

Vehicle registration plates of Russia



Russian registration plate, as observed in 2007 -177 stands for [Moscow](#).



Russian registration plate, as observed in 2007 -51 stands for [Murmansk Oblast](#).



Russian registration plate, as observed in 2004 -78 stands for [Saint-Petersburg](#).



Russian registration plate for trailers

In Russia, the plate format has changed since the collapse of the Soviet Union. Soviet plates prior to 1982 were white-on-black. They had combination of four digits, grouped by two and three Cyrillic letters. Rear plate was square with letters located below the numbers. From those letters, first two indicated the region. For example, 75-63 KJJK combination referred to a car from the Kaliningrad Region. After 1982 a new black-on-white format for newly registered cars was adopted.

The current format uses a letter followed by 3 digits and two more letters. To improve legibility of the numbers for Russian cars abroad, only a small subset of Cyrillic characters that look like Latin characters are used (12 letters: A, B, E, K, M, H, O, P, C, T, Y, X). Finally, the region number (77, 99, 97, 177 and now 199 for Moscow, 78 and 98 for Saint-Petersburg) and letters "RUS" are included, as well as the national flag (the flag was not used on some of the earliest plates of this format). There is a different format for trailers (4 digits and 2 letters).

The standard size for the license plate is 520 mm by 110 mm.

Trucks and buses generally have their license numbers painted on them in large letters on the rear of the vehicle, although they also bear license plates. Some autonomous regions are not required to have the flag on the license plates.

Run out problem

As per GOST provision, only 1,726,272 combinations may be issued within one administration unit. In certain regions, the amount of vehicles exceeds that number, and the combination may not be reused after a vehicle was taken off the registration. All this creates an issue of running out of numbers.

A short-term solution was introducing more codes for those regions. Thus, some regions have 2 codes issued to them, Moscow Oblast has 3, and the city of Moscow has 5 codes. But this does not fully solve the problem, as the authorities may eventually run out of regional codes because any code higher than 199 will not fit without changing the standardized layout of the plate.

Introduction of new style license plate is being considered as a future solution.

Regional codes

Numbers of the license plates of Russia

Code	The region of Russian Federation
01	Republic of Adygea
02, 102	Republic of Bashkortostan
03	Buryat Republic
04	Altai Republic
05	Republic of Dagestan
06	Republic of Ingushetia
07	Kabardino-Balkar Republic
08	Republic of Kalmykia
09	Karachay-Cherkess Republic
10	Republic of Karelia
11	Komi Republic
12	Mari El Republic
13	Republic of Mordovia
14	Sakha Republic
15	Republic of North Ossetia-Alania
16, 116	Republic of Tatarstan
17	Tuva Republic
18	Udmurt Republic
19	Republic of Khakassia
95	Chechen Republic (previous code 20 has been withdrawn)
21, 121	Chuvash Republic
22	Altai Krai
23, 93	Krasnodar Krai
24	Krasnoyarsk Krai
25, 125	Primorsky Krai
26	Stavropol Krai
27	Khabarovsk Krai
28	Amur Oblast
29	Arkhangelsk Oblast
30	Astrakhan Oblast
31	Belgorod Oblast
32	Bryansk Oblast
33	Vladimir Oblast
34	Volgograd Oblast
35	Vologda Oblast
36	Voronezh Oblast

37	Ivanovo Oblast
38	Irkutsk Oblast
39, 91	Kaliningrad Oblast
40	Kaluga Oblast
41	Kamchatka Oblast , now part of Kamchatka Krai
42	Kemerovo Oblast
43	Kirov Oblast
44	Kostroma Oblast
45	Kurgan Oblast
46	Kursk Oblast
47	Leningrad Oblast
48	Lipetsk Oblast
49	Magadan Oblast
50, 90, 150	Moscow Oblast
51	Murmansk Oblast
52, 152	Nizhny Novgorod Oblast
53	Novgorod Oblast
54	Novosibirsk Oblast
55	Omsk Oblast
56	Orenburg Oblast
57	Oryol Oblast
58	Penza Oblast
59	Perm Oblast , now part of Perm Krai
60	Pskov Oblast
61, 161	Rostov Oblast
62	Ryazan Oblast
63, 163	Samara Oblast
64, 164	Saratov Oblast
65	Sakhalin Oblast
66, 96	Sverdlovsk Oblast
67	Smolensk Oblast
68	Tambov Oblast
69	Tver Oblast
70	Tomsk Oblast
71	Tula Oblast
72	Tyumen Oblast
73	Ulyanovsk Oblast
74, 174	Chelyabinsk Oblast
75	Chita Oblast
76	Yaroslavl Oblast
77, 99, 97, 177, 199	Moscow
78, 98, 178	Saint Petersburg
79	Jewish Autonomous Oblast

- 80 [Agin-Buryat Autonomous Okrug](#)
- 81 [Komi-Permyak Autonomous Okrug](#), now part of [Perm Krai](#)
- 82 [Koryak Autonomous Okrug](#), now part of [Kamchatka Krai](#)
- 83 [Nenets Autonomous Okrug](#)
- 84 [Taymyr Autonomous Okrug](#), now part of [Krasnoyarsk Krai](#)
- 85 [Ust-Orda Buryat Autonomous Okrug](#)
- 86 [Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Okrug](#) - Yugra
- 87 [Chukotka Autonomous Okrug](#)
- 88 [Evenk Autonomous Okrug](#), part of [Krasnoyarsk Krai](#)
- 89 [Yamalo-Nenets Autonomous Okrug](#)