

GVW Decals for Electric Commercial Vehicles

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Effective: Immediately

New Policy

On original and non-original transactions, customers now have an option to declare a gross vehicle weight/combined gross vehicle weight (GVW/CGW) on electric commercial vehicles with motive power (MP) of electric (E) or hydrogen fuel cell (R) when operating in excess of 10,001 or more pounds. If a customer chooses this option, the vehicle will receive a GVW decal and a \$3 Commercial Vehicle Registration Act (CVRA) year sticker. The vehicle is not subject to CVRA weight fees.

A GVW/CGW declaration is required for commercial vehicles with body type model (BTM) other than **PK**, **PC**, **3C**, **3B**, **4C**, and **4B** that have an MP of **E** or **R**, and an unladen weight of 6,001 lbs. or more.

Procedures

When keying the transaction, use the following guidelines:

<i>If a Customer Who</i>	<i>Then the</i>
Operates a commercial vehicle with an MP of E or R and an unladen weight of 6,001 pounds or more, requests a GVW/CGW decal	<p>Applicant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to the CVRA range schedule found on the Declaration of Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)/Combined Gross Vehicle Weight (CGW) (REG 4008) form to determine the highest operating weight they will use the vehicle at. • Indicate on a Statement of Facts (REG 256) form the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — GVW/CGW weight range. — GVW/CGW weight code. — Date the vehicle will be or was first operated at the indicated weight. <p>NOTE: The registered owner, lessee, or designee must sign the REG 256.</p> <p>Technician must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On the <i>DATA COLLECT</i> screen, key the GVW, CGW, and <i>CERT DATE</i> from the REG 256 in the appropriate fields. • Collect the \$3 CVRA year sticker fee. • Issue a GVW decal and CVRA year sticker.
Has a commercial vehicle with an MP of E or R and an unladen weight of 6,001 pounds or more, does not inquire about or request a GVW/CGW decal	<p>Technician must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bypass the GVW/CGW screen by keying “U” in the <i>CERT IND</i> field and current date in the <i>CERT DATE</i> field. • Not ask the customer to complete and sign any forms. • Issue the CVRA year sticker only.

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Background

Currently, there are electric commercial motor vehicles operating on public roads and highways that are carrying loads and operating in excess of 10,001 or more pounds. Previous programming did not allow customers to purchase a GVW/CGW weight decal and CVRA year sticker for these vehicles.

Reference

California Vehicle Code §§9400-9400.1(c)

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