Form DP-37 ("Registration Plate Record") is an abstract (summary statement) of the plate record.

The heading section of the abstract shows the registrant’s name, address (including county abbreviation), date of birth, sex, the date the abstract is printed, the plate number assigned to the vehicles listed in the history section (below the heading section), the type of registration (such as passenger vehicle) and the expiration date of the registration.

Below the heading (under the horizontal line) is a list of vehicles that have been registered using the plate number which is listed in the heading. The list starts with the vehicle registered most recently. If the plate number in the heading has replaced another plate number that was previously assigned, the previous number will also be shown. Additionally, events which affect the registration status (such as lapses in insurance coverage) are listed.

This is to certify that this document is a true and complete copy of an electronic record on file in the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, Albany, New York.

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Commissioner
Form MV-904, ("Vehicle Title Record") is an abstract (summary statement) of the vehicle title record. A vehicle title is proof of who owns a vehicle.

The heading of the abstract shows the vehicle identification number (VIN - a unique number assigned to each vehicle by the manufacturer); this is called a hull identification number for boats (HIN). The heading also shows the year, make, model, body (or hull for boats), weight (or seats for buses, or length for boats), color (two letter code), fuel and cylinders (or propellers for boats).

Below the heading (under the horizontal line) is the current owner’s name and address.

The next line shows the odometer reading and a statement of explanation (if necessary).

Any lienholders (usually lending institutions) that have a financial interest in the vehicle or boat are listed after the current owner. The abstract will also specify when there are no unpaid liens on the vehicle or boat.