

INSPECTION DECAL INFORMATION FOR LIMOUSINES

Required to Provide Service

No person may operate a limousine providing limousine service unless the limousine display a valid limousine identification decal that has an identification number, the month and year of expiration, and the letters “LM”.

Decal Process

MnDOT will issue a limousine decal, one per vehicle, to an applicant who has a valid permit, adequate insurance coverage and whose vehicle has passed a MnDOT safety inspection.

At the completion of the safety inspection, an inspection report is given to the driver and a copy is sent to the limousine operator (the business owner). The operator presents the inspection report to MnDOT along with the vehicle registration form and payment for the decal. A decal specific to the vehicle is then issued by MnDOT.

Frequently Asked Questions

How long is a decal valid?

A limousine identification decal is valid for one year from the last day of the month in which it is issued or until it is removed from the limousine or upon revocation of the limousine operator’s permit, whichever comes first. Example: If a decal was issued in March of 2019, it will expire on March 30 of 2020.

Does a vehicle have to pass an annual MnDOT safety inspection before a new decal will be issued?

Yes, vehicles must pass an annual MnDOT inspection before MnDOT will reissue a decal.

If the vehicle fails the inspection, what happens?

The inspection report will state that the vehicle has been declared out of service and the critical violations will be noted. A decal will not be issued. The vehicle cannot be used to provide limousine services until all violations have been fixed, and the vehicle passes a subsequent MnDOT safety inspection and displays a valid decal.

What are critical violations?

Critical violations are violations likely to cause an accident or breakdown. State and federal requirements must be followed in determining whether a limousine’s mechanical condition is so imminently hazardous that it is likely to contribute to a loss of control of the limousine or cause an accident or breakdown. When critical violations are found during a MnDOT safety inspection, a vehicle will be declared to be out of service.

After a vehicle passes a safety inspection, what happens next?

The inspector gives the inspection report to the driver and a copy is sent to the operator. Operators need to present the inspection report, the vehicle registration form and payment for the decal to MnDOT. At that time, MnDOT will issue the decal. Decals are vehicle specific and are non-transferrable.

How much do decals cost?

Each decal costs \$80.00. This is in addition to the \$150 fee for the initial limousine permit application.

What payment forms are accepted?

Our office accepts cash, check, money order or credit card. Checks and money orders should be made payable to the Commissioner of Transportation.

Where should the decal be displayed on a limousine?

A limousine identification decal must be securely affixed to the lower corner of the limousine windshield on the passenger side of the vehicle. A decal must not be obscured and must be easy to read when the vehicle is stationary. A limousine may bear only one decal.

May I transfer the decal to another limousine?

No. A limousine identification decal may not be transferred to another limousine and must be removed if a limousine operator stops using the limousine to provide limousine service.

Possible Inspection Outcomes:

Outcome	Limousine Company Actions
Vehicle passes inspection; an inspection report is given to the driver and a copy is given to the operator. Decal is not issued at the time of the inspection.	Operator must submit the Inspection Report, the Vehicle Registration form and payment for the decal to MnDOT. Operator will receive the decal in person or by mail.
Non-critical violations are found and discussed with the driver. An inspection report is given to the driver and a copy is given to the operator. Decal is not issued at the time of the inspection.	Operator must certify on the Inspection Report that the violations have been corrected. Operator must submit the Inspection Report, the Vehicle Registration form and payment for the decal to MnDOT. Operator will receive the decal in person or by mail.
Violations likely to cause an accident or break down are found. A report noting the critical violation(s) is given to the driver and the operator, and the violations are discussed. Decal is NOT issued. NOTE: The vehicle cannot be used to provide limousine services until violations are fixed.	Limousine company fixes all violations. Operator must contact MnDOT to schedule a new inspection. NOTE: Decal will not be issued until vehicle is re-inspected and passes the inspection.