Security Features

DRIVER LICENSES, PERMITS & ID CARDS

In 2013 New York State began issuing new photo Driver Licenses, Learner Permits, and Identification Cards. The cards provide advanced document security features that help prevent identity theft and protect the owners of the documents. The old style driver licenses will remain valid until the expiration date on the card.

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Polycarbonate Material

The cards have a unique metallic sound when dropped on a hard surface.

Anti-copy Ink Colors & Rainbow Printing

The card is manufactured using fine line color graphics that are difficult to reproduce on a color copier or photo printer.

Secondary Photo in Clear Window

The secondary photo is burned into the card with laser engraving. The clear window has clean, beveled edges.

Laser Engraved Photo

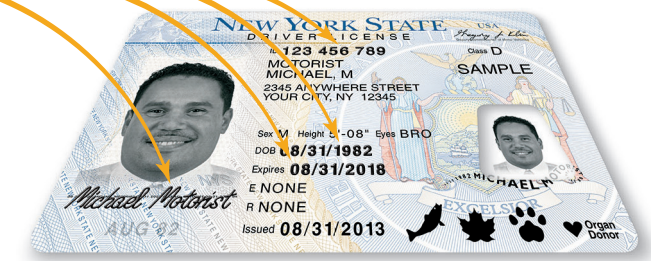
The photo is burned into the card on a background of fine line graphics.

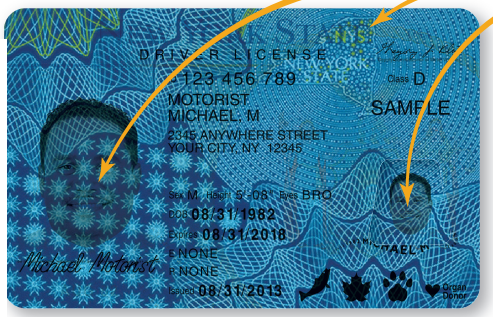
Variable Wave Pattern

The "Wave" features the license holder's name as a continuous string of variable sized text which transitions through the clear secondary photo window.

Tactile Laser Engraving

You can feel the raised lettering on the ID number, birth and expiration dates, and signature.





Under Ultra-violet Light

Highly detailed ultra-violet graphics cover the front surface of the card, including a map of NYS, starbursts in the left corner and fine line graphics in the clear window.

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If you have questions regarding the security features or the authenticity of these or any other NYS DMV documents, contact the New York State DMV Division of Field Investigation at: (518) 474-1106.