

Registering Your Moped

Mopeds and motorcycles are registered differently under Michigan law. Some retailers may sell what appears to be a moped but is actually a motorcycle. Michigan law (Section 257.32b) defines a moped as a unit that meets all of the following:

- The engine does not exceed 50 cc's piston displacement,
- The engine is rated at 2.0 horsepower or less,
- The power drive system does not require the operator to shift gears, and
- The top speed is 30 miles per hour or less on a level surface.

If a unit exceeds any of these criteria, it is classified as a motorcycle. Motorcycles for on-road use must be sold by a licensed dealership and be titled and registered. Operation of a motorcycle requires insurance, helmet use and a motorcycle endorsement.

Equipment: The Michigan Vehicle Code requires all mopeds to have:

- A headlight mounted 24 inches to 54 inches from ground height (required by Section 257.685) powerful enough to illuminate objects at least 100 feet ahead (required by Section 257.702).
- Brakes on both wheels as required by Section 257.705(1)(b).
- A horn audible from at least 200 feet away as required by Section 257.706.
- A tail light as required in Section 257.686.
- A brake light as required in Sections 257.697 and 697b.
- A muffler as provided in Section 257.707 (not required for electric powered mopeds).
- A rear view mirror as required in Section 257.708.
- A permanently mounted seat as required in Section 257.658 (1).
- Handlebars no higher than 15" from the lowest point of the seat to the highest point of the hand grips (Section 257.661a).

Moped Certification

I certify that I wish to register the unit described below as a moped, and that it meets the Michigan definition of a moped. I also certify the unit has all of the on-road equipment listed above required for legal operation on public roads.

Year	Make	VIN
Owner's Printed Name		Owner's Signature X