



Off-Road Vehicle Plates

As of November 1, 2015, ORVs used on Crown lands must be registered with ICBC and display a number plate. Either the ORV plate* or an active Restricted plate will meet the requirements for ORV off-highway operation. An unlicensed ORV may be registered for off-highway use and display an ORV plate without decal. If the ORV is also licensed and insured it may operate incidentally on highway with a licence/insurance decal on the ORV plate. Owners who use ORVs for industrial purposes, farming, landscaping, maintenance, law enforcement on highways or general transportation on limited access islands continue to be eligible for a Restricted plate. See the MV1445 for details on the Restricted plate.



ORV plate



ORV sticker plate

Off highway — ORV plate without decal	Off highway — operation
The following types of motor vehicles may be registered as ORVs by the owner: • ATVs, trucksters, and dune buggies with 4 or more wheels or tracks • Motorcycles and restricted use motorcycles with 2 or 3 wheels • Snowmobiles and snow vehicles • Golf carts—other than those used exclusively on golf courses or limited access islands. Off highway coverage for unlicensed vehicles is available as optional insurance.	An ORV plate must be displayed on the ORV and the operator must carry the Certificate of Registration issued for the ORV when operating it on Crown land, which includes resource roads on Crown land. The ORV plate or number sticker plate may be displayed on the front, back or left exterior of the ORV in a horizontal position. The number sticker plate may be attached in a vertical position on the left front fork of a restricted use motorcycle with the first number or letter at the bottom of the fork. <i>Customer questions about Crown land and requirements for operating ORVs on resource roads may be referred to the Ministry contact for the ORV Management Framework: www.for.gov.bc.ca/mof/orv</i>
On highway — plate, licence and insurance	On highway — operation restrictions
To operate a registered ORV on or across a highway, which includes loading and unloading the ORV in a parking lot, the vehicle owner must license and insure the vehicle and attach a validation decal to the ORV registration plate or number sticker plate. ORV rate class 036 provides Basic coverage for highway operation only—the owner's certificate does not apply while operating on Crown land, Forest Service Roads, private property, or other resource roads on Crown land.	A vehicle that displays an ORV plate with a validation decal may be operated on a highway without an Operation Permit: A. to cross the highway at an intersection controlled by a stop sign or traffic light B. to be loaded/unloaded to or from another vehicle in a parking lot Any other highway operation requires an Operation Permit. <i>Customer questions about the Operation Permit may be referred to the police detachment closest to where the ORV will be operated, or for a snowmobile operated on the Gold Rush Trail, any detachment in that area.</i>

* ORV plate includes the ORV number sticker plate.

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ORV Body Styles	Plate	Required When	Notes
Golf Cart (92), Type 1  Restricted Use Motorcycle (98), Type 3  *You can put an ORV plate on a street bike for ORV use. A passed provincial inspection is required to switch to a motorcycle plate. Body style 98 is not eligible for a Restricted plate.	Unlicensed  	Vehicle is used on Crown land or resource roads including Forest Service Roads on Crown land	• Customer receives only the vehicle registration portion of the APV250 • If used on a Forest Service Road, operator must carry minimum \$200,000 TPL—this coverage is available for purchase through ICBC on the APV119 or through other insurers.
Truckster (TR), Type 2  Snowmobile (94), Type 1  Snow Vehicle (93), Type 2  All Terrain Vehicle (95) Type 1 	Rate Class 036 Licensed  	Vehicle is used incidentally on or across a highway which includes loading and unloading of an ORV in a parking lot	ORVs in RC 036 can be used to: • Operate across a highway (without having to obtain an MV1815 Operation Permit from the local police) if the crossing is controlled by stop sign or traffic light; • Load or unload in a parking lot (without an Operation Permit); and • Operate on any highway anywhere else local police authorize through an Operation Permit. Brokers are not required to sight the Operation Permit as a condition of licensing • If used on a Forest Service Road, operator must carry minimum \$200,000 TPL—this coverage is available for purchase through ICBC on the APV119 or through other insurers. • Off highway coverage is optional. • Operator must have and carry a valid driver's licence of the appropriate class.