

# State Nixes All Special Pleas For Distinctive License Tags

So your name's Dan and you'd like your 1956 license plates to spell it out, DAN-123, or Dan-triple nothing, or some other three-digit affix.

Perhaps you're a New Deal Democrat, and you'd like to immortalize the father of the New Deal by displaying on your car the famous initials FDR.

We'll it's possible. It's also possible that some staunch Republicans will draw FDR or even HST. And a girl named May would very well come up with DAN and vice versa.

But it is not possible that the staunch Republican will be thrilled, or the Democrat irked, by having been issued a plate bearing the also-famous initials KE. Nor will any fellow named Joe be able to get a plate bearing his name in the letters "O", which looks like naught, and "I", which could be confused with "One" and "Q", because it resembles "O", are out.

All of which is by way of saying that California's unique 1956 license plate numbering system, consisting of three letters followed by three numerals, will be issued on a catch-as-can basis, and ALL holds barred.

**No Special Requests**  
Nobody, nowhere, anyhow, is going to get the plates he asks for by design. If Mr. J. E. Conroy comes out of the scramble with JEC plate, it'll be only because by sheer happenstance he applied for his license plates in the right town, at the right Motor Vehicles Department window at the right moment when the JEC series was being issued.

Several months ago the DMV disclosed that after an exhaustive study, the numbering system had been adopted for the new "five-year plan" of vehicle licensing beginning in 1956. The system works like this:

**Many Possibilities**  
By progressing through the alphabet with three-letter com-

binations starting with AAA through AAB, AAC to AAZ and so on to ZAA and ending with ZZ, there would be enough combinations to accommodate the ever-increasing number of vehicles in the state. Each combination of letters can be used 1000 times with three digit figures, ranging from 000 to 999.

As Director Paul Mason and Registrar Al Veglia point out,

## Class Works On Electric Typewriter

Pupils of Mack Landar's typing class at Torrance Evening High School are now receiving instruction in the operation of an electric typewriter.

The class, which is open to the public, is held on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. An electric typewriter will be available to students each Wednesday evening.

Persons wishing to obtain practice in the use of an electric or standard typewriter should register in Room 205, Torrance High School, 2200 W. Carson St. Monday or Wednesday evening, or call the Adult Education office, FA 8-2272.

**Lomita Building Hits \$598,175 in October**  
Building permits in Lomita during October totaled \$598,175, according to a report from the County Engineer's office.

During the month, 112 permits were issued, including 29 homes and one six-unit apartment building. In all unincorporated areas of the county, the building totals were \$22,236,709.

**No TED Tags**  
Again, DMV's system will dis-appoint special plate seekers whose pet three-letter combos occur late in the alphabet. The letter designations will go deeper for 1956 than "M" or "N" as initial letters. "MAX" and "NAP" may be issued if needed, but "RAY" and "TED" and "YUL" won't be seen until future years when replacements and new registrations have made deeper inroads.

From the day the new system was first announced, DMV has been deluged with requests from vehicle owners seeking specific letter combinations for their 1956 plates.

The broadcasting companies—NBC, CBS, ABC—and the automobile clubs, such as AAA, wanted to buy up the whole series of plates bearing their initials.

**More Requests**  
A Southern California group wanted the combination RCI-300—to indicate the name of the organization and its membership of 300.

An investment counselor wanted plates bearing the initials of virtually every member of his family, because:

"I got my first driver's license in California and have never been involved in a serious accident."

From a sorority came this one:  
"We would like to request that the block of license plates with the initials SAM be set-

aside for the members of our house to purchase."  
**Sam's A Sample**  
(Note:—SAM will not be issued at all. That happens to be the series reserved by DMV for use on sample plates, which have been photographed and widely publicized to acquaint motorists with the new plan).

From Carlsbad:  
"I own a distinctive Model A Ford, a 1931 convertible known as the 'A-400.' We of the Restorers Club believe that such a distinctive car should have a distinctive plate number. I would like to request a plate with the number A-400."

Another owner wanted this combination: KKK-1884.  
The publisher of a desert newspaper, eager to photograph Coachella's Valley's famed sunshine, sent this telegram to Director Mason: "Urgently request that the letters SUN be used to designate the 1956 license plates for cars in the desert area."

**Claims The Idea**  
A Solana Beach citizen writes:  
"I understand the new California license plates will have three letters and three numerals. This interests me very much as I sent you such a system in 1932. It would seem that I was the first to advocate such an arrangement. . . For that

reason would appreciate it if you could issue me a license plate with the following letters"—the writer's initials.

An airman stationed in Nebraska wants a plate bearing the number of his squadron—818.

Here's one from a Los Gatos resident:  
"For several years I have held the number A-440, and as I am a retired musician, and since the International pitch for tuning orchestral instruments is A-440 vibrations, I am very fond of wearing that number on my car, and am therefore asking if it is possible to have that number issued."

**Mailmen Seek Recognition**  
And a letter carrier would like USM-023, to designate US Mail Route 23.

A San Diego lady rings down the curtain:  
"With the issuance of new licenses at hand, my husband and I would like to have a particular number."  
"It is BOY—000!"  
"You see, we have five daughters and this is probably our only chance to have a boy."

The answer is "No."  
To all these requests, Registrar Veglia says:  
"The answer is a flat 'NO.' Inventories for the field offices of DMV are received from Folsom Prison, where the plates are manufactured. By sheer coincidence, John A. Doe may receive a plate such as JAD263, but no possibility exists of planning the assignment of a ny

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