

## **About the North Carolina Driver License Hologram**

The hologram is a security feature which is planned to be included eventually on licenses throughout the United States. It was added to the North Carolina driver license in December 2006 as a common security element which enhances security, protects against document fraud and aids law enforcement.

Because of differences in licenses among states, motor vehicle officials worked in unison through the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) to establish a common element that identifies licenses as legally issued by an official motor vehicle agency. This common element will assist those who depend on driver licenses to identify people throughout the country at a glance, including those driving on the interstates, checking into airports and for other security efforts.

The security element is a foil-based holographic patch on the back of the license which carries multiple layers of design features both visible and invisible to the human eye, including a variety of 3-D fluorescent images, codes, numbers and other items.

The many images on the patch include a globe with longitude and latitude lines showing North and Central America, as well as parts of South America, Australia, Africa and Europe. Other images include an automobile with headlights. "NC" is printed in each of the four corners of the patch, denoting the patch represents North Carolina and no other state, country or continent. The patch does not contain personal information, radio chips or fingerprint information.

The multiple images were added to make the patch difficult to copy or counterfeit, while also making it more recognizable to law enforcement and security officers.