

Standard Presumptive Value Fact Sheet

Background	Texas Courts ordered the Legislature to address school funding issues by June 1, 2006. In addition to other bills, the Legislature passed House Bill 4, which established motor vehicle Standard Presumptive Value (SPV) for sales tax purpose. SPV is effective 10/01/06.
SPV defined	SPV is the calculated price of a vehicle's worth based on similar sales in Texas. The sales tax is paid at your county tax office as part of the vehicle title and registration process. Data on sales used for SPV is updated monthly.
What's paid	The buyer pays 6.25% sales tax based on 80% of SPV (unless buyer paid more than 80% of SPV or unless buyer gets a certified appraisal. Details follow.)
Vehicles subject to SPV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cars • Trucks • Motorcycles • Vehicles purchased in Texas or from another state
Vehicles not subject to SPV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New vehicles • Vehicles purchased from licensed dealers • Vehicles more than 25 years old • Off-road vehicles, such as dirt bikes or all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) • Salvage or abandoned vehicles • Vehicles sold through a mechanic or storage lien • Vehicles given as gifts • Vehicles purchased at a governmental or foreclosure auction • Even-trade vehicles, when vehicles of equal value are swapped by the owners
How is SPV calculated?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a national vehicle valuation guide calculates prices based on Texas sales data. • 6.25% sales tax due is based on that amount – even if you paid less for the vehicle. • if you paid more for your vehicle than the SPV amount, you owe sales tax on the vehicle's actual purchase price.
Alternative to SPV: Certified Appraisal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A buyer who paid less than 80% of SPV can save on sales tax if a certified appraisal reflects a lower value. • For example, a vehicle with substantial body damage may be worth less than SPV. • A buyer who obtains a certified appraisal WITHIN 20 WORKING DAYS (from the date the seller signed the back of the title) may substitute the appraisal amount for SPV as a basis for the 6.25% sales tax • Find appraisal form at http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxforms/14-128.pdf • The appraisal must be dated within the 20 working days or it cannot be used
Additional information	<p>http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxpubs/tx96_1219.pdf is an overall description</p> <p>http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxpubs/tx96_1220.pdf lists county procedures</p>
FAQs from TXDOT	http://www.dot.state.tx.us/drivers_vehicles/vehicle_titles/faqs.htm
Titles	SIGNED BEFORE 10/1/06 ARE NOT SUBJECT TO SPV
Internet	TxDOT's web site allows users to get the SPV with VIN & odometer— not 80%, just SPV http://www.txdot.gov/drivers_vehicles/vehicle_titles/std_presumptive_value.htm
How to use the internet	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Access the address in the previous box 2. enter Vehicle Identification Number 3. Enter odometer reading 4. multiply the result (SPV) by 80% to know the calculate price of the vehicle's worth for this vehicle
Questions?	Contact Travis County Tax Office at (512) 854 9473 or tax_office@co.travis.tx.us