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What is a low speed vehicle?

Motor Vehicle includes a low speed vehicle, which is a four-wheeled electric vehicle that:

- has a maximum speed capability that exceeds 20 miles per hour but is less than 25 miles per hour;
- has at least four wheels in contact with the ground;
- has a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of less than 2,500 pounds; and
- complies with the standards for safety of such a vehicle set forth in Federal Motor Safety Standard 49C.F.R.571.500.

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Are low speed vehicles required to be titled and registered?

Maryland law now requires all low speed vehicles to be titled and registered.

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Do I need a driver license to operate a low speed vehicle on Maryland roadways?

Yes, you must possess a valid driver license to operate a low speed vehicle on Maryland roads.

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Are operations of low speed vehicles on roadways restricted to certain posted speeds?

Yes, a person may not drive a low speed vehicle on a roadway for which the posted maximum speed limit exceeds 30 miles per hour; or on an expressway or another controlled access highway that is signed so as to prohibit the use of these type of vehicles on its roadways.

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May I use my low speed vehicle to take my driver test?

No, individuals may not use a low speed vehicle to obtain a driver's license.

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