## Vehicle Business Mileage & Expense Log

## **HOW TO USE THIS LOG:**

- 1. This log serves as proof of IRS deductibility for your automobile expenses used for business purposes. Keep one log per auto per tax year to record mileage and actual expenses.
- 2. Immediately record the auto information AND the odometer reading of your car at the beginning of your tax year.
- 3. Keep track of miles driven AND actual expenses to maintain your car during the year. The IRS allows you to use one of two methods to deduct elegible auto expenses; either the "standard mileage rate" OR the business portion of "actual expenses"\*. Therefore, it is important to keep accurate records of both to maximize your elegible deduction.

- **A. Record Business Miles.** Travel between business locations is deductible. Commuting miles (travel between home and your regular place of business) and personal miles are not deductible.
  - ✓ If you have one regular place of business and travel to "temporary" business locations that mileage is deemed business mileage.
  - ✓ Travel from your business to other business meetings and other non-residence locations are deemed business mileage.
  - ✓ If you are a consultant and have a home office; mileage to clients' business locations are business miles.
- **B. Auto Expenses.** Record actual auto expenses. Elegible auto expenses include:

Licenses	Fuel/Gas	Oil	Tolls	Parking Fees	Insurance
Repairs	Registration Fees	Tires	Garage Rent	Depreciation	Lease Payments

**Receipts:** Retain receipts, canceled checks, and bills to support expenses. Failure to keep proper records can result in loss of deductions.



<sup>\*</sup>Some limits on choosing the expense method apply.

## **Vehicle Business Mileage & Expense Log**

Name			
Street Address			
City	State	Zip	
Work Phone	Home Phone		
Year Ending Odometer Reading			
Year Beginning Odometer Reading			
Total Year Miles			_
Total Year Business Miles _			
% Business Miles			

Vehicle Busi	ness Mileage & Expense Lo	og For Vehicle	Year	O	dometer at Ja	n 1st	
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	Destination	Business	Odometer Readings		Expenses		
Date			Start	Cton	Miles	Type (Gas, oil, tolls, etc.)	A
Date	(City, Town or Area)	Purpose	Start	Stop	this trip	(Gas, oii, toiis, etc.)	Amount
TOTAL YEAR	TO DATE -						