasionally.

Many antique cars, trucks, and motorcycles qualify for special registration as Michigan historical vehicles. A qualifying vehicle may be registered with the Michigan Secretary of State either with a Michigan historical vehicle plate, or an actual Michigan license plate the same year as the historic vehicle's model year.

To qualify for a historical or authentic license plate, vehicle must be:

- 26 or more years old -- based on vehicle model year subtracted from current calendar year
- Owned solely as a collector's item
- Used only for events such as historical club activities, parades, and car shows.

Note: A vehicle registered with a historical plate or authentic historic plate cannot be used for routine transportation, except during the month of August when it may be driven anywhere in the state without restrictions.

The Michigan historical vehicle plate is white with six blue numbers (four if a motorcycle plate).

Historical vehicle plates are \$30 and valid for 10 years. To obtain one, present the following items at any Secretary of State office:

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- (a) Proof of ownership, preferably a copy of the title.
- (b) Proof of Michigan no-fault insurance.
- (c) \$30 fee (*make checks or money orders payable to "State of Michigan"*).
- (d) The completed application on the reverse side.

If you do not have the original title or a copy of it, present a previous registration document as proof of ownership. Your historical vehicle plate will be mailed from Lansing to the address on the registration within two weeks.

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