"TRAVEL TRAILER" OR "PARK MODEL TRAILER" VERIFICATION

DESCRIPTION OF TRAVEL TRAILER/PARK MODEL TRAILER

For motor vehicle title and registration purposes, the term "Travel Trailer" refers to recreational trailers which are:

- Designed primarily NOT for use as a permanent dwelling, but as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel or seasonal use.
- Built on a single chassis, and
- Permanently towable by a light duty truck.

"TRAVEL TRAILERS" must meet ONE OF the following criteria, IN ADDITION TO THE CONDITIONS STATED ABOVE:

- House Trailer-type vehicles and Camper Trailers must be less than eight (8) body feet in width, AND less than forty (40) body feet in length (not including the hitch), OR
- Park Model-type Trailers must be 400 square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projection, and may exceed the above mentioned width and length limitations. (See reverse side for permit requirements.)

See reverse side for more information.

NOTE: MANUFACTURED HOMES WHICH ARE DESIGNED AS A PERMANENT DWELLING MAY NOT BE TITLED AND REGISTERED AS A TRAVEL TRAILER.
CUSTOM TRAILERS WITH LIVING QUARTERS PRIMARILY USED FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES MUST BE TITLED AND REGISTERED AS A TRAILER.

I hereby certify that I am the owner of the above described travel trailer/park model trailer, and that said travel trailer/park model trailer meets the criteria stated above.

OR

CERTIFICATION OF VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OF TRAVEL TRAILER/PARK MODEL TRAILER LAST REGISTERED AND TITLED OUT OF STATE:

I hereby certify that the travel trailer/park model trailer identified above will not be operated on the public highways of this State and is exempt from the safety inspection as required by Transportation Code, §548.051. I further certify that the vehicle identification number as it appears on the travel trailer/park model trailer is as indicated above.

NOTE: Applicant must also complete Form VTR-131.

Owner's signature Date

WARNING: Transportation Code, §501.155, provides that falsifying information on any required statement or application is a third-degree felony.
PERMIT REQUIRED TO MOVE ON PUBLIC HIGHWAYS

If a travel trailer is a "Park Model" type trailer, and exceeds 8'6" in width or 45' in length, the owner will be required to obtain an oversize/overweight permit, in addition to regular registration, to legally move the trailer on public highways.

To obtain an oversize/overweight permit, contact the Motor Carrier Division at 1-800/299-1700.

TRAVEL TRAILER/PARK MODEL TRAILER LAST TITLED AND REGISTERED OUT OF STATE

A travel trailer or park model trailer last titled and registered out of state is required to pass a Texas Safety Inspection if the gross weight of the travel trailer exceeds 4,500 lbs., before it may be titled or registered in Texas.

If the travel trailer or park model trailer is used as a residence, and is being registered for the sole purpose of obtaining a certificate of title and not for operation on the highways, it would not be subject to the safety inspection requirements. However, to ensure that safety inspection is not required, the applicant will be required to certify that the vehicle will not be operated on the highways of this State. Applicants will also be required to physically inspect the vehicle to verify the correct vehicle identification number. These requirements may be accomplished by checking the second box on the lower portion of the front of this form.

WEIGHTS ON NEW OR OUT OF STATE TRAVEL TRAILERS

When processing title transaction on new or out of state travel trailers, the following procedures should be followed:

Enter the empty weight or shipping weight that is reflected on the evidence of ownership, i.e. Manufacturer Certificate of Origin (MCO) or out of state title, as the empty weight.

Enter a carrying capacity. The carrying capacity can be calculated by subtracting the empty weight from the gross weight (Gross Weight - Empty Weight = Carrying Capacity).

If the gross weight is not reflected on the MCO or out of state title, it can be determined by using a weight certificate, or use the following formula: Length x Width x 20 lbs. = Gross Weight.

NOTE: If the resulting gross weight amount is greater than the weight shown on the evidence of ownership as the empty weight, then the difference of the two will be entered as the carrying capacity (Gross Weight - Empty Weight = Carrying Capacity). If the resulting gross weight amount is less than or equal to the weight shown on the evidence of ownership as the empty weight, then the county will enter 100 lbs. (minimum increment) as the carrying capacity and disregard the calculated gross weight.