

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

2015 VEHICLE CODE



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manufacturer, and the country in which the devices were manufactured or assembled in final form.
Added Ch. 71, Stats. 1990. Effective May 1, 1990.

Tire Tread

610. "Tire tread" is that portion of the tire, consisting of the ribs and grooves, which comes in contact with the roadway.

Added Ch. 216, Stats. 1970. Effective November 23, 1970.

Toll Highway or Toll Road

611. A "toll highway" or "toll road" is a publicly owned way or place open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel which use requires the payment of a fee.

Added Ch. 1241, Stats. 1992. Effective January 1, 1993.

Tour Bus

612. "Tour bus" means a bus, which is operated by or for a charter-party carrier of passengers, as defined in Section 5360 of the Public Utilities Code, or a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Section 226 of the Public Utilities Code, or any highway carrier of passengers required to register with the California Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Section 3910 of the Public Utilities Code.

Amended Ch. 1216, Stats. 1989. Effective October 1, 1989.

Tow Truck: Tow Vehicle

615. (a) A "tow truck" is a motor vehicle which has been altered or designed and equipped for, and primarily used in the business of, transporting vehicles by means of a crane, hoist, tow bar, tow line, or dolly or is otherwise primarily used to render assistance to other vehicles. A "roll-back carrier" designed to carry up to two vehicles is also a tow truck. A trailer for hire that is being used to transport a vehicle is a tow truck. "Tow truck" does not include an automobile dismantlers' tow vehicle or a reposessor's tow vehicle.

(b) "Reposessor's tow vehicle" means a tow vehicle which is registered to a reposessor licensed or registered pursuant to Chapter 11 (commencing with Section 7500) of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code that is used exclusively in the course of the repossession business.

(c) "Automobile dismantlers' tow vehicle" means a tow vehicle which is registered by an automobile dismantler licensed pursuant to Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 11500) of Division 5 and which is used exclusively to tow vehicles owned by that automobile dismantler in the course of the automobile dismantling business.

Amended Sec. 14, Ch. 456, Stats. 1999. Effective January 1, 2000.

Tow Dolly

617. A "tow dolly" is a vehicle towed by a motor vehicle and designed and used exclusively to transport another motor vehicle and upon which the front or rear wheels of the towed motor vehicle are mounted, while the other wheels of the towed motor vehicle remain in contact with the ground. "Tow dolly" does not include a portable or collapsible dolly used as specified in Section 4014.

Added Ch. 708, Stats. 1983. Effective January 1, 1984.

Traffic

620. The term "traffic" includes pedestrians, ridden animals, vehicles, street cars, and other conveyances, either singly or together, while using any highway for purposes of travel.

Traffic Officer

625. A "traffic officer" is any member of the California Highway Patrol, or any peace officer who is on duty for the exclusive or main purpose of enforcing Division 10 (commencing with Section 20000) or 11 (commencing with Section 21000).

Amended Ch. 142, Stats. 1983. Effective January 1, 1984.

Traffic Violator School

626. A "traffic violator school" is a business that, for compensation, provides, or offers to provide, instruction in traffic safety, including, but not limited to, classroom traffic violator curricula, for persons referred by a court pursuant to Section 42005 or to other persons who elect to attend.

Amended Sec. 1, Ch. 457, Stats. 2001. Effective January 1, 2002.

Traffic Violator School Branch or Classroom Location

626.2. A "traffic violator school branch or classroom location" is any place where a traffic violator school conducts instruction or maintains records.

Added Ch. 396, Stats. 1985. Effective July 30, 1985.

Traffic Violator School Instructor

626.4. A "traffic violator school instructor" is any person who provides instruction to traffic violators on behalf of a traffic violator school.

Added Ch. 396, Stats. 1985. Effective July 30, 1985.

Traffic Violator School Operator

626.6. A "traffic violator school operator" is the person who directs and manages the operations of a traffic violator school.

A "traffic violator school operator" may be either the traffic violator school owner or another person designated by the traffic violator school owner to personally direct and manage the traffic violator school for the traffic violator school owner.

Added Ch. 396, Stats. 1985. Effective July 30, 1985.

Traffic Violator School Owner

626.8. A "traffic violator school owner" is any natural person, association, or corporation that owns a traffic violator school.

Added Ch. 396, Stats. 1985. Effective July 30, 1985.

Engineering and Traffic Survey

627. (a) "Engineering and traffic survey," as used in this code, means a survey of highway and traffic conditions in accordance with methods determined by the Department of Transportation for use by state and local authorities.

(b) An engineering and traffic survey shall include, among other requirements deemed necessary by the department, consideration of all of the following:

(1) Prevailing speeds as determined by traffic engineering measurements.

(2) Accident records.

(3) Highway, traffic, and roadside conditions not readily apparent to the driver.

(c) When conducting an engineering and traffic survey, local authorities, in addition to the factors set forth in paragraphs (1) to (3), inclusive, of subdivision (b) may consider all of the following:

(1) Residential density, if any of the following conditions exist on the particular portion of highway and the property contiguous thereto, other than a business district:

(A) Upon one side of the highway, within a distance of a