

Golf Cart Equipment Requirements (CVC §24001.5)

Golf carts must comply with certain equipment standards established by the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to be registered for on-road use. Equipment requirements are outlined in the Motorcycle, Motor-Driven Cycle, and Motorized Bicycle Requirements (CHP 888) form available at www.chp.ca.gov.

You must complete a Statement of Facts (REG 256) form, which states the vehicle meets the definition of a golf cart (CVC §345) and has not been modified. If the golf cart is gasoline-powered, it must bear a label certifying the vehicle complies with California emissions requirements.

If you drive your golf cart on the road, it must be equipped with:

- At least one headlamp, tail lamp, and stop lamp.
- A rear reflector.
- Front/rear turn signals.
- Front/side reflectors.
- A mirror (positioned to allow the driver a rear view of at least 200 feet).
- A horn.
- Fenders.
- A safety-glazed windshield.
- Windshield wipers.

Sales By a Dealer

Dealers must provide buyers of an NEV/LSV with a disclosure statement regarding the operation of the vehicle (CVC §21252).

If you purchase a vehicle from a California dealer, they will submit your paperwork to DMV.



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Neighborhood Electric Vehicle (NEV)/Low-Speed Vehicle (LSV) and Golf Cart Registration

You always need...

- An Application for Title or Registration (REG 343) form.
- The out-of-state title or manufacturer's certificate/statement of origin.
- A Verification of Vehicle (REG 31) form.
- Registration fees.

You may also need...

- A Statement of Facts (REG 256) form.

Fast Facts



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Neighborhood Electric Vehicle (NEV)/Low-Speed Vehicle (LSV) Definition (CVC §§385.5 and 21250)

An NEV/LSV is a motor vehicle that:

- Has four wheels.
- Within one mile can reach a speed of more than 20 miles per hour (mph) but **not more than 25 mph** on a paved level surface.
- Has a 17-digit conforming vehicle identification number (VIN).
- Has a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of less than 3,000 pounds.
- Must be certified to meet Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) to be registered and operated on public streets, roads, or highways.
- May look like a golf cart to the casual observer, but is actually a motor vehicle requiring a **valid California driver license, registration, and insurance.**



Operation of NEVs/LSVs

Local authorities, by ordinance or resolution, may restrict or prohibit the use of NEVs/LSVs. An NEV/LSV may:

- **Not** be operated on any roadway with a speed limit above 35 mph.
- Cross state highways only at controlled intersections. Crossing at uncontrolled intersections is permitted with approval of the local authority governing that intersection.
- Cross at intersections that have a speed limit above 35 mph, if the crossing begins and ends on a road of 35 mph or less.
- Be operated as a golf cart within a distance of one mile or less from a golf course or on roads designated for such operation by ordinance or resolution by a local authority.

Modified/Altered NEVs/LSVs (CVC §21254)

If you modify or alter your NEV/LSV to go faster than 25 miles per hour, the vehicle no longer qualifies for the relaxed FMVSS established for NEVs/LSVs. Your vehicle will be required to meet the same FMVSS established for passenger vehicles. Failure to comply with all necessary regulations may result in a citation.

Golf Cart (CVC §345) Definition

A golf cart is a motor vehicle designed to:

- Carry no more than two persons, including the driver.
- Carry golf equipment.
- Have no less than three wheels in contact with the ground.
- Operate at a maximum speed of 15 mph.
- Weigh no more than 1,300 pounds unladen (empty).



Operation of Golf Carts (CVC §§345, 21115, 21115.1, and 21716)

Registration is **not** required if you operate your golf cart on a highway designated for such use by ordinance or resolution within one mile of a golf course.

You may **not** operate on a road with a speed limit above 25 mph, except by ordinance or resolution by a local authority.

Modified Golf Carts

A golf cart **cannot** be converted for registration as an NEV/LSV. If you modify your golf cart to go faster than 15 mph or seat more than two persons, the vehicle is considered a regular motor vehicle and must comply with FMVSS for passenger vehicles.

FMVSS include additional vehicle equipment, appropriate FMVSS labels, applicable emission standards, and a 17-digit conforming VIN. Failure to comply with all necessary regulations may result in a citation.