



## Surcharges on automobile transactions for Automobile Dealers

### 1% surcharge on motor vehicle sales tax

Effective July 1, 2003

A 1% surcharge is applied to the sale price of a motor vehicle (in addition to the 6.25% sales tax) when titled in Texas.

The 1% surcharge applies when the vehicle meets the following criteria:

- diesel vehicle
- registered gross weight of 14,001 pounds or more
- model year 1997 or later (1997, 1998, 1999, etc.)

### 2.5% surcharge on motor vehicle sales tax

Effective July 1, 2003

A 2.5% surcharge is applied to the sale price of a motor vehicle (in addition to the 6.25% sales tax) when titled in Texas.

The 2.5% surcharge applies when the vehicle meets the criteria:

- diesel vehicle
- registered gross weight of 14,001 pounds or more
- model year 1996 or earlier (1996, 1995, 1994, etc.)

### 10% surcharge on vehicle registration

Effective September 1, 2001

A 10% surcharge is only applied to the registration fee, minus the reflectorization fee, for truck tractors and for commercial motor vehicles that are subject to combination fees.

(Combination, NAFTA Annual Permits, Seasonal Agriculture, Apportioned and Forestry Registrations)

The 10% surcharge applies when either of the following applies:

- a registration for a truck tractor that is subject to combination fees
- a registration for a commercial motor vehicle subject to combination fees

### EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2008 . . .

SB 11 requires that all motor vehicle dealers issue a Buyer Tag for every retail sale and collect a fee of \$5. The law also requires dealers to have a 24-hour internet access at their place of business in order to electronically process temporary tags. \$5 buyer tag is due on all out of state or exported sales and payment must be remitted to the TAC office. For more information, please call 512-302-2020.

### REMINDER...

RTS Release 6.5.0 will implement a vehicle registration "e-Reminder" for those customers providing a valid e-mail address.

The new renewal notice has a green border and blue-and-green TxDMV "Star" logo above "TxDMV", which appears in the upper left-hand corner and near the bottom of the notice. The information on the back of the renewal notice was also changed for improved readability.



Effective September 1, 2005, recreational vehicles that are diesel-powered, over 14,000 pounds, and not held or used for the production of income are exempt from the 1 or 2.5 percent Texas Emissions Reduction Plan motor vehicle tax surcharge.





**Harris County Tax Office**  
**Automobile Fee Schedule**  
**Effective 09/01/11 through 12/31/11**

**Miscellaneous Fees**

<b>Application for title</b> (Required for transfer of ownership, registering lien, etc.)	\$ 33.00
<b>Duplicate license receipt (Inquiry)</b>	\$ 2.00
<b>Transfer registration receipt</b> (If vehicle is currently registered, licensed dealers must pay full registration)	\$ 2.50
<b>Postage</b> (If new plates or sticker is required by mail)	\$ 1.00
<b>Penalty for late filing or title transfer</b>	\$ 25.00 *

\* Effective 1/1/08, late filing fees for title transfers from one individual to another are calculated as follows:

- \$25 late transfer penalty if buyer applies for the transfer between 31 calendar days and 61 calendar days after date of sale.
- ADD another \$25 penalty for each additional 30 calendar-day period.
- Military Personnel have up to 60 calendar days to transfer before a late penalty is assessed.
- ADD an additional \$25 penalty for each additional 30 calendar-day period.

**Sales Tax on Vehicles**

If paid within 30 calendar days of date of purchase . . . . . 6.25% of purchase price or Standard Presumptive Value (SPV)

**Penalties for Late Payment of Sales Tax**

If paid 1 to 30 calendar days late . . . . . 5% of sales tax  
If paid more than 30 calendar days late . . . . . 10% of sales tax

**License Fees**

**Weight Classification**

<b>0 - 6,000 lbs</b>	<b>Base Fee</b>	<b>Local Fee</b>	<b>Total Fee</b>
<b>Trailers</b>	\$ 45.00	\$ 12.50	<b>\$ 57.50</b>
<b>Passenger Vehicles/Light Trucks</b>	<b>\$ 50.75</b>	<b>\$ 13.50</b>	<b>\$ 64.25</b>

Weight Classification	Base Fee	Local Fee	Total Fee
6,001 - 10,000 lbs.	\$54.00	\$13.50	\$67.50
10,001 - 18,000 lbs.	\$110.00	\$13.50	\$123.50
18,001 - 25,999 lbs.	\$205.00	\$13.50	\$218.50
26,000 - 40,000 lbs.	\$340.00	\$13.50	\$353.50
40,001 - 54,999 lbs.	\$535.00	\$13.50	548.50
55,000 - 70,000 lbs.	\$740.00	\$13.50	\$753.50
70,001 - 80,000 lbs.	\$840.00	\$13.50	\$853.50
Over 80,000 lbs	Varies		

**Weight Classification**

- Note:** 1. If registration is expired, please contact our office for the appropriate fee, including penalty, if required.  
2. The \$ 13.50 local fee does not apply to machinery, farm trailers, or permit plates.