

For questions pertaining to
the law and operation
of NEV's or Golf Carts

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Golf Carts



NEVs



They may look similar,
but they are not the same!



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HOW ARE THEY THE SAME?

Drivers are required to have a valid driver's license.

All drivers and passengers are required to wear a seat belt during operation. (CVC 27315)

Child safety seats or booster seats are required for passengers who would be required to use them in a car. (CVC 27360)

Both require proof of insurance to operate on city streets.

HOW ARE THEY DIFFERENT?

Where they can operate, NEV's are allowed on any roadway with a speed limit of 35 MPH or less and in NEV lanes.

Golf Carts are limited to private gated communities and public roads with speed limits below 25 MPH and only within the Golf Cart Transportation Plan.

NEV's can act as a golf cart, but a golf cart cannot act as an NEV.

NEV's meet Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards. Golf carts do not.

NEV's are required to be registered with the DMV and have license plates.



NEV'S

Manufactured as NEV with a 17 digit VIN (vehicle identification number) and must have a DMV issued license plate.

Can only be used on roadways with speed limits of 35 mph or less unless there is an NEV lane.

Must meet CVC (California Vehicle Code) standards as a motor vehicle with such equipment as:

- Safety glazed windshield (26704 VC)
- Windshield wipers (CVC 26706(a) VC)
- Mirrors (CVC 26709(a) VC)
- Lap seat belts (CVC 27314 (c) VC)
- DOT tires (CVC 27501(b) VC)
- Headlights (CVC 24400)
- Stop lamps (CVC 24603(d) VC)
- Turn signals (CVC 24951(b)(1) VC)
- Tail lamps (CVC 24600(d) VC)

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GOLF CARTS

Can only be operated on roads with-in the Golf Cart Transportation Plan (GCTP). (CVC 21115)

Can not be registered with DMV as they do not have a 17 digit VIN or FMVSS certification.

Cannot cross a street with a posted speed limit greater than 45 mph. (CVC 21115.1)

Can not travel more than 15 mph. (CVC 345)

Cannot be equipped to transport more than two (2) people to include the driver. (CVC 345)

Cannot be modified to become an NEV. (CVC 385.5 & 580)

Must weigh less than 1,300 lbs.



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