



## Massachusetts Buyer Reminder Sheet

*The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles is reminding Massachusetts residents who purchase a vehicle out-of-state and obtain an out-of-state temporary registration to drive the vehicle back to Massachusetts...*

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### Before you take delivery

- Contact your insurance company or agent to obtain proof of Massachusetts insurance coverage before operating the vehicle.
  - Confirm your policy is active and meets Massachusetts' minimum coverage requirements.
  - Keep proof of insurance in the vehicle at all times and understand effective and expiration dates.
  - Make sure the dealer provides all required documents, including a properly assigned Certificate of Title. You will need this title to register your vehicle in Massachusetts. If the dealer does not give you the title, ensure the dealer will complete the MA registration on your behalf within 10 days.
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### Using an out-of-state temporary registration in Massachusetts

- Massachusetts will honor an out-of-state temporary registration only if it is properly displayed and you carry proof of insurance that meets Massachusetts' minimum coverage requirements.
  - Temporary registrations are valid for personal use only. They cannot be used for commercial purposes, including the transportation of passengers, goods, wares, and/or merchandise.
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### Deadlines still apply

- You must apply for a Massachusetts Certificate of Title within 10 days of the purchase date – even if the out-of-state temporary registration is valid for more than 10 days.
- After 10 days, the vehicle should not be driven unless it is properly registered in Massachusetts.
- You must pay Massachusetts sales/use tax by the 20th of the month following the purchase date. If it is not paid on time, penalties and interest will accrue.
- These deadlines are not extended by the validity dates printed on the temporary plate.