

NEW JERSEY
LICENSE PLATE DESCRIPTION

Year	Background	Number	Size	Year	Background	Number	Size
1906*				1941	black	white	6 1/2 x 10 3/4
1907*				1942▲	black	yellow	6 1/2 x 10 3/4
1908**	blue	cream	6 x 14 1/2"	1943▲	black	yellow	6 1/2 x 10 3/4
1909***	black	white		1944	cream	black	6 1/2 x 10 3/4
1910***	yellow	black		1945	cream	lt. blue	6 1/2 x 10 3/4
1911***	lt. gray	red		1946	cream	black	6 1/2 x 10 3/4
1912***	blue	yellow		1947	cream	lt. blue	6 1/2 x 10 3/4
1913***	white	red		1948	straw	black	6 1/2 x 10 3/4
1914***	red	white		1949	black	cream	6 1/2 x 10 3/4
1915***	green	white		1950	cream	black	6 1/2 x 10 3/4
1916	brown	white	6 x 14"	1951	black	cream	6 1/2 x 10 3/4
1917	blue	white	6 x 14"				6 1/2 x 13 1/2"
1918	white	blue	6 x 14"	1952▲▲	black	orange	6 1/2 x 10 3/4
1919	gray	white	6 x 14"	1953▲▲	black	orange	6 1/2 x 10 3/4
1920	red	white	6 x 14"	1954▲▲	black	orange	6 1/2 x 10 3/4
1921	green	white	6 x 14"	1955▲▲	black	orange	6 1/2 x 10 3/4
1922	black	white	6 x 14"	1956▲▲▲	black	orange	6 x 12"
1923	black	red	6 x 14"	1957	black	orange	6 x 12"
1924	red	white	6 x 14"	1958	black	orange	6 x 12"
1925	blue	aluminum	6 x 14"	1959▲▲▲▲	straw	black	6 x 12"
1926	orange	white	6 x 14"	1960▲▲▲▲	straw	black	6 x 12"
1927	green	white	6 x 14"	1961	straw	black	6 x 12"
1928	lt. blue	white	6 x 14"	1962	straw	black	6 x 12"
1929	dk. gray	white	6 x 14"	1963	straw	black	6 x 12"
1930	lt. gray	white	6 x 14"	1964	straw	black	6 x 12"
1931	red	white	6 x 14"	1965	straw	black	6 x 12"
1932	black	white	6 x 14"	1966	straw	black	6 x 12"
1933	black	red	6 x 14"	1967	straw	black	6 x 12"
1934	black	lt. green	6 x 14"	1968	straw	black	6 x 12"
1935	black	aluminum	6 x 14"	1969	straw	black	6 x 12"
1936	black	orange	6 x 14"	1970	straw	black	6 x 12"
1937	black	lt. green	6 x 14"	1971	straw	black	6 x 12"
1938	black	aluminum	6 x 14"	1972	straw	black	6 x 12"
1939	black	orange	6 1/2 x 10 3/4"	<u>Date Tab Colors:</u>		1953 Steel Black on Cream	1955 Aluminum on White
1940	black	green	6 1/2 x 10 3/4"			1954 Aluminum on Red	1956 Aluminum on Black

Later, date tabs were used only on non-passenger plates.

*Plates were made of leather or other materials such as brass, wood, or heavy mesh with metal numbers attached.
 **1908 was the beginning of the standard plate. This plate was a combination of metals and approximately 6 x 14 1/2" in size.
 ***1909 through 1915 the plates were made of metal with a porcelain finish. These plates came in no particular size. All were 6" high and length was determined by the number of digits on the plate.
 ▲1942 and 1943 the same plates were used, but they were updated by a year designator tab.
 ▲▲1952 through 1956 the same plates were used, but were updated by a metal year designator tab.
 ▲▲▲1956 the plate size was changed to conform with the federal standards of 6 x 12" and this plate was considered a permanent plate with no year designator tab. The old size 6 1/2 x 10 3/4" plates appeared until replaced during 1959 and 1960.
 ▲▲▲▲1959 and 1960 both orange on black and black on straw were in use because of a two year replacement program.