

# VEHICLE DEFINITIONS

**Taxi:** A "taxi" means a motor vehicle used for the carriage of passengers for compensation, equipped with a taxi meter, painted yellow or green and displaying a current medallion or other license issued by the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission.

## **Business Vehicle:**

**Business vehicles** are cars, SUVs and pickup trucks that are used for **business** activities or registered to a business.

## **Commercial vehicle:**

For purposes of parking, standing and stopping rules, a vehicle will not be deemed a commercial vehicle or a truck unless:

- it bears commercial plates; and,
- it is permanently altered by having all seats and seat fittings, except the front seats, removed

## **Company Car:**

A **take-home vehicle** or **company car** is a vehicle which companies or organizations lease or own and which employees use for their personal and business travel.

## **Transporter Plate:**

**Transporter plates** are issued to a registered dealer and to any person, firm, association or corporation engaged in a business requiring the limited operation of motor vehicles in order to facilitate the delivery, repair or improvement thereof or the installation of something thereon. A transporter license plate may also be used for road testing the vehicle after repair.

## **Temporary Plate: (Sticker)**

Under current law, new-car drivers are issued a **small temporary registration to stick** onto the corner of the windshield which is valid for up to **90 days**

## **Dealer Plate Laws:**

In general, dealer plates are special license plates **used by dealers that allow customers to legally test- drive** unregistered cars on public streets and highways. Although these laws vary significantly from state-to- state, most states only allow dealer license plates to be used by an owner, officer, employee of the dealership, or by a customer that is test driving the car.

## **Resources**

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/downloads/pdf/trafrule.pdf>

New York City Department of Transportation Traffic Rules: Section 4-08.

New York State Codes, Rules and Regulations: Title 15: Motor Vehicles

[www.dos.ny.gov/info/nycrr.html](http://www.dos.ny.gov/info/nycrr.html)