

DMV PLATE RETURN FORM
R-377 NEW 6-2010

STATE OF CONNECTICUT - DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES
LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY PLATE RETURN CONTROL SHEET



DEPARTMENT/TROOP

Connecticut State Police - Troop K

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OFFICER/TROOPER Please bring a copy of this completed form with you so that the examiner can initial it for your records.

	STATE	REGISTRATION PLATE NUMBER	NUMBER OF PLATES	A/E/I	REFERENCE NUMBER (e.g. Case, CFS, etc.)	REASON (e.g. Misuse, Stolen, etc.)	BADGE NUMBER
1.	CT	AR30928	1	E	CFS 26-0084713	Misuse	1147
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PERSON TURNING IN PLATES (Print)

SIGN

DATE

PERSON RECEIVING PLATES (Print)

SIGN

DATE

Key: A/E/I = Active, Expired or Inactive Plate

How to fill out R-377 — DMV Plate Return Form

Connecticut · written against R-377 (New 6-2010), issued under A Department of Motor Vehicles control sheet for law enforcement agencies returning plates seized or recovered in the course of duty

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Whose form is it? Not yours - and it is on this page for exactly that reason. Search for a Connecticut plate return form and this is what comes back, because that is what the department called it. Read past the title and the subtitle says LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY PLATE RETURN CONTROL SHEET, the header asks for a department or state police troop and the twenty rows want a case reference and a reason such as misuse or stolen. A private seller returning plates does not use this and does not need to.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank R-377 from the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles at <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DMV/R377pdf.pdf> — always take the current revision from the agency rather than a copy. Print this and keep it beside you while you complete theirs.

Every line, in the order you meet it

1	OTHER	Department/Troop	The law enforcement agency returning the plates. The first box on the form and the first sign that it is not a seller's document. Watch out: If you cannot fill this box in truthfully, you are on the wrong form. There is no equivalent line for a member of the public.
2	OTHER	Street address, city, state and ZIP	The agency's address, over two lines beneath the department name. Watch out: The address block wants a station, not a home. It is where the initialled copy is filed.
3	OTHER	Telephone Number	An agency contact number. Watch out: Still not yours. Three boxes in and the form has not asked about a vehicle at all.
4	OTHER	Row 1: State and Registration Plate Number	The first two of seven columns. Plates recovered in Connecticut are not always Connecticut plates. Watch out: There is no VIN column anywhere on the sheet. It tracks plates, not vehicles, which is the clearest sign of what it is for.
5	OTHER	Row 1: Number of Plates and A/E/I	How many plates, and whether the plate is Active, Expired or Inactive - a key the department prints at the foot of the sheet. Watch out: A seller's plate after a sale is none of these in any sense the department means here, because the registration behind it has expired by operation of law rather than by time.
6	OTHER	Row 1: Reference Number, Reason and Badge Number	A case or call-for-service reference, a reason such as misuse or stolen, and the officer's badge number. Watch out: The last three columns are the ones that settle it. What a private seller does instead is on the E-159, and the tick there is simply SOLD.

What gets this one rejected

- A private owner filling it in. There is no owner block, no VIN box and nowhere to say why the vehicle changed hands.
- Using it to cancel a registration. It records the physical return of plates to the department; it is not a registration termination and produces no plate disposition receipt.
- Posting it. The form is a control sheet handed over in person so that a DMV examiner can initial it - that is what its own instruction says.
- Expecting a refund from it. The registration refund is an F-82, which this sheet has no relationship to.
- Confusing it with the E-159. The E-159 is the seller's paper route and it is the one with the SOLD tick on it.

☒ Amber is what you write ☐ Grey is a block somebody else completes The filled-in example is at the start of this sheet.

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