

Vehicle Exchange Program Advisory

Various new-car manufacturers and dealerships have been advertising a vehicle exchange program. These programs allow a vehicle purchaser to drive a vehicle for a limited number of days or miles. If at any time during that time period the customer is not completely satisfied with the vehicle, the customer is allowed to exchange that vehicle for another of like year and manufacturer's origin.

If your dealership is participating in this type of a program, please understand that once the customer takes possession of a vehicle by driving it off the lot displaying a Temporary Registration Permit, license plates or other form of registration under the name of the customer, the returned vehicle **may only be resold as a "used" vehicle.**

Theft Alert!

New tires and rims are being stolen from Cadillac Escalades at dealerships and from semi-trailers and truck-tractors at truck dealerships, tire stores, and truck-tractor and semi-trailer storage facilities.

It is suspected that the tires are being resold to tire stores and dealerships. The thieves seem to arrive after dark, targeting both gated and non-gated lots. Vehicles are sometimes left jacked up on blocks with the tires and rims removed.

Theft prevention measures include:

- installing surveillance cameras,
- locking gated areas,
- conducting early morning vehicle checks,
- securing potential target vehicles at night, and
- using locking lug nuts.

If you have any information regarding these types of thefts, please contact:

Master Sergeant Jesse Garcia or

Sergeant Eddie Gonzalez

North East Metropolitan Auto Theft Task Force (NEMAT)

708-633-5455

WARNING: Never confront a subject suspected of criminal activity. Instead, contact your local law enforcement agency immediately.

Procedures for VSD 190.23

When submitting the new Application for Vehicle Transaction(s) (VSD 190.23):

1. Detach the customer receipt on the bottom-front portion of the application.
2. On the second page, detach the lower portion of the form at the perforation leaving the registration card attached to the top of the application.

TRP reminders

- Once an agent receives their box(es) of TRPs from FedEx, they must "receipt" the box(es) on the TRP System by clicking "receive" in the "My Boxes" area within 24 hours. If you receive a box of TRPs that is not allocated in your inventory or discover a discrepancy in the box of TRPs, contact the TRP Help Line immediately at 217-524-4329.
- The status of a TRP must be changed before surrendering TRPs or submitting police reports. To change the status of a TRP to voided, damaged, lost or stolen, access the "My Boxes" area of the TRP System, locate the box number and the TRP number to be changed and change the status. In the "Reason" box include the information for the change. You must click "Save" to update the status of the TRP. When changing the status of a "not issued" TRP, you also must click "Yes" to confirm the TRP status update.
- Only change the status to Voided or Damaged if you have the TRP in your possession and the TRP can be returned to the Secretary of State's office.
- Only change the status to Lost or Stolen if you have reported the TRP to the police department and have a copy of the police report for the Secretary of State's office.
- TRPs should not be issued unless the customer has approved financing for a newly acquired vehicle. A TRP may be issued once a valid application for title/registration, the Revenue tax form and the appropriate fees have been accepted by the agent.

Other important reminders

- Make sure all title applications are signed by the owner(s) of the vehicle.
- Obtain updates regarding a renewal sticker, title and/or registration by accessing the Title and Registration Inquiry section on the Secretary of State's Web site at www.cyberdriveillinois.com.
- Do not issue TRPs or license plates to applicants applying for a bonded title.
- Bonds cannot be used to obtain titles for abandoned vehicles, repossessions, mechanic's liens or estates.
- Records must be retained by the agent for the current year and the three previous years.

Multiple vehicle trade-ins

When a customer trades in more than one vehicle at a dealership and only one of the vehicles is in the customer's name, the **titles to all vehicles should be assigned directly over to the dealership**. The vehicle title that is in another individual's name **should not be signed over to the customer purchasing the new vehicle**. The customer purchasing the new vehicle does not need to obtain a title in his/her name before trading in the vehicle(s).

Registered weight requirements for second division vehicles

The Illinois Vehicle Code (IVC), Chapter 3, contains registration requirements for all vehicles operated on Illinois roadways. Articles IV and VIII of Chapter 3 specifically address registration requirements for second division vehicles or trucks.

All references to the registered weight of a vehicle are referred to as "gross weight." Gross weight is defined as "the weight of the vehicle whether operated singly or in combination without load plus the weight of the load thereon" (625 ILCS 5/1-125). The only way this weight can be determined is to actually weigh the vehicle.

The Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of a vehicle is the maximum weight of the vehicle and load that can be safely transported by that vehicle. This rating is assigned by the manufacturer. No references are made anywhere in Chapter 3 of the IVC to the registered weight and the GVWR. Section 5/3-401(d), subparagraphs (1) and (3) of the IVC both clearly state that no person shall be considered in violation of the registration provisions of the Code unless the total gross weight of the vehicle exceeds the total licensed weight of the vehicle.