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## License Plate Security Features

Most jurisdictions use a directional security mark, that is an integral part of the reflective sheeting, to aid in detecting counterfeit plates. These marks are viewed at a 30 degree angle as shown. To view, stand ten feet behind the vehicle, directly behind the plate. Look down at the plate to see the circular images running through the center of the plate. Move left or right and the marks will disappear. Plates using the directional security marks are identified under the "plates and decal areas" columns below.

In addition to the directional security mark, some jurisdictions also use a 3-dimensional security thread image for added security and can be viewed from a distance of up to 50 feet at a head-on viewing angle.



2019 License Plate Validation Decals

Jurisdiction	Plates and Decal		Month	Year	Jurisdiction	Plates and Decal		Month	Year
	Front	Rear				Front	Rear		
Alabama			<b>AUG</b>	<b>19</b>	Montana			<b>12</b>	PERM
Alaska			<b>JUN</b>	<b>19</b>	Nebraska				<b>10</b>
Arizona				<b>19</b>	Nevada				<b>10</b>
Arkansas				<b>01</b>	New Hampshire			<b>1</b>	<b>2019</b>
California			<b>DEC</b>	<b>2019</b>	New Jersey				no validation devices used
Colorado			<b>8</b>	<b>19</b>	New Mexico				<b>MAR</b>
Connecticut					New York				windshield decal
Delaware				<b>19</b>	North Carolina				<b>04-19</b>
Dist. of Columbia					North Dakota				<b>12</b>
Florida				<b>09-19</b>	Ohio				<b>12-19</b>
Georgia				<b>MAY</b>	Oklahoma			<b>OCT</b>	<b>2019</b>
Hawaii				<b>JLY</b>	Oregon			<b>12</b>	<b>19</b>
Idaho				<b>12</b>	Pennsylvania				no validation devices required
Illinois				<b>05-19</b>	Rhode Island				<b>JUN</b>
Indiana			<b>02-28</b>	<b>19</b>	South Carolina				<b>APR</b>
Iowa				<b>MAY</b>	South Dakota				<b>2</b>
Kansas				<b>SEP</b>	Tennessee			<b>OCT</b>	<b>19</b>
Kentucky				<b>03-19</b>	Texas				windshield decal
Louisiana				<b>19</b>	Utah			<b>3</b>	<b>19</b>
Maine			<b>JAN</b>	<b>19</b>	Vermont				<b>04/19</b>
Maryland			<b>5</b>	<b>19</b>	Virginia			<b>DEC</b>	<b>19 19</b>
Massachusetts			printed on plate	<b>19</b>	Washington			<b>6</b>	<b>2019</b>
Michigan				<b>JAN</b>	West Virginia				<b>2019</b>
Minnesota			<b>APR</b>	<b>19</b>	Wisconsin			<b>MAY</b>	<b>19</b>
Mississippi				<b>12-19</b>	Wyoming				<b>2-19</b>
Missouri			printed on plate	<b>19</b>					

<sup>1</sup>Color varies by expiration month.

<sup>2</sup>Plate number appears on year decal.

<sup>3</sup>Front decals discontinued; front plate may show blank or "VOID" decal.

<sup>4</sup>Expiration month indicated by the first digit of the registration number: 1-9 for months Jan through Sep; O=Oct; N=Nov; D=Dec.

<sup>5</sup>Orange decal is used for rental vehicles.

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