



Autonomous Vehicles - DMV

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Overview

- Nevada law allows all automation AV levels to operate on public streets.
- The DMV does not issue permits based on AV level of automation.
- The DMV does not test or certify vehicles prior to testing.

Self-Certification for Testing

- Manufacturers and developers interested in testing their vehicles in Nevada must submit a completed “AV Testing Registry Application” packet to the DMV.
- The packet outlines the bond and insurance directives, fees and other requirements.
- Once the packet is reviewed and all requirements are met, the DMV will issue a Certificate of Compliance for testing along with a set of red license plates and corresponding registration for each vehicle.

Bond and Insurance Requirements

- Any entity wishing to test an automated driving system on Nevada's public roads is required to:
 - ***Submit a certificate of insurance with \$5 million insurance coverage; or***
 - ***Post and maintain a \$5 million surety bond; or***
 - ***Make a \$5 million cash deposit***
- AVs must also comply with the minimum insurance requirements listed in NRS 485.185, which are \$25,000/\$50,000/\$20,000.

Fee Schedule

- Business testing certificate (new or renewal) - \$100
- Testing license plates:
 - ***New - \$20.50 per vehicle***
 - ***Renewals - \$12 per vehicle***

Crash Reporting

- Pursuant to NRS 482A, within 10 days of any crash resulting in personal injury, property damage that exceeds \$750, or traffic violation occurring while operating an autonomous testing vehicle, the licensee must provide the DMV with an incident report.
- A SR-1 Report of Traffic Crash needs to be completed within 10 days after a crash that occurred in Nevada and wasn't investigated at the scene by law enforcement. It must include a copy of any crash report or citation.

Self-Certification for Operations

- Prior to registering an AV in Nevada, a manufacturer or developer must self-certify to the DMV that they are in compliance with the requirements of NRS 482A.
- The manufacturer or developer must submit their completed “AV Certification Registry” packet to the DMV.
- Certification is based only upon the make, model and year of the vehicle(s) listed in the packet. If they incorporate their technology into other makes and models, they must submit an additional packet for certification.
- Once the packet has been reviewed and all requirements are met, the DMV issues a Certificate of Compliance for operations based on the make, model and year of the vehicles listed.

Self-Certification for Operations

- These vehicles need to comply with all federal motor vehicle safety standards.
- There are no fees, bond requirements or crash reporting for these vehicles.

NVACTS Traffic Safety Committee

- NVACTS has launched a working group to examine the traffic safety aspects of Nevada's AV program and laws.
- The group would like to make the AV process and responsibilities clearer for the agencies involved, manufacturers and developers, and the public.
- The working group just met for the first time last month.



Thank you

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