

Vehicle License/Name Inquiry (VLN)

A Model 204 Subsystem for
Inquiring on Automobile Registrations

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Overview of the VLN Subsystem

VLN is used to inquire on automobiles registered in Harris County and the seven surrounding counties: Montgomery, Liberty, Chambers, Galveston, Brazoria, Fort Bend and Waller. The records in this subsystem are from the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) in Austin. These records are updated monthly when computer tapes are sent to Harris County. Gradually, the DMV in Austin will include additional counties in the monthly updates.

From an inquiry response screen, transfers can be made to the following detail screens:

GeoBase Detail - provides address location information such as Key Map page number and cell and closest intersecting streets.

VLN1010 General Inquiry Detail - provides additional details from the Division of Motor Vehicles about the automobile registration record.

NOTE: To report errors in this manual, call the JIMS training section at 755-7920.

Log-on Procedures

1. Screen displays: READY FOR LOGON
Type: M4P2
Press Enter key
2. Screen displays: >
Type: LOGON JU_ _ _
(your individual log-on ID)
Press Enter key
3. Screen displays: LOGON JU_ _ _
*** M204.0347:PASSWORD
>

Type password as indicated below:

If you are already a JIMS user, type your current password. (Your password will not display on the screen.) Press the Enter key.

If you have never signed on to CICS or M204 before, your password is TEST. You must change your password the first time you log on.

Changing your password:

- a. Type your current password, a colon, and your choice for a new password. Choose a password that consists of four to eight letters and/or numbers.

Example: TEST:SECRET

- b. Press Enter key.

In this example, SECRET would now be your new password. The next time you log on, you would type only the word SECRET at the password prompt in Step 3.

4. Screen displays: >
Press Enter key

LOG-ON FAILED

If you do not get logged on, one of the following messages will display:

Message	Solution
PASSWORD EXPIRED	Start over beginning with step 2 and change your password using the procedures in step 3. You must change your password every 60 days.
PASSWORD NOT MATCHED	Start over beginning with step 2. You have typed your password incorrectly.
LOGONID SUSPENDED BECAUSE OF PASSWORD VIOLATIONS	Call your JIMS Project Analyst or the JIMS training section. You have made ten invalid log-on attempts and your password needs to be reset.

LOG-ON RESULT

When log-on is successful, one of two screens will display:

1. The Model 204 Master Subsystem Selection Main Menu (JPMNU) which allows you to select the M204 subsystem you want to use. This appears when there are no messages waiting. See page 4 for explanation.
2. The Receive Message screen (MSG02). This appears when there are messages waiting. (See Message System manual for explanation.)

Model 204 Log-off Procedures

Method 1

From a menu screen where PF10 = LOGOFF, press PF10.

Method 2

Type an L in any OPT (option) field and press Enter. See page 17 for an explanation of the option field.

Accessing the VLN Subsystem

Once you log on to the Model 204 system, the Master Subsystem Selection Main Menu displays (see sample screen below).

TO SELECT A SUBSYSTEM

Method 1

Type VLN (the subsystem ID for the Vehicle License/Name Inquiry) in the SELECTION field at the bottom of the screen (field 8) and press Enter. The VLN Main Menu will appear.

Method 2

Using the Tab key, move the cursor to the blank line beside VLN (field 5) and press Enter. The VLN Main Menu will appear.

Method 3

To go directly to the inquiry screen (Option 10) and bypass the VLN menu, type VLN in the first blank of the SELECTION field. Type option number 10 in the second blank of the SELECTION field. Press Enter. The requested option will appear.

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*****
{1}
JUVRZ          JUSTICE INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM      MAR 31, 1992
{2}
JPMNU          MASTER SUB-SYSTEM SELECTION                PAGE: 1  OF 1
                                                    {4}
                                                    SCROLL: ____

{5}  {6}      {7}
-    MSG MESSAGE SUBSYSTEM
-    VLN VEHICLE LICENSE/NAME INQUIRY

{8}
SELECTION: ____
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MAKE SELECTION AND PRESS <ENTER> 7=BACK 8=FWRD 10=LOGOFF 11=HELP

EXPLANATION OF FIELDS

1. JUVRZ: Log-on ID of person signed on to terminal.
2. JPMNU: Code identifying displayed transaction.
3. PAGE 1 OF 1: Current page and total number of pages in displayed transaction.
4. SCROLL: See Appendix A, page 17, for uses of this field.
5. _: Selection field for access method 2.
6. VLN: Subsystem ID.
7. VEHICLE LICENSE/
NAME INQUIRY: Subsystem name.
8. SELECTION: Selection field for access method 1.

PF-KEY OPTIONS

- 7=BACK: Press PF7 to access previous page.
- 8=FWRD: Press PF8 to access next page.
- 10=LOGOFF: Press PF10 to log off M204 system.
- 11=HELP: Press PF11 to access general Help screen explaining Main Menu.

VLNMM - Main Menu

Use this screen to select and transfer to options in the Vehicle License/Name Inquiry subsystem.

TO SELECT AN OPTION

Method 1

Type the number of the desired option in the SELECTION field at the bottom of the screen (field 4) and press Enter.

Method 2

Move the cursor to the blank line beside the desired option (field 1) and press Enter. The selected option will appear on the screen.

Press the Clear key to return to Main Menu.

JUABC
VLNMM

JUSTICE INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
VEHICLE LICENSE/NAME INQUIRY
MAIN MENU

NOV 12, 1993
PAGE: 1 OF 1
SCROLL: ____
OPT: _____ VLN

{1} {2} {3}
_ 10. GENERAL INQUIRY

SELECTION: {4} _____

TYPE IN SELECTION AND PRESS <ENTER> 7=BACK 8=FWRD 10=LOGOFF 11=HELP

EXPLANATION OF FIELDS

1. _: Selection field for access method 2.
2. 10: Option number.
3. GENERAL INQUIRY: Option name.
4. SELECTION: Selection field for access method 1.

PF-KEY OPTIONS

- 7=BACK: Press PF7 to access previous page.
- 8=FWRD: Press PF8 to access next page.
- 10=LOGOFF: Press PF10 to log off M204 system.
- 11=HELP: Press PF11 to access general Help screen explaining this transaction.

VLN10 - General Inquiry

Use VLN 10 to inquire on all information in the JIMS vehicle registration database.

ACCESS METHOD

Select Option 10 from the Main Menu. Press Enter.

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*****
JUABC (SEC2)      JUSTICE INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM      NOV 12, 1993(C2)
VLN10             VEHICLE LICENSE/NAME INQUIRY              OPT: _____ - VLN
                  GENERAL INQUIRY                          PAGE:  1 OF  1

   {1}                               {2}                               {3}
LAST NAME.: _____ FIRST NAME: _____ TAG: _____
   {4}                               {5}                               {6}
STREET....: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____
   {7}                               {8}                               {9}                               {10}
YEAR.....: ____ - ____ MAKE: _____ STYLE: _____ VIN: _____
   {11}
COUNTY-ID.> ____

                <$-OWNER>
- _____ YEAR: _____ MAKE : _____
  _____ TAG: _____ STYLE: _____
  _____ COUNTY-ID: _____ VIN: _____

- _____ YEAR: _____ MAKE : _____
  _____ TAG: _____ STYLE: _____
  _____ COUNTY-ID: _____ VIN: _____

- _____ YEAR: _____ MAKE : _____
  _____ TAG: _____ STYLE: _____
  _____ COUNTY-ID: _____ VIN: _____

==>
  1=GEO INQ      2=SORT
                7=BACKWARD      8=FORWARD
                10=REFRESH     11=HELP
*****
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EXPLANATION OF FIELDS

Inquiry Fields

Type information into any combination of inquiry fields and press Enter. Corresponding records will appear in display fields explained in next section.

Partial entries may be typed in the following fields:

1. LAST NAME: A minimum of three characters must be entered. Do not type a comma after the last name. Partial names may be entered.
2. FIRST NAME: A minimum of two characters must be entered. Do not begin your entry with *.

See Appendix B for more information on name inquiries.

Business Names - When inquiring on a business, enter the name in this field, and leave the LAST NAME field blank.

Joint Registrations - The system reads a joint registration as a single name entry. Therefore, it is not possible to access records by using just the second name in a joint registration.

If a name search does not result in a match, try these alternatives:

Inquire using other criteria such as ADDRESS, MAKE, YEAR, etc. instead of the person's name, or

If the owners have the same last name, type that name in the LAST NAME field. In the FIRST NAME field, type a letter of the alphabet, then a wildcard character, then the first name of the joint owner.

Example:

LAST NAME: MARTIN FIRST NAME: A*KIM

This can be repeated using every character of the alphabet as the first character of the entry. Then the joint registration can be located no matter what name is listed first in the record.

If the owners have different last names, leave the LAST NAME field blank and type a letter of the alphabet, a wildcard character, the first name of the joint owner, a wildcard character, then the last name of the joint owner.

Example:

FIRST NAME: A*SUSAN*SIMS

This search can be repeated using every character of the alphabet as the first character of the entry.

NOTE: Searching for the second name in a joint registration record is extremely time-consuming. Use other inquiry criteria whenever possible.

3. TAG: License plate number. Enter number without hyphens.
4. STREET: Use wildcard characters to substitute for street directions such as north and east.

Example:

For 615 WEST GRAY, type
615 *GRAY

Address variations such as W GRAY, WEST GRAY, and GRAY will then display.

Leave off designations such as apt., room, suite, #, etc., or use wildcard characters to substitute for them.

Example:

For 8039 BOONE APT. 1501, type
8039 BOONE *1501 OR
8039 BOONE

Leave off street types such as road, lane, avenue and boulevard or use wildcard characters to substitute for them.

To access registrations for all addresses on the same street regardless of street number, use the wildcard character(*).

Example:

*REVERE

To narrow the search to particular blocks, enter partial street numbers with wildcard characters.

Example:

6++ PARK for the six-hundred block
6+++ PARK for the six-thousand block
6* PARK for a greater variety of possibilities

10. VIN: Vehicle identification number.

Complete entries must be typed in the following fields:

5. CITY:
6. ZIP:
7. YEAR: Enter one year or a range of years. Ex. 1989-1991.

- 8. MAKE: Manufacturer. Ex. BUICK, AUDI. Use NCIC codes or spell out name of company. Ex. CHEV or CHEVY, TOYT or TOYOTA. System looks for an exact match on MAKE; therefore, you may want to try several inquiries using different versions of make.
- 9. STYLE: 2DR, 4DR, VAN, etc. Although MAKE and STYLE are designed to conform to NCIC vehicle codes, DMV records contain a wide variety of non-NCIC entries. The system looks for an exact match on style; therefore, you may want to try several different style codes or leave STYLE blank. See Appendix C on page 21 for sample style codes.

11. COUNTY-ID.>: The valid county identification codes are listed below:

Brazoria	20
Chambers	36
Fort Bend	79
Galveston	84
Harris	101
Liberty	146
Montgomery	170
Waller	237

For an online list of valid codes, type ? and press PF11.

See next page for sample response.

Screen 2 - VLN10 Response

JUABC (SEC2) JUSTICE INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM NOV 12, 1993(C2)
VLN10 VEHICLE LICENSE/NAME INQUIRY OPT: _____ - VLN
GENERAL INQUIRY PAGE: 1 OF 86

LAST NAME.: _____ FIRST NAME: _____ TAG: _____
STREET....: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____
YEAR.....: _____ - _____ MAKE: _____ STYLE: _____ VIN: 2B7K_____
COUNTY-ID.: _____

<\$-OWNER>

_ A C AND E MECHANICAL SERVICE_____ YEAR: 1983 MAKE : DODGE_____
3 CHAMPION FOREST_____ TAG: GDC72S__ STYLE: MOTOR HO
CONROE TX 77301_____ COUNTY-ID: 170-MONTGOMER VIN: 2B7KB33W6DK333263

_ AARON J MOBLEY_____ YEAR: 1989 MAKE : DODGE_____
16607 DOUNREAY DR_____ TAG: 4671NK__ STYLE: VAN_____
HOUSTON TX 77084_____ COUNTY-ID: 79-FORT BEND_ VIN: 2B7KB31Z8KK358062

_ ABSOLUTE BUILDING SERVICE INC_____ YEAR: 1981 MAKE : DODGE_____
3747 COUNTRY DR 311_____ TAG: EF7094__ STYLE: VAN_____
STAFFORD TX 77477_____ COUNTY-ID: 79-FORT BEND_ VIN: 2B7KB33RXBK238714

==> ** (258) RECORDS FOUND **

2=SORT

7=BACKWARD

8=FORWARD

10=REFRESH

11=HELP

PF-KEY OPTIONS

- 1=GEO INQ: After selecting a record, press PF1 to transfer to the GE01 listing for the record. The display will include information such as Key Map location and closest intersecting streets to the address.
- 2=SORT: To re-sort the displayed list, move the cursor to any one of the response fields (NAME through VIN), then press PF2. The list will display in the requested order. The symbol <\$> appears above the field used to sort the list.
- 7=BACK: Press PF7 to access previous page.
- 8=FWRD: Press PF8 to access next page.
- 10=REFRESH: Press PF10 to erase input.
- 11=HELP: Press PF11 to access general Help screen explaining this transaction.

VLN10 - GeoBase Detail

Use the GeoBase Detail screen to view address location information such as the Key Map page number and cell for an address and the closest intersection to an address.

ACCESS METHOD

From VLN10, select a listing by typing an X in the selection field. Press PF1.

JUABC (SEC2) JUSTICE INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM JUN 10, 1996(C2)
VLN10 VEHICLE LICENSE/NAME INQUIRY OPT: _____ - VLN
Geobase Detail PAGE: 1 OF 1

{1}
ADDRESS: 16607 DOUNREAY DR_____

ADDRESS LOCATION INFORMATION

{2}	{3}	{4}	{5}	{6}	{7}
STREET NUMBER	STREET PREFIX	STREET NAME	STREET TYPE	CITY NAME	ZIP CODE
16607		DOUNREAY	DR	UNINCORPORATED	77084
	{8}	{9}	{10}		{11}
CONSTABLE NUMBER	PRECINCT	CONSTABLE DISTRICT	OFFICER NUMBER		CENSUS TRACT
	05		555		451.02
	{12}		{13}		{14}
COMMISSIONER			CROSS		KEY-MAP PAGE AND CELL
	PRECINCT		STREET(S)		
	3		SCONE		
			GLENNALE		PAGE 447 CELL H

{15}
==>

7=BACKWARD 3=RETURN 8=FORWARD 11=HELP

To inquire on a different address,

1. Type an address in field 1.
2. Erase any characters from the previous inquiry.
3. Press Enter.

To return to VLN10, press PF3.

EXPLANATION OF FIELDS

1. ADDRESS: Inquiry and display field. The address selected from VLN10 will display. The user may inquire on another address by typing the appropriate data and pressing Enter.
2. STREET NUMBER: The street number of the address inquired upon.
3. STREET PREFIX: The single-character code indicating the street direction, if any (N = North; S = South; E = East and W = West).
4. STREET NAME: Street name.
5. STREET TYPE: The two- to four-character code identifying the type of street (i.e. DR = drive, BLVD = boulevard).
6. CITY NAME: City name.
7. ZIP CODE: Zip code.
8. CONSTABLE
PRECINCT
NUMBER: The constable precinct in which the address is located.
9. CONSTABLE
DISTRICT: Geographical subdivision of constable precinct.
10. OFFICER
NUMBER: Three- to four-character code identifying the deputy assigned to the district. The first digit indicates the precinct with which the officer is associated.
11. CENSUS TRACT: Census tract number from U.S. census conducted every ten years.
12. COMMISSIONER
PRECINCT: Harris County Commissioner precinct number.

- 13. CROSS STREET(S): Closest intersecting street(s).
- 14. KEY MAP PAGE AND CELL: Key Map page number and Key Map cell of address.
- 15. ==>: Message line indicator.

PF-KEY OPTIONS

- 3=RETURN: Press PF3 to return to VLN10.
- 11=HELP: Press PF11 to access general Help screen explaining this transaction.

VLN1010 - General Inquiry Detail

The VLN1010 screen displays additional automobile registration information about a record selected from VLN10.

ACCESS METHOD

After completing an inquiry on VLN10. Type an X in the selection field to the left of a listing and press Enter.

NOTE: Lien information may not be up to date.

JUABC (SEC2) JUSTICE INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM NOV 12, 1993(C2)
VLN1010 VEHICLE LICENSE/NAME INQUIRY OPT: _____-VLN
PAGE: 1 OF 1

NAME: AARON J MOBLEY
STREET: 16607 DOUNREAY DR CITY: HOUSTON
ZIP: 77084 LICENSE: 4671NK YEAR: 1989 MAKE: DODGE
MODEL: VAN VIN: 2B7KB31Z8KK358062 DMV#: 9527032 STATE: TX

LIEN HOLDER: BAYSHORE NATIONAL BANK
LIEN ADDRESS: PO BOX 998 LIEN DATE: 19901009
LIEN CITY: LAPORTE LIEN STATE: TX LIEN ZIP: 77572

PREVIOUS OWNER: CURTIS MCCULLAR AND ASSOC SUGAR LAND TX
PREVIOUS LICENSE NUMBER: 4671NK REGISTRATION EXPIRATION DATE: 19931201
TITLE DATE: 19930803 TITLE NUMBER: 39740270

==>
1=GENERAL INQ 7=BACKWARD 8=FORWARD 11=HELP

PF-KEY OPTIONS

1=GENERAL INQ: Press PF1 to return to VLN10 screen.
7=BACK: Press PF7 to access previous page.
8=FWRD: Press PF8 to access next page.
11=HELP: Press PF11 to access general Help screen explaining this transaction.

Appendix A

Features of Model 204

HELP SCREENS

General

Once you access an option in a Model 204 subsystem, general assistance is available by pressing PF11.

Specific Fields

Specialized Help screens are available for fields ending with >. These screens usually contain lists of valid codes.

To access a specialized Help screen:

- a. Type a ? in a field ending with > and press PF11. The code table will display.
- b. Select the appropriate code by typing an X in the selection field to the left of the listing.
- c. Press Enter and the original screen will reappear with the selected code displaying in the field.

THE OPTION FIELD

Transferring to Different Options

OPT: ____ appears at the top right of each screen. Use this field to transfer quickly from one option to another.

Type an option number beside OPT and press Enter. The requested screen will appear.

Transferring to Different Subsystems

Beside OPT: ____ are the initials VLN. Use this field to transfer from one subsystem to another - for example, from VLN to MSG, the Message System. You may only transfer to subsystems for which you have clearance.

Type the code for another subsystem over the VLN initials and press Enter. You will access the main menu of the requested subsystem if you are cleared for it.

Transferring to a Specific Option Within a Subsystem

To access a specific option within a subsystem, first type the option number beside OPT, then type the subsystem code over the one which currently displays and press Enter.

Logging Off

Type an L in any OPT field and press Enter.

THE SCROLL FIELD

On Option Screens

Above the OPT field on some screens is a field labeled SCROLL. When records are contained on more than one page, this field allows you to quickly move from one page to another.

Type a page number in this field and press Enter. The requested page will appear.

On Help Screens

The SCROLL field on Help screens may be used with page numbers as described above or for some screens on which data is listed in alphabetical order, it may be used with letters of the alphabet. To go to a particular part of an alphabetic list, type a letter or letters in the SCROLL field and press Enter.

THE PAGE NUMBER FIELD

Below the OPT field on some screens is a field labeled PAGE __ OF __ (ex. PAGE 1 OF 10). This field allows you to access any specific page when records are contained on more than one page.

Type desired page number over the current page number and press Enter. The requested page will appear.

RETURNING TO MAIN MENU

From Option Screens

Press Clear, or type MENU in OPT field and press Enter.

From Help Screens

Press Clear.

Appendix B

Model 204 Name Inquiries

FULL NAME

When the person's full name is known, type the name in the appropriate fields.

PARTIAL NAME

When the full name is unknown, type a partial name. Also use this method when you are unsure of the spelling of the name. A minimum of three characters in the last name field and a minimum of two characters in the first name field are required for a search. A comma is not required.

Example, SAM (typed in the last name field) JOHN (typed in the first name field)

The response will list all last names beginning with the letters SAM and a first name beginning with JOHN, such as:

Sample, John
Samperi, John
Samuel, Johnny
Sammons, Johnna

Partial first names can also be entered. A minimum of three characters must be entered in the last name field.

Example, SMITH (typed in the last name field) and CAR (typed in the first name field)

The response will list all names containing the letters you typed in the order you typed them.

This search will find such names as:

Smith, Carl
Smith, Carol
Smith, Cara
Smith, Carmen

WILDCARDS

Two “wildcard” characters can help you perform a search:

An asterisk (*) is a wildcard that can stand for any number of characters.

A plus sign (+) is a wildcard that corresponds to only one character at a time.

If you do not know some of the characters in a name, address, tag or VIN, use the wildcard characters to take their place.

Example, RO*ERS

This search will find such names as:

Rodgers
Rogers
Rothers
Rohrers
Ropers

Or

Example, SA+PLE

This search will find such names as:

Sample
Sanple
Sapple

NOTE: An asterisk is assumed to be at the end of any entry.

Appendix C DMV Vehicle Style Codes

The following style codes are those most commonly seen in DMV records. Use them with VLN to narrow the search to a specific style of vehicle. The style code you type must be identical to the style code used in a DMV record, or the record will not display. For the most complete list of responses, perform several inquiries using similar codes (ex. WAG, WGAN, WGN) or leave STYLE field blank.

2DR -	2-door
3DR -	2-door with hatchback
4DR -	4-door
5DR -	4-door with hatchback
CV -	convertible
HB -	hatchback
PU -	pick-up
SW -	station wagon
VAN -	van

Other codes used by DMV are:

APV	SPT UTL
CONV	SPT CPE
CONVERT	SPT VEH
CP	SPTS WGN
CPE	WPTS VAN
FLATBED	SPTVAN
HATCH	UTL
HC	VN
PASS VAN	WAG
PK	WGAN
SDN	WGN

NOTE: Sometimes model name has been entered in DMV records instead of STYLE.
EX. BLAZER or BLZ.

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