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Alabama Ala.Code 1975 § 32-6-51	Motor Vehicle Trailers		X	X				X						Must be attached.
Alaska AS § 28.10.161 AS § 28.10.171	Motor Vehicle Trailers	X*	X		X		X	X			12			*1 or 2 plates
Arizona A.R.S. § 28-2351 A.R.S. § 28-2354	Motor Vehicle Trailers	X*	X	X			X	X	X		12			*1 or 2 plates
Arkansas A.C.A. § 27-14-715 A.C.A. § 27-14-716	Motor Vehicle Trailers	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		12			*1 or 2 plates
California West's Ann.Cal.Vehicle Code § 4850 West's Ann.Cal.Vehicle Code § 5201	Motor Vehicle Trailers	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		12	60 (Rear)	60 (Front)	

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Colorado C.R.S.A. § 42-3-201 C.R.S.A. § 42-3-202	Motor Vehicle Trailers	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		12		
Connecticut C.G.S.A. § 14-18	Motor Vehicle Trailers* *	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			*1 or 2 plates ** Vehicle definition includes trailers
Delaware 21 Del.C. § 2121 21 Del.C. § 2126	Motor Vehicle		X	X	X	X		X	X		12		
Florida West's F.S.A. § 316.605 West's F.S.A. § 320.06	Motor Vehicle Trailers*		X	X	X	X		X	X		12	60	*Vehicle definition includes trailers.
Georgia Ga. Code Ann., § 40-2-41	Motor Vehicle Trailers		X	X	X	X		X	X				

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Hawaii HRS § 249-7 HRS § 291-31	Motor Vehicle Trailers	X	X		X	X			X	X	X			
Idaho I.C. § 49-428 I.C. § 49-445	Motor Vehicle Trailers unclear	X	X	X	X	X			X	X		12		
Illinois 625 ILCS 5/3-412 625 ILCS 5/3-413	Motor Vehicle Trailers	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		5		Glass covers and plastic covers are permitted. Tinted plastic covers are prohibited
Indiana IC 9-18-2-26 IC 9-13-2-150	RV (includes motor homes and trailers)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		12		Tires, bumpers, accessories or other opaque objects cannot obscure

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														plate.
Iowa I.C.A. § 321.37 I.C.A. § 321.38	Motor Vehicle Trailers	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			12		
Kansas K.S.A. 8-132 K.S.A. 8-133	Motor Vehicle Trailers	X*	X	X	X	X		X	X			12		*2 plates may be issued to a passenger vehicle or truck not more than 20,000 pounds gross weight. **Vehicle definition includes trailers.

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Kentucky KRS § 186.005 KRS § 186.170 KRS § 189.030	Motor Vehicle Trailers*		X	X	X	X				X			*Vehicle definition includes trailers.
Louisiana LSA-R.S. 47:507	Motor Vehicle Trailers		X	X	X	X		X	X		12		
Maine 29-A M.R.S.A. § 452	Motor Vehicle Trailers	X	X	X	X		X						
Maryland MD Code, Transportation, § 13-411 Transportation, § 13-411.1 Transportation, § 22-204	Motor Vehicle Trailers	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Massachusetts M.G.L.A. 90 § 6 540 MA ADC 18.04	Motor Vehicle Trailers	X	X	X	X	X							

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Michigan M.C.L.A. 257.225	Motor Vehicle Trailers*		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		12		*Vehicle definition includes trailers.
Minnesota M.S.A. § 168.12	Vehicle Trailers*	X	X										*Vehicle definition includes trailers.
Mississippi Miss. Code Ann. § 27-19-31 § 27-19-33	Motor Vehicle Trailers* *	X*	X	X	X	X		X		X	12 under or over rear light		*1 or 2 plates may be issued for a vehicle. **Vehicle definition includes trailers.
Missouri V.A.M.S. 301.130	Motor Vehicle Trailers	X	X	X		X		X			8	48	
Montana MCA 61-3-301 MCA 61-3-332	Motor Vehicle Trailers	X	X	X		X		X	X				

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Nebraska Neb.Rev.St. § 60-399 Neb.Rev.St. § 60-3,100	Motor Vehicle Trailers	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		12		
Nevada N.R.S. 482.265 N.R.S. 482.274 N.R.S. 482.275	Motor Vehicle Trailers	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		12		
New Hampshire N.H. Rev. Stat. § 261:75 N.H. Rev. Stat. § 261:76 NH ADC 515.02 NH ADC 515.03 NH ADC515.06	Motor Vehicle Trailers	X	X			X							
New Jersey N.J.S.A. 39:3-33 N.J.S.A. 39:3-48	Motor Vehicle	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	12	48	
New Mexico N. M. S. A. 1978, § 66-3-18	Motor Vehicle		X	X	X	X	X	X			12		

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New York McKinney's Vehicle and Traffic Law § 402	Motor Vehicle	X	X		X	X			X	X		12	48	
	Trailers		X											
North Carolina N.C.G.S.A. § 20-63	Motor Vehicle	X*	X	X	X	X								*1 or 2 plates may be issued.
	Trailers		X											
North Dakota NDCC, 39-04-11	Motor Vehicle	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				12		
	House Trailers		X											
Ohio R.C. § 4503.21	Motor Vehicle	X	X	X		X	X	X				12		*Motor vehicl definition includes recreational vehicles
	Trailers*		X											
	Truck Campers *		X											
Oklahoma 47 Okl.St. Ann. § 1113 Okla. Admin.	Motor Vehicle		X	X		X		X						

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Code 595:50-5-1														
Oregon O.R.S. § 803.525. § 803.540 § 803.550	Motor Vehicle Trailers* Truck Camper*	X	X	X	X	X								*Vehicle definition includes trailers and truck campers.
Pennsylvania 75 Pa.C.S.A. § 1332. § 4303 67 PA ADC § 47.2 § 47.3	Motor Vehicle	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	12		*1 or 2 plates may be issued.	
Rhode Island Gen.Laws 1956, § 31-3-10 Gen.Laws 1956, § 31-3-18 Gen.Laws 1956, § 31-3-42	Motor Vehicle Trailers Truck Camper	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		12			

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	Unclear													
South Carolina Code 1976 § 56-3-1240 Code 1976 § 56-5-4530	Motor Vehicle Trailers unclear		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	12			
South Dakota SDCL § 32-5-85 SDCL § 32-5-98 SDCL § 32-17-11	Motor Vehicle Trailers	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X				*Vehicle definition includes trailers.
Tennessee T. C. A. § 55-4-109 T. C. A. § 55-4-110	Motorhom e Trailers		X X	X	X	X	X	X	X		12			Prohibits tinted material.

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Texas V.T.C.A., Transportation Code § 502.180, § 502.409 Tex. Admin. Code tit. 43, § 17.22	Motor Vehicle Trailers	X	X	X		X								*Vehicle definition includes trailers.
Utah U.C.A. 1953 § 41-1a-401 U.C.A. 1953 § 41-1a-404	Motor Vehicle Trailers	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		12			
Vermont 23 V.S.A. § 511 § 512 § 1248 Vt. Code R. 14 050 017	Motor Vehicle Trailers	X*	X		X	X	X	X	X					*1 or 2 plates may be issued.
Virginia Va. Code Ann. § 46.2-711 Va. Code Ann. § 46.2-715	Motor Vehicle Trailers	X	X	X	X	X		X	X					

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Va. Code Ann. § 46.2-716														
Washington West's RCWA 46.16.230 West's RCWA 46.16.240 West's RCWA 46.16.505	Motor Vehicle Trailers Truck Camper	X	X	X	X	X	X						48	
West Virginia W. Va. Code, § 17A-3-14 W. Va. Code, § 17A-3-15	Motor Vehicle Trailers		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			12		
Wisconsin W.S.A. 341.12 W.S.A. 341.15	Motorhome Trailers	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						

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Wyoming W.S.1977 § 31-2-204 W.S.1977 § 31-2-205	Motor Vehicle House Trailers	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		12		
District of Columbia DC ST § 50-1501.02 18 DC ADC § 422	Motor Vehicle Trailers	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		12		Prohibits tag from being covered with glass, plastic or other material or substance.

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