

Florida Recreational Vehicle Manufacturer, Importer and Distributor License Requirements



State of Florida
Department of Highway Safety
and Motor Vehicles

Florida Licensing Requirements for Recreational Vehicle Manufacturers, Importers and Distributors

The Dealer License Section, Bureau of Issuance Oversight, regulates the license issuance for recreational vehicle manufacturers, distributors and importers license applicants.

The Florida law requires recreational vehicle and park model trailer manufacturers, importers and distributors to be licensed by the Department in order to conduct business in the State of Florida.

Sections [320.8225](#), [320.3203](#), [320.3205](#), Florida Statutes, provide information regarding the licensing of recreational vehicle manufacturers, importers and distributors.

Applicants must complete and submit application form [HSMV 84256](#) with the required documents and fee to the Department. A check list of required documents is attached to [HSMV 84256](#) that can be downloaded from the Department's website at <http://flhsmv.gov/dmv/forms/BFO/84256.pdf>.

All recreational vehicle manufacturer, importer and distributor applicants must submit an original surety bond for \$10,000 for the licensing period for each plant and a continuation bond certificate each year at the time of renewal. Each plant must be licensed by the Department.

It is important for all business entities to have an active registration of their business name and fictitious name(s) (if applicable) with the Division of Corporations to be able to legally conduct business in Florida. (access at www.sunbiz.org). A copy of this registration must be submitted with their application.

Recreational vehicle manufacturers must be registered with National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) at www.nhtsa.gov. The certification constitutes the manufacturer's certification label that the recreational vehicle "conforms to all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards in effect on the date of manufacture."

NHTSA registration is not required for applicants applying for a recreational vehicle manufacturer's license for park model trailers, but must meet the Uniform Standards Code approved by the American National Standards Institute ANSI A-119.5 or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development standards for park trailers.

Conversion companies that add living quarter to trailers must apply for a recreational vehicle manufacturer's license.

Conversion companies that add living quarters to trailers must submit a copy of their registration with NHTSA for Title 49 CFR Part 567.2 -.3 -.4 etc., where an alterer must affix its alterer's certification label adjacent to the original manufacturer's certification label (in the case of a trailer altered to include living quarters). The pair of certification labels must be visible at the left (driver's side) front corner of the trailer.

Pursuant to section [320.3203](#), Florida Statutes, a licensed recreational vehicle manufacturer, importer or distributor may not sell a recreational vehicle in this state to or through a dealer without having first entered into a manufacturer/dealer agreement with a dealer which has been signed by both parties.

All models manufactured by recreational vehicle manufacturers are considered as line-makes. Manufacturers must advise the Department in writing when they wish to establish or relocate their dealers specifying the line-makes the dealer is approved to sell and also submit a copy of the dealer sales and service agreement or an addendum to the existing agreement.

Florida Licensing Requirements for Manufacturers, Importers and Distributors of Recreational Vehicles

A licensed manufacturer, Importer or Distributor can add a line-make any time to their license by submitting required documents to the Dealer License Section for review and approval and thereafter, establish dealers who would have to meet the licensing requirements with the Department. A list of required documents can be accessed with application form HSMV 84256 at <http://flhsmv.gov/dmv/forms/BFO/84256.pdf>. No fee or application is required to add line-makes.

IMPORTANT: No shipment or sale of recreational vehicles can be done before the manufacturer, importer or distributor and the associated dealers are properly licensed as per requirements of sections [320.8225](#) and [320.771](#), Florida Statutes.

Unauthorized sales of recreational vehicles to unlicensed dealers is a violation of sections [320.8225](#), [320.3203](#), and [320.771](#), Florida Statutes.

LICENSE FEE SCHEDULE

License Type	Original License Fee	Renewal Fee
Recreational Vehicle Manufacturer (MR)	\$340.00	\$140.00
Recreational Vehicle Importer (RI)	\$340.00	\$140.00
Recreational Vehicle Distributor (RD)	\$340.00	\$140.00

LICENSE PERIOD

License Type	Licensing Period
Recreational Vehicle Manufacturer (MR)	Oct 1-Sept 30
Recreational Vehicle Importer (RI)	Oct 1-Sept 30
Recreational Vehicle Distributor (RD)	Oct 1-Sept 30

USEFUL LINKS

Florida Statutes: www.flsenate.gov

Florida's Dealer Handbook: <http://flhsmv.gov/dmv/DealerHandbook.pdf>

How Do I?: <http://flhsmv.gov/dmv/HowDoI/ManuImpDist.pdf>

Frequently Asked Questions for Florida Recreational Vehicle Manufacturers, Importers, and Distributors: http://flhsmv.gov/dmv/FAQ_MID_RV.pdf

Application Form HSMV 84256: <http://flhsmv.gov/dmv/forms/BFO/84256.pdf>

Valuable information on licensing procedures and requirements can be accessed at the Department's website at <http://www.flhsmv.gov/html/titlinf.html> and selecting "Dealer, Manufacturer, Distributor and Importer Information."

For further assistance, please call the Dealer License Section at 850-617-3003 (press 1).



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