**Tampa Machinery Auction (TMA)**

***Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)***

**Q. Do I have to be a dealer to attend fleet auctions?**
**A.** The auctions and sales are open to the general public and dealers.

**Q. Is it possible to buy a late model car or truck for $200?**
**A.** Vehicles are generally sold around the NADA wholesale value, depending on overall condition and mileage.

**Q. What about confiscated vehicles?**
**A.** A limited number of confiscated vehicles and watercraft are sold each year. Confiscated vehicles are sold with and in the same manner as state vehicles.

**Q. How many people usually attend auctions?**
**A.** Approximately 800 people register to bid at each auction.

**Q. How many vehicles are sold in an auction?**
**A.** The state sells between 50 and 200 vehicles per auction.

**Q. Where are the auctions held?**
**A.** Live auctions are held at Tampa Machinery Auction, 11720 Highway 301 North, Thonotosassa, FL 33592 on the second Saturday of each month.

**Q. Is there a charge to register as a bidder or to make a purchase?**
**A.** There is no charge to register as a bidder, and no administrative charges for purchases.

**Q. What about sales tax ?**
**A.** Sales tax is collected at the time of sale by the state's contracted live auctioneer.

**Q. Can I get on a mailing list for upcoming auctions?**
**A.** The state's contracted live auctioneer maintains a website ([tmauction.com](http://tmauction.com/)) that lists all auction dates and information.

**Q. Can I test drive the vehicle?**
**A.** The auctioneer will start a vehicle; however, there are no test drives.

**Q. Do I have to repaint a marked Law Enforcement vehicle?**
**A.** Only the Florida Highway Patrol vehicles must be repainted.

**Q. Do I have to remove official decals?**
**A.** Buyers must remove official decals.

**Q. Do I get a title to a vehicle at the sale site, or is it mailed later?**
**A.** The Florida DMV sends all vehicle titles by US Mail to the new registered owner.

**Q. How do I find out what is available at the sale?**
**A.** Check the auction inventory at [tmauction.com](http://tmauction.com/), the website for the state's live auctioneer, Tampa Machinery Auction, Inc.