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OR SPECIALLY CONSTRUCTED VEHICLE)**

NEW LOOK FOR CERTIFIED MECHANIC CARDS, MV-439 (11/01)

Effective January 31, 2002, the Department has begun issuing a new design for the MV-439 (11/01), Certified Inspection Mechanic Card. The changes to this card are: the use of the term "DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER" in place of "OPERATOR NUMBER", and the replacement of the old PENNDOT logo with the new PENNDOT logo. Mechanics, stations and Quality Assurance Officers will see the new mechanic cards as early as February 2, 2002.

TELEPHONE LISTINGS

To assist us in meeting your telephone needs, please make sure that you call the correct telephone number to address your issues. The following is the listing of areas of the Vehicle Inspection Division and their telephone numbers:

- **Stations/Mechanics - (717) 787-2895**, please use for questions regarding vehicle inspections, mechanics, or inspection station issues.
- **Stickers/Inserts - (717) 705-2182**, please use for questions regarding inspection stickers, the status of a sticker delivery or monthly inserts.
- **Special Services Unit - (717) 705-6991**, please use for questions regarding the inspection of reconstructed vehicles and completing reconstructed vehicle applications (form MV-426B).

If you keep these numbers handy and use the appropriate number when calling, we will be able to serve you more quickly and efficiently.

**MV-426B (02/01) APPLICATION FOR RECONSTRUCTED OR SPECIALLY
CONSTRUCTED VEHICLE**

The Department has received a number of telephone calls on how to complete page 5 of the new MV-426B form (Application for Reconstructed or Specially Constructed Vehicle). Please read the following instructions and see that any inspection mechanics at your facility who complete these forms for your customers also read them. Upon successful completion of the inspection of the reconstructed or specially constructed vehicle, the inspection mechanic needs to issue a portion of a valid certificate of inspection (sticker) for placement on the form as follows:

1. Take the next inspection sticker from inventory.
2. Cut the inspection sticker in half horizontally.

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3. Place the lower half of the inspection sticker (with the serial number face up) in the appropriate block on page 5 of the MV-426B form.
4. List the vehicle inspection information on the inspection record (MV-431 or MV-480) form.
5. Retain the upper portion of the inspection sticker with the inspection record (MV-431 or MV-480) form.

The following questions and answers will help explain how to complete the inspection record for these types of inspections.

Q. Do I need to see proof of insurance for these vehicles?

A. No. These vehicles cannot be legally operated on the highway until the Department issues the new Certificate of Title. If the customer presents insurance, you can list the information in the inspection record however, it is not required.

Q. Do I list the registration plate number in the inspection record?

A. You do not need to list a registration plate number in your inspection records. As indicated above, these vehicles cannot be legally operated on the highway and thus, should not display a registration plate.

Q. How will my Quality Assurance Officer (QAO) know that I issued this certificate of inspection to a reconstructed or specially constructed vehicle?

A. In the old odometer block of the MV-431/480, list the term "RECON" if it is a reconstructed vehicle or "SPECON" if it is a specially constructed vehicle. This will indicate to your QAO that the inspection was completed as part of the reconstructed or specially constructed process.

Q. Many specially constructed vehicles do not have a vehicle identification number (VIN). What do I list on the inspection record?

A. The block for the VIN should be left blank and you should list "SPECON" in the old odometer block. A VIN plate will be issued by the Department when the application is approved.

Q. Will the lower portion of the Certificate of Inspection be returned to the customer?

A. No. Once the Department issues the new Certificate of Title, the vehicle must be returned for a second inspection. At that time, a second certificate of inspection should be taken from inventory and affixed to the vehicle upon passing the inspection.

If you have any questions, please contact the Vehicle Inspection Division at the appropriate telephone number provided on page 1.

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