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## If you are engaged in motor vehicle painting...

then **beginning October 1, 2002**, the gross receipts (charges) from motor vehicle painting, including your labor charges, are subject to sales tax.

Retailers of motor vehicle painting services must hold a Nebraska sales and use tax permit and collect the Nebraska and applicable local (city) sales tax on all materials and **labor charges** related to motor vehicle painting.

**Motor vehicles** include all motor vehicles such as buses, cars, vans, trucks, pickups, trailers, tractors and semitrailers, recreational vehicles, and motorcycles.

**Motor vehicle painting** includes refinishing and consists of, but is not limited to, the following procedures:

- Detergent/solvent wash;
- Masking adjacent panels;
- Mixing materials;
- Adjusting spray equipment;
- Applying sealer, color, anti-corrosion rust resistant materials, or clear coat;
- ♦ Cleaning the painting equipment;
- Blending into adjacent panel and/or panels or nearest breaking point;
- Color match or tinting;
- Finish and buff;
- Covering vehicle completely, including interior, and masking of jambs to prevent overspray damage;

- ◆ Featheredge paint damage to adjacent panel and/or panels joined by welding;
- Gravel guard refinish;
- Mask bolted parts and assemblies, glass and trim, decals and wiring and/or wiring harness;
- ♦ Special coating of luggage compartment;
- Steam cleaning of replacement panels to remove contaminants or other materials that would interfere with refinish operations; and

Two-tone refinish.



**Equipment and Supplies.** Retailers who provide motor vehicle painting services must continue to pay sales or use tax on all purchases of equipment, office supplies, and consumable shop supplies.

**Retailer's responsibilities.** Retailers have certain administrative responsibilities for collecting and remitting sales tax. These responsibilities are summarized in our Information Guide titled "Nebraska and Local Sales Tax," available on our website at: revenue.nebraska.gov, or call 800-742-7474 (NE and IA), or 402-471-5729.

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