# Minnesota Car Registration Fees (2026)

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How much does it cost to register a car in Minnesota? The yearly registration tax is $10 plus 1.575% of the car's MSRP, reduced as the car ages: $482.50 in year 1 for a $30,000 car, $458.88 in year 2, down to $30 from year 11. Electric cars add the greater of $150 or 0.5% of MSRP a year. Buying a car adds 6.875% motor vehicle sales tax and about $55 in title, filing and plate fees.

## Fees at a glance (2026)

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| **Registration tax, passenger vehicle** | $10 + 1.575% of MSRP x 100% (year 1) down to 10% (year 10); $30 from year 11 |
| **Electric vehicle surcharge** | Greater of $150 or 0.5% of MSRP (same age %) a year |
| **Plug-in hybrid surcharge** | Greater of $75 or 0.25% of MSRP a year |
| **Truck (1 ton+)** | $15 - $1,760 by gross weight, minimum $120 (75% from year 9) |
| **Motorcycle** | $10/yr |
| **Title and transaction fees** | $8.25 title + $2.25 + $3.50 + $10 transfer tax + $12 filing + $1 deputy |
| **Plates** | $15.50 (pair) / $13.50 (single) |
| **Motor vehicle sales tax** | 6.875% (no local sales tax; $20 local excise where adopted) |

## Starting example

Example for a $30,000 car. Change the inputs on the calculator page for your own figures.

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| Registration tax (1 yr)<br>$10 + 1.575% of 100% of MSRP | $482.50 |
| Title fee | $8.25 |
| Technology surcharge | $2.25 |
| Public Safety Vehicle fee | $3.50 |
| Transfer tax | $10.00 |
| Filing fee | $12.00 |
| Deputy registrar fee | $1.00 |
| License plates<br>Pair | $15.50 |
| Motor vehicle sales tax<br>6.875% of price | $2,062.50 |
| **Estimated total** | **$2,597.50** |

## What this estimate does and does not include

• Registration tax: $10 plus 1.575% of the base MSRP for vehicles first registered in Minnesota since November 16, 2020 (1.54% of MSRP plus destination before that, not covered here). The share of MSRP falls each year: 100, 95, 90, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 25 and 10%, then a flat $30 total. A renewal can never be more than the smallest amount paid before.

• Electric vehicles: the DVS fee page still shows a flat $75 surcharge, but Minnesota Statutes 168.013 subds. 1m-1n (Laws 2025, ch. 8) replaced it for registration periods from January 1, 2026: all-electric the greater of $150 or 0.5% of MSRP x the age %, plug-in hybrid $75 or 0.25%. The minimums drop to $100 / $50 for periods from July 1, 2027. We follow the statute. Conventional hybrids pay no surcharge. Electric motorcycles and trucks: not stated, not included.

• Trucks of 1 ton or more pay by total gross weight (minimum $120), 75% from the ninth year. Pickups under 1 ton use the passenger formula.

• First registrations are prorated by month to your registration period; the calculator shows a full year.

• Motor vehicle sales tax is 6.875% for dealer and private sales, paid when the title transfers; a trade-in and rebates are deducted. Local sales taxes don't apply, but some cities and counties have a $20 local vehicle excise tax that the dealer collects. Older passenger vehicles (10+ years, under $3,000) pay a $10 in-lieu tax instead (not modelled).

• Not included: county wheelage tax (up to $20, set by your county: tick the box and it shows as not available), the second $2.25 technology surcharge some deputy registrars add on combined title and registration transactions, expedited title ($20) and any late renewal fee (none is listed by DVS). There's no safety or emissions inspection.

## Official sources

Minnesota DVS - Vehicle fees (title $8.25, technology surcharge $2.25, Public Safety Vehicle fee $3.50, lien $2, transfer tax $10, filing fee $12 / $8 renewal, plates $15.50 double / $13.50 single, late transfer $2; still shows the old $75 EV surcharge)
https://mn.gov/elicense/a-z/?id=1083-230975
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Minnesota Statutes 168.013 (passenger registration tax $10 + 1.575% of MSRP x 100/95/90/80/70/60/50/40/25/10%, then $30; motorcycle $10; truck schedule by gross weight, $120 minimum, 75% from the 9th year; subds. 1m-1n: all-electric surcharge the greater of $150 or 0.5% of MSRP x the same %, plug-in hybrid $75 or 0.25%, for periods from 2026-01-01 to 2027-06-30)
https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/168.013
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Minnesota Laws 2025, chapter 8 (enacting the 2026 EV and plug-in hybrid surcharges)
https://www.revisor.mn.gov/laws/2025/1/8/laws.2.36.0
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Minnesota Statutes 168.33 (filing fees $12 / $8; $1 deputy registrar surcharge)
https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/168.33
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Minnesota Statutes 163.051 (county wheelage tax up to $20 a year, set by the county; motorcycles exempt)
https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/163.051
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Minnesota Department of Revenue - Motor vehicle sales (6.875% motor vehicle sales tax, same for dealer and private sales; trade-in deducted; local sales tax doesn't apply; $20 local vehicle excise tax where adopted, collected by the dealer)
https://www.revenue.state.mn.us/book/export/html/19231
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Minnesota Department of Revenue - Miscellaneous motor vehicle sales ($10 in-lieu tax for older passenger vehicles

under $3,000; gifts taxed on fair market value unless exempt)
https://www.revenue.state.mn.us/guide/miscellaneous-motor-vehicle-sales
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## Before you pay

This is an estimate. Confirm the final amount with Minnesota Driver and Vehicle Services (DVS), Department of Public Safety. The free calculator, with every fee worked out for your own car: https://vehiclefeecalculator.com/minnesota/