

VEHICLE CODE 2003



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- I 27604 **FORMER POLICE VEHICLE:** Remove markings before use on a hwy.
- I 27605 **RESEMBLE POLICE VEHICLE:** Own or operate a vehicle painted like a police vehicle described in §40800. (See Code for Exceptions)
- I 27606 (a) **LIGHT BAR:** Own or operate motor vehicle equipped with such or facsimile to resemble motor vehicle used by police or traffic officer while on duty.

TOW TRUCKS

- I 27700 (a) **TOW TRUCK:** Carry the following (licensed repossessor exempt):
 - (1) **BROOM:** Tow driver remove all glass and debris of vehicle to be towed.
 - (2) **SHOVEL:** Tow driver spread dirt on oil or grease spill when practical.
 - (3) **FIRE EXTINGUISHER:** Dry chemical or carbon dioxide type with total rating of at least 4-B, C units. (See §24605 & 27907 for Other Req'd Items)

MOTORCYCLES

- I 27800 **MOTORCYCLE PASSENGER EQUIPMENT** or for motorized bicycle passenger. Provide seat and footrests unless in motorcycle sidecar designed for passenger. Passenger use footrests and ride behind driver.
- I 27801 (a) **MOTORCYCLE SEAT:** When seated, driver's feet to reach the ground.
- I (b) **HANDLEBARS TOO HIGH:** When seated, the driver's hands on the grips not to be at or above shoulder height.
- I 27802 (b) **UNAPPROVED HELMET:** Sell or offer for sale, for use by a motorcycle or motorized bicycle driver or passenger.
- I 27803 (a) **HELMET; Approved Type:** Req'd when riding Motorcycle, motorized bicycle, or motor-driven cycle on hwy, driver and passenger. Wear on the head, fastened with helmet straps, correct size and to fit securely.
- I (b) **HELMET; Approved Type:** Not worn by driver or passenger as per (a).
- I (c) **HELMET; Approved Type:** Ride as passenger if driver or passenger not wearing a helmet as per (a).
- R (f) **Not Applicable** to occupants of an enclosed 3-wheel motor vehicle.

SIGNS

- I 27900 (a) **COMPANY NAME or LOGO:** Display on both sides of each vehicle or both sides of one vehicle in combination used to carry property or passengers for hire, 3-axle truck or truck tractor or truck tractor with semitrailer, and all commercial vehicles, defined in §34601(c).
- I (b) **RENTAL VEHICLES:** Listed in (a) rented up to 30 calendar days to have the following:
 - (1) **LESSOR NAME or TRADEMARK:** Display on both sides of each vehicle or on one vehicle in combination.
 - (2) **LESSOR'S NUMBERS:** Display any of the following numbers as in (1):
 - (A) **CARRIER ID NUMBER** issued by U.S. DOT and valid.
 - (B) **OPERATING AUTHORITY NUMBER:** Valid.
 - (C) **MOTOR CARRIER NUMBER:** Valid.
 - (3) (A) **RENTAL AGREEMENT:** Copy in the vehicle.
 (B) **RENTAL AGREEMENT:** Available for inspection by CHP or police.
 (C) **RENTAL AGREEMENT:** Include the operator's carrier ID or motor carrier permit number for vehicle(s) operated by a commercial business.
- R (c) **Rental Vehicles:** Conform with (b) when in compliance with CFR 390.21.
- I (d) **COMPANY NAME or LOGO:** Change Identifiers w/in 60 days of ownership or name change for vehicles in (a). Remark vehicles before operating on a hwy. (See §27902 for Exceptions)
- I 27901 **VEHICLE FOR HIRE:** Name or logo not readily legible during daylight from 50 ft.