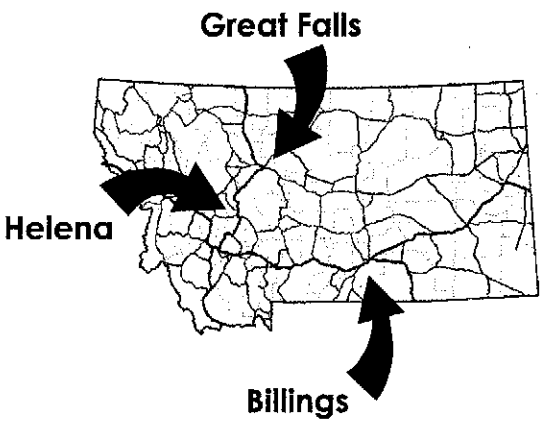
Who can issue the new TRPs?

Initially, the new permits are being issued by five vehicle dealerships in three Montana cities – Helena, Great Falls and Billings. After the first phase of the project is complete, other agencies and dealerships will start issuing the permits as well. When the new system is in place, MVD will phase out the old handwritten permits and completely replace them with the new computer-generated permits.



Can I get more info?

Montana Motor Vehicle Division

PO Box 201430
Helena, MT 59620-1430

You can call the MVD directly at:

406-846-6000

Or, go online to:

www.mt.gov

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TEAM261
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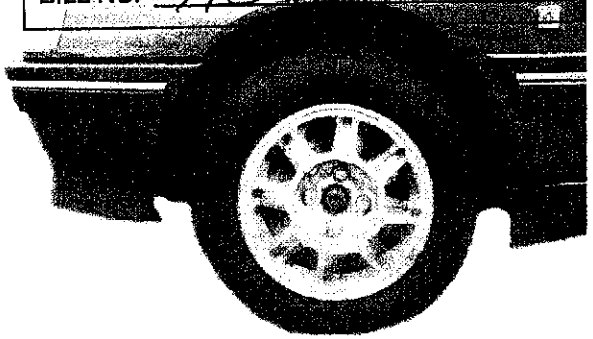

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What is a TRP?

A Temporary Registration Permit, or TRP, is the form a vehicle owner places in the rear window of a vehicle before the license plates have been issued. The TRP allows the owner to drive the vehicle before the title and registration paperwork is complete.

Where do I get a permit?

In the past, the vehicle dealer, the local county treasurer's office, and local law enforcement agencies were the only agencies that issued TRPs. Under the Motor Vehicle Division's (MVD) new process, TRPs will be available through vehicle dealers, participating financial institutions, any county treasurer's office in the state, and over the Internet.

Why do I need a permit?

The most common situation in which a person needs a TRP is when they purchase a vehicle. The TRP allows the vehicle to be driven legally until the new owner receives the vehicle's license plates and registration. Some other situations include when a vehicle that is not currently registered needs to travel to a VIN inspection, or if a requested plate was not in stock and had to be ordered.

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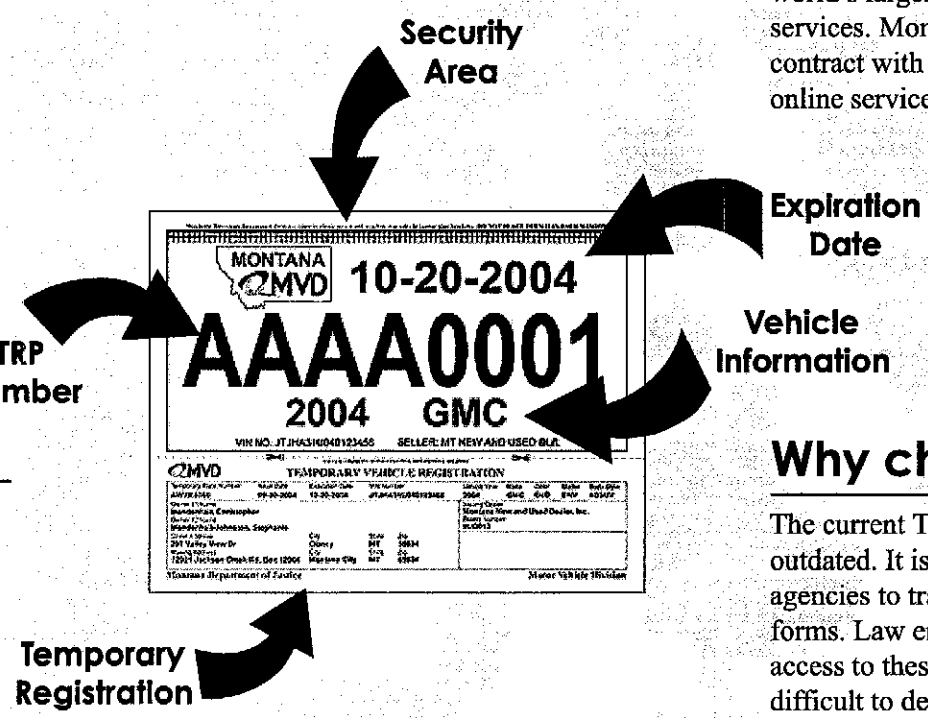
What does the permit look like?

The new TRP comes with two sections. The upper portion is displayed on the rear plate area of the vehicle. The TRP includes a printed expiration date, unique number, and vehicle information. There are no more handwritten numbers. It also has a security area printed along the top, which is used by MVD to determine if a permit is authentic. The bottom section is the temporary registration, which is kept in the vehicle until the owner receives the official registration.



Who developed the process?

The Montana Department of Justice Motor Vehicle Division modeled the new TRP process after a similar program in Arizona. TEAM 261 is developing the new TRP process. TEAM 261 is a Department of Justice project changing the business processes and systems behind driver licensing, vehicle titling, and vehicle registration. For the TRP project, TEAM 261 is working in cooperation with Montana Interactive, LLC, a division of NIC, the world's largest provider of e-government services. Montana Interactive has a five-year contract with the state, and provides over 60 online services to Montana citizens.

Why change?

The current TRP process is becoming outdated. It is expensive for MVD and other agencies to track the pre-printed permit forms. Law enforcement personnel have no access to these records. And, it is very difficult to determine if a purchaser has the appropriate TRP.

The new system allows MVD to easily track TRPs and provides law enforcement officers with electronic access to vehicle and ownership records. The new TRPs are much more visible because they are placed where the rear license plate normally goes.