



## NEW LIMOUSINE VEHICLE DEFINITIONS Effective November 1, 2006

*These definitions are contained in WAC 308-87-010.*

### *Highlight of Changes:*

- *Added a maximum wheelbase of 285 inches to Stretch Limousine*
- *Added two new categories – SUV and Stretch SUV*
- *Added a definition for “passenger capacity”*

**"Limousine"** means a category of for hire, chauffeur-driven, unmetered, unmarked luxury motor vehicles that meet one of the following definitions:

**"Stretch limousine"** means an automobile with a seating capacity of not more than twelve passengers behind the driver, and a maximum wheelbase of 285 inches. The wheelbase has been factory or otherwise altered beyond the original manufacturer's specifications and meets standards of the United States Department of Transportation. The automobile is equipped with amenities in the rear seating area not normally found in passenger cars. These amenities may include, but are not limited to, a television, musical sound system, telephone, ice storage, power-operated dividers, or additional interior lighting. Rear tailgates or hatches are not to be used as a primary door for loading or unloading passengers. The term "stretch limousine" excludes trucks, auto transportation companies, excursion buses, charter buses, minibuses, vehicles regulated under chapter 81.66 RCW, taxicabs, executive sedans, executive sport utility vehicles, stretch sport utility vehicles, funeral home vehicles, station wagons, executive vans, vans, minivans, and courtesy vans.

**"Executive sedan"** means a four-door sedan automobile having a seating capacity of not more than three passengers behind the driver and a minimum wheelbase of 114.5 inches. An executive sedan is equipped with standard factory amenities, and the wheelbase may not be altered. The term "executive sedan" excludes trucks, auto transportation companies, excursion buses, minibuses, charter buses, vehicles regulated under chapter 81.66 RCW, taxicabs, stretch limousines, executive sport utility vehicles, stretch sport utility vehicles, funeral home vehicles, station wagons, executive vans, vans, minivans, and courtesy vans.

**"Executive van"** means a van, minivan, or minibus having a seating capacity of not less than seven passengers and not more than fourteen passengers behind the driver. The term "executive van" excludes trucks, auto transportation companies, excursion buses, charter buses, vehicles regulated under chapter 81.66 RCW, taxicabs, stretch limousines, executive sedans, executive sport utility vehicles, stretch sport utility vehicles, funeral home vehicles, station wagons, and courtesy vans.

**"Classic car"** means a fine or distinctive, American or foreign automobile that is thirty years old or older.

**"Executive sport utility vehicle"** means an automobile with a seating capacity of not less than three passengers and not more than six passengers behind the driver, and a minimum wheelbase of 116 inches that has not been altered. Rear tailgates or hatches are not to be used as a primary door for loading or unloading passengers. The term "executive sport utility vehicle" excludes trucks, auto transportation companies, excursion buses, minibuses, charter buses, vehicles regulated under chapter 81.66 RCW, taxicabs, stretch limousines, executive sedans, stretch sport utility vehicles, funeral home vehicles, station wagons, executive vans, vans, minivans, and courtesy vans.

**"Stretch sport utility vehicle"** means an automobile with a seating capacity of not more than fourteen passengers behind the driver or a total of fifteen occupants including the driver and a maximum wheelbase of 325 inches that has been factory or otherwise altered beyond the original manufacturer's specifications and meets standards of the United States Department of Transportation. The automobile is equipped with amenities in the rear seating area not normally found in passenger cars. These amenities may include, but are not limited to, a television, musical sound system, telephone, ice storage, power-operated dividers, or additional interior lighting. Rear tailgates or hatches are not to be used as a primary door for loading or unloading passengers. The term "stretch sport utility vehicle" excludes trucks, auto transportation companies, excursion buses, minibuses, charter buses, vehicles regulated under chapter 81.66 RCW, taxicabs, stretch limousines, executive sedans, executive sport utility vehicles, funeral home vehicles, station wagons, executive vans, vans, minivans, and courtesy vans.

**"Passenger capacity"** may be determined using the information found on the label that is required by the United States Department of Transportation to be affixed to the vehicle pursuant to 49 CFR, parts 567 and 568. In absence of the label, a member of the Washington state patrol or the department of licensing may determine the passenger capacity upon visual inspection of the vehicle.