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This 2018 form, instruction, or publication is being revised to reflect legislation enacted December 20, 2019. The updated revision will be posted here as soon as possible with a February or March 2020 revision date added to it. The most recently issued final revision that will soon be replaced begins on the next page.

Several provisions that had expired or did not apply for 2018, particularly those related to disasters, now apply for 2018 due to the December legislation. You may therefore want to amend your 2018 return. You may want to wait until after 2019 returns are due, April 15, 2020, to file an amended return for 2018. For more information, see IRS.gov/Extenders, IRS.gov/FormsUpdates, and IRS.gov/Forms.

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Depreciation and Amortization (Including Information on Listed Property)

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future Developments
For the latest information about developments related to Form 4562 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after this form and instructions were published, go to IRS.gov/Form4562.

What’s New
Section 179 deduction dollar limits. For tax years beginning in 2018, the maximum section 179 expense deduction is $1,000,000. This limit is reduced by the amount by which the cost of section 179 property placed in service during the tax year exceeds $2,500,000. See the instructions for Part I.

Section 179 qualified real property. For property placed in service in tax years beginning after 2017, qualified section 179 real property is qualified improvement property (as defined in section 168(e)(6)), and certain specific improvements to nonresidential real property, placed in service after the nonresidential real property was first placed in service. See Special rules for qualified section 179 real property, later.

Computers and related peripheral equipment. Computers and related peripheral equipment placed in service after 2017, in tax years ending after 2017, are no longer treated as listed property.

Electing real property trade or business and electing farm business. An electing real property trade or business (as defined in section 163(j)(7)(B)) and electing farming business (as defined in section 163(j)(7)(C)) are required to use the alternative depreciation system for certain property to figure depreciation under MACRS for tax years beginning after 2017.

Recovery period for residential rental property. For property placed in service after 2017, the alternative depreciation system (ADS) recovery period for residential rental property has been shortened from 40 years to 30 years. See the instructions for Lines 20a Through 20d, later.

At the time these instructions went to print, Congress had not enacted legislation on the expired provisions related to depreciation. To find out if legislation extended the expired depreciation provisions and made them available for 2018, go to IRS.gov/Form4562.

General Instructions

Purpose of Form
Use Form 4562 to:
• Claim your deduction for depreciation and amortization.
• Make the election under section 179 to expense certain property, and
• Provide information on the business/ investment use of automobiles and other listed property.

Who Must File
Except as otherwise noted, complete and file Form 4562 if you are claiming any of the following.
• Depreciation for property placed in service during the 2018 tax year.
• A section 179 expense deduction (which may include a carryover from a previous year).
• Depreciation on any vehicle or other listed property (regardless of when it was placed in service).

For tax years beginning in 2018, the alternative depreciation system (ADS) recovery period for residential rental property has been shortened from 40 years to 30 years. See the instructions for Lines 20a Through 20d, later.

Additional Information
For more information about depreciation and amortization (including information on listed property), see the following.
• Pub. 463, Travel, Gift, and Car Expenses.
• Pub. 535, Business Expenses.
• Pub. 551, Basis of Assets.
• Pub. 946, How To Depreciate Property.

Definitions
Depreciation
Depreciation is the annual deduction that allows you to recover the cost or other basis of your business or investment property over a certain number of years. Depreciation starts when you first use the property in your business or for the production of income. It ends when you either take the property out of service, deduct all your depreciable cost or basis, or no longer use the property in your business or for the production of income.

Generally, you can depreciate:
• Tangible property such as buildings, machinery, vehicles, furniture, and equipment; and
• Intangible property such as patents, copyrights, and computer software.

Exception. You cannot depreciate land.

Accelerated Cost Recovery System
The Accelerated Cost Recovery System (ACRS) applies to property first used before 1987. It is the name given for the tax rules that allow a taxpayer to recover through depreciation deductions the cost of property used in a trade or business or to produce income. These rules are mandatory and generally apply to tangible property placed in service after 1980 and before 1987. If you placed property in service during this
period, you must continue to figure your depreciation under ACRS.

ACRS consists of accelerated depreciation methods and an alternate ACRS method that could have been elected. The alternate ACRS method used a recovery percentage based on a modified straight line method. See the instructions for line 16 for more information. For a complete discussion of ACRS, see Pub. 534.

Modified Accelerated Cost Recovery System
The Modified Accelerated Cost Recovery System (MACRS) is the current method of accelerated asset depreciation required by the tax code. Under MACRS, all assets are divided into classes which dictate the number of years over which an asset's cost will be recovered. Each MACRS class has a predetermined schedule which determines the percentage of the asset's cost which is depreciated each year. For more information, see Part III, MACRS Depreciation, later. For a complete discussion of MACRS, see chapter 4 of Pub. 946.

Section 179 Property
Section 179 property is property that you acquire by purchase for use in the active conduct of your trade or business, and is one of the following:

- Qualified section 179 real property. For more information, see Special rules for qualified section 179 real property, later.
- Tangible personal property, including cellular telephones, similar telecommunications equipment, and air conditioning or heating units (for example, portable air conditioners or heaters). Also, tangible personal property may include certain property used mainly to furnish lodging or property may include certain property listed in (1) above, the regular business establishment of an employee is his or her employer's regular business establishment of an employee is his or her employer's regular business establishment.
- Other tangible property (except buildings and their structural components) used as:
  1. An integral part of manufacturing, production, or extraction of the property, or use in a trade or business.
  2. A research facility used in connection with any of the activities in (1) above; or
  3. A facility used in connection with any of the activities in (1) above for the bulk storage of fungible commodities.
- Single purpose agricultural (livestock) or horticultural structures.
- Storage facilities (except buildings and their structural components) in connection with distributing petroleum or any primary product of petroleum.
- Off the shelf computer software.

Section 179 property does not include the following:

- Property held for investment (section 212 property).
- Property used mainly outside the United States (except for property described in section 168(g)(4)).
- Property used by a tax-exempt organization (other than a section 521 farmers' cooperative) unless the property is used mainly in a taxable unrelated trade or business.
- Property used by a governmental unit or foreign person or entity (except for property used under a lease with a term of less than 6 months).

See the instructions for Part I and Pub. 946.

Special rules for qualified section 179 real property. You can elect to treat certain qualified real property placed in service during the tax year as qualified section 179 property. See Election for certain qualified section 179 real property in Part I for information on how to make this election. The term "section 179 property" will include any qualified real property which is:

- Qualified improvement property as described in section 168(e)(6), and
- Any of the following improvements to nonresidential real property placed in service after the date the nonresidential real property was first placed in service.
  1. Roofs.
  2. Heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning property.
  3. Fire protection and alarm systems.
  4. Security systems.

This property is considered "qualified section 179 real property."

A deduction attributable to qualified section 179 real property which is disallowed under the trade or business income limitation (see Business Income Limit in chapter 2 of Pub. 946) for 2018 can be carried over to 2019. Thus, the amount of any 2018 disallowed section 179 expense deduction attributable to qualified section 179 real property will be reported on line 13 of Form 4562.

Amortization
Amortization is similar to the straight line method of depreciation in that an annual deduction is allowed to recover certain costs over a fixed time period. You can amortize such items as the costs of starting a business, goodwill, and certain other intangibles. See the instructions for Part VI.

Listed Property
Listed property generally includes the following:

- Passenger automobiles weighing 6,000 pounds or less. See Limits for passenger automobiles, later.
- Any other property used for transportation if the nature of the property lends itself to personal use, such as motorcycles, pick-up trucks, sport utility vehicles, etc.
- Any property used for entertainment or recreational purposes (such as photographic, phonographic, communication, and video recording equipment).
- Computers or peripheral equipment placed in service before 2018.

Exceptions. Listed property does not include:

1. Photographic, phonographic, communication, or video equipment used exclusively in a taxpayer's trade or business or at the taxpayer's regular business establishment;
2. Any computer or peripheral equipment used exclusively at a regular business establishment and owned or leased by the person operating the establishment;
3. An ambulance, hearse, or vehicle used for transporting persons or property for compensation or hire; or
4. Any truck or van placed in service after July 6, 2003, that is a qualified nonpersonal use vehicle.

For purposes of the exceptions above, a portion of the taxpayer's home is treated as a regular business establishment only if that portion meets the requirements for deducting expenses attributable to the business use of a home. However, for any property listed in (1) above, the regular business establishment of an employee is his or her employer's regular business establishment.

Commuting
Generally, commuting is defined as travel between your home and a work location. However, travel that meets any of the following conditions is not commuting:

- You have at least one regular work location away from your home and the travel is to a temporary work location in the same trade or business, regardless
of the distance. Generally, a temporary work location is one where your employment is expected to last 1 year or less. See Pub. 463 for details.

- The travel is to a temporary work location outside the metropolitan area where you live and normally work.
- Your home is your principal place of business for purposes of deducting expenses for business use of your home and the travel is to another work location in the same trade or business, regardless of whether that location is regular or temporary and regardless of distance.

Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT)
Depreciation may be an adjustment for the AMT. However, no adjustment applies in several instances. See Form 6251, Alternative Minimum Tax—Individuals; Schedule I (Form 1041), Alternative Minimum Tax—Estates and Trusts; and the related instructions.

Recordkeeping
Except for Part V (relating to listed property), the IRS does not require you to submit detailed information with your return on the depreciation of assets placed in service in previous tax years. However, the information needed to compute your depreciation deduction (basis, method, etc.) must be part of your permanent records.

You may use the depreciation worksheet, later, to assist you in maintaining depreciation records. However, the worksheet is designed only for federal income tax purposes. You may need to keep additional records for accounting and state income tax purposes.

Specific Instructions
Part I. Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179

Note. An estate or trust cannot make this election.

You can elect to expense part or all of the cost of section 179 property (defined earlier) that you placed in service during the tax year and used predominantly (more than 50%) in your trade or business.

However, for taxpayers other than a corporation, this election does not apply to any section 179 property you purchased and leased to others unless:
- You manufactured or produced the property; or
- The term of the lease is less than 50% of the property’s class life and, for the first 12 months after the property is transferred to the lessee, the deductions related to the property allowed to you as trade or business expenses (except rents and reimbursed amounts) are more than 15% of the rental income from the property.

Election. You must make the election on Form 4562 filed with either:
- The original return you file for the tax year the property was placed in service (whether or not you file your return on time), or
- An amended return filed within the time prescribed by law for the applicable tax year. The election made on an amended return must specify the item of section 179 property to which the election applies and the part of the cost of each such item to be taken into account. The amended return also must include any resulting adjustments to taxable income.

Election for certain qualified section 179 real property. You can elect to expense certain qualified real property that you first placed in service as section 179 property for tax years beginning in 2018. For more information, see Election above.

Revocation. The election (or any specification made in the election) can be revoked without obtaining IRS approval by filing an amended return. The amended return must be filed within the time prescribed by law for the applicable tax year. The amended return must include any resulting adjustments to taxable income or to the tax liability (for example, allowable depreciation in that tax year for the item of section 179 property which the revocation pertains). For more information and examples, see Regulations section 1.179-5(c)(3) and (c)(4). Once made, the revocation is irrevocable.

If you elect to expense section 179 property, you must reduce the amount on which you figure your depreciation or amortization deduction (including any special depreciation allowance) by the section 179 expense deduction.

Line 1
Generally, the maximum section 179 expense deduction is $1,000,000 for section 179 property (including qualified section 179 real property) placed in service during the tax year beginning in 2018. You can use Worksheet 1 to assist you in determining the amount to write on line 1.

Recapture rule. If the section 179 property is not used predominantly (more than 50%) in your trade or business at any time before the end of the property’s recovery period, the benefit of the section 179 expense deduction must be reported as “other income” on your return.

If any qualified section 179 disaster assistance property ceases to be used in the applicable federally declared disaster area in any year after you claim the increased section 179 expense deduction for that property, the benefit of the increased section 179 expense deduction must be reported as “other income” on your return. Similar rules apply if qualified Liberty Zone property ceases to be used in the Liberty Zone, if qualified section 179 GO Zone property ceases to be used in the GO Zone, if qualified section 179 Recovery Assistance property ceases to be used in the Recovery Assistance area, if qualified empowerment zone property ceases to be used in an empowerment zone by an enterprise zone business, or if qualified renewal property ceases to be used in a renewal community by a renewal community business in any year after you claim the increased section 179 expense deduction.

Line 2
Enter the total cost of all section 179 property you placed in service during the tax year (including the total cost of qualified real property that you elect to treat as section 179 property). Also, include the cost of the following:
- Any listed property from Part V.
- Any property placed in service by your spouse, even if you are filing a separate return. This includes qualified section 179 real property your spouse made the election to treat as section 179 property for 2018.

Line 3
The amount of section 179 property for which you can make the election is limited to the maximum dollar amount on line 1. This amount is reduced if the cost of all section 179 property placed in service in 2018 is more than $2,500,000.
### Maximum section 179 limitation calculation.

1. Enter total cost of section 179 property (including qualified section 179 real property) placed in service during the tax year beginning in 2018. 
   - **$1,000,000**

2. The maximum section 179 deduction limitation for 2018. 
   - **$2,500,000**

3. Enter the smaller of line 1 or line 2 here and on Form 4562, line 1.

### Maximum elected cost for Form 4562, lines 6 and 7, column (c).

6. Enter the smaller of line 1 or line 3. The total amount you enter on Form 4562, lines 6 and 7, column (c), cannot exceed this amount.

Note: For line 1 of this worksheet, include the total amount of eligible section 179 property (including qualified section 179 real property), not just the amount for which you are making the election. See the line 2 instructions on this page.

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For a partnership (other than an electing large partnership), these limitations apply to the partnership and each partner. For an electing large partnership, the limitations apply only to the partnership. For an S corporation, these limitations apply to the S corporation and each shareholder. For a controlled group, all component members are treated as one taxpayer.

#### Line 5

If line 5 is zero, you cannot elect to expense any section 179 property. In this case, skip lines 6 through 11, enter zero on line 12, and enter the carryover of any disallowed deduction from 2017 (which does not include amounts attributable to qualified section 179 real property) on line 13.

See Special rules for qualified section 179 real property, earlier.

If you are married filing separately, you and your spouse must allocate the dollar limitation for the tax year. To do so, multiply the total limitation that you would otherwise enter on line 5 by 50% (0.50), unless you both elect a different allocation. If you both elect a different allocation, multiply the total limitation by the percentage elected. The sum of the percentages you and your spouse elect must equal 100%.

Do not enter on line 5 more than your share of the total dollar limitation.

#### Line 6

Do not include any listed property on line 6. Enter the elected section 179 cost of listed property in column (i) of line 26.

#### Line 11

The total cost you can deduct is limited to your taxable income from the active conduct of a trade or business during the year. You are considered to actively conduct a trade or business only if you meaningfully participate in its management or operations. A mere passive investor is not considered to actively conduct a trade or business.

Note. If you have to apply another Code section that has a limitation based on taxable income, see Pub. 946 for rules on how to apply the business income limitation for the section 179 expense deduction.

#### Individuals

Enter the smaller of line 5 or the total taxable income from any trade or business you actively conducted, computed without regard to any section 179 expense deduction, the deduction for one-half of self-employment taxes under section 164(f), or any net operating loss deduction. Also, include all wages, salaries, tips, and other compensation you earned as an employee (from Form 1040, line 1). Do not reduce this amount by unreimbursed employee business expenses. If you are married filing a joint return, combine the total taxable incomes for you and your spouse.

#### Partnerships

Enter the smaller of line 5 or the partnership’s total items of income and expense described in section 702(a) from any trade or business the partnership actively conducted (other than credits, tax-exempt income, the section 179 expense deduction, and guaranteed payments under section 707(c)).

#### S corporations

Enter the smaller of line 5 or the corporation’s total items of income and expense described in section 1366(a) from any trade or business the corporation actively conducted (other than credits, tax-exempt income, the section 179 expense deduction, and the deduction for compensation paid to the corporation’s shareholder-employees).

#### Corporations other than S corporations

Enter the smaller of line 5 or the corporation’s taxable income before the section 179 expense deduction, net operating loss deduction, and special deductions (excluding items not derived from a trade or business actively conducted by the corporation).

#### Line 12

The limitations on lines 5 and 11 apply to the taxpayer, and not to each...
Part II. Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation

Line 14
For qualified property (defined below) placed in service during the tax year, you may be able to take an additional special depreciation allowance. The special depreciation allowance applies only for the first year the property is placed in service. The allowance is an additional deduction you can take after any section 179 expense deduction and before you figure regular depreciation under the modified accelerated cost recovery system (MACRS).

Qualified property. You can take the special depreciation allowance for certain qualified property acquired before September 28, 2017, certain qualified property acquired after September 27, 2017, qualified reuse and recycling property, and certain plants bearing fruits and nuts.

Certain qualified property acquired before September 28, 2017. Certain qualified property acquired before September 28, 2017, and placed in service in 2018, is eligible for a 40% special depreciation allowance. Property with a long production period and certain aircraft acquired before September 28, 2017, and placed in service in 2018, is eligible for a 50% special depreciation allowance.

Qualified property is:
• Tangible property depreciated under MACRS with a recovery period of 20 years or less.
• Computer software defined in and depreciated under section 167(f)(1).
• Water utility property.
• Qualified film, television, and live theatrical productions, as defined in sections 181(d) and (e).

Qualified property also must be placed in service before January 1, 2027 (or before January 1, 2028, for certain property with a long production period and for certain aircraft), and can be either new property or certain used property.

See Pub. 946 for more information. Also, see section 168(k).

Qualified reuse and recycling property. Certain qualified reuse and recycling property (defined below) placed in service after August 31, 2008, is eligible for a 50% special depreciation allowance.

Qualified reuse and recycling property includes any machinery and equipment (not including buildings or real estate), along with any appurtenance, that is used exclusively to collect, distribute, or recycle qualified reuse and recyclable materials. This includes software necessary to operate such equipment. See section 168(m)(3) for more information.

Qualified reuse and recycling property also must meet all of the following tests.
• The property must be depreciated under MACRS.
• The property must have a useful life of at least 5 years.
• You must have acquired the property by purchase after August 31, 2008. If a binding contract to acquire the property existed before September 1, 2008, the property does not qualify.
• The property must be placed in service after August 31, 2008.
• The original use of the property must begin with you after August 31, 2008.
• For self-constructed property, special rules apply. See section 168(m)(2)(C).

Qualified reuse and recycling property does not include rolling stock or other equipment used to transport reuse and recyclable materials or any property to which section 168(g) or (k) applies.

Certain plants bearing fruits and nuts. You can elect to claim a 100% special depreciation allowance for the adjusted basis of certain specified plants (defined later) bearing fruits and nuts planted or grafted after September 27, 2017, and before January 1, 2023.

A specified plant is:
• Any tree or vine that bears fruits or nuts, and
• Any other plant that will have more than one yield of fruits or nuts and generally has a pre-productive period of more than 2 years from planting or grafting to the time it begins bearing fruits or nuts.

Any property planted or grafted outside the United States does not qualify as a specified plant.

If you elect to claim the special depreciation allowance for any specified plant, the special depreciation allowance applies only for the tax year in which the plant is planted or grafted. The plant will not be treated as qualified property eligible for the special depreciation allowance in the subsequent tax year in which it is placed in service.

To make the election, attach a statement to your timely filed return (including extensions) indicating you are electing to apply section 168(k)(5) and identifying the specified plant(s) for which you are making the election. Once made, the election cannot be revoked without IRS consent.

See section 168(k)(5).

Exceptions. Qualified property does not include:
• Listed property used 50% or less in a qualified business use (as defined in the instructions for lines 26 and 27);
• Any property required to be depreciated under the alternative depreciation system (ADS) (that is, not property for which you elected to use ADS);
• Property placed in service and disposed of in the same tax year;
• Property converted from business or income-producing use to personal use in the same tax year it is acquired; or
• Property for which you elected not to claim any special depreciation allowance.

Separate business or activity. Therefore, if you have more than one business or activity, you may allocate your allowable section 179 expense deduction among them.

To do so, write “Summary” at the top of Part I of the separate Form 4562 you are completing for the total amounts from all businesses or activities. Do not complete the rest of that form. On line 12 of the Form 4562 you prepare for each separate business or activity, enter the amount allocated to the business or activity from the “Summary.” No other entry is required in Part I of the separate Form 4562 prepared for each business or activity.
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To figure the special depreciation allowance, multiply the depreciable basis of the property by the applicable percentage.

To figure the depreciable basis, subtract from the business/investment portion of the cost or other basis of the property any credits and deductions allocable to the property. The following are examples of some credits and deductions that reduce the depreciable basis:

- Section 179 expense deduction.
- Deduction for removal of barriers to the disabled and the elderly.
- Disabled access credit.
- Enhanced oil recovery credit.
- Credit for employer-provided childcare facilities and services.
- Basis adjustment to investment credit property under section 50(c).
- Section 181 expense deduction.

For additional credits and deductions that affect the depreciable basis, see section 1016. Also, see Pub. 946.

Note. If you acquired qualified property through a like-kind exchange or involuntary conversion after September 27, 2017, and the qualified property is new property, the carryover basis and any excess basis of the acquired property is eligible for the special depreciation allowance.

If you acquire qualified property through a like-kind exchange or involuntary conversion after September 27, 2017, and the qualified property is used property, only the excess basis of the acquired property is eligible for the special depreciation allowance.

If you take the special depreciation allowance, you must reduce the amount on which you figure your regular depreciation or amortization deduction by the amount deducted. Also, you will not have any AMT adjustment for depreciation for the qualified property.

Election out. You can elect, for any class of property, to not deduct any special depreciation allowance for all such property in such class placed in service during the tax year.

To make an election, attach a statement to your timely filed return (including extensions) indicating the class of property for which you are making the election and that, for such class, you are not to claim any special depreciation allowance.

The election must be made separately by each person owning qualified property (for example, by the partnership, by the S corporation, or for each member of a consolidated group by the common parent of the group).

If you timely filed your return without making an election, you can still make the election by filing an amended return within 6 months of the due date of the return (excluding extensions). Write “Filed pursuant to section 301.9100-2” on the amended return.

Once made, the election cannot be revoked without IRS consent.

Note. If you elect to not have any special depreciation allowance apply, the property placed in service during the tax year will not be subject to an AMT adjustment for depreciation.

Recapture. When you dispose of property for which you claimed a special depreciation allowance, any gain on the disposition is generally recaptured (included in income) as ordinary income up to the amount of the depreciation previously allowed or allowable for the property, including the special depreciation allowance. For more information, see MACRS recapture, later. If qualified GO Zone property (including specified GO Zone property) ceases to be qualified GO Zone property, if qualified Recovery Assistance property ceases to be qualified Recovery Assistance property, if qualified cellulosic biomass ethanol plant property ceases to be qualified cellulosic biomass ethanol plant property, if qualified second generation biofuel plant property ceases to be qualified second generation biofuel plant property, or if qualified disaster assistance property ceases to be qualified disaster assistance property in any year after the year you claim the special depreciation allowance, the excess benefit you received from claiming the special depreciation allowance must be recaptured as ordinary income. For information on depreciation recapture, see Pub. 946. Also, see Notice 2008-25, 2008-9 I.R.B. 404, available at www.irs.gov/irb/2008-09_IRB/ar10.html for additional guidance on recapture of qualified GO Zone property.

Line 15

Report on this line depreciation for property that you elect to depreciate under the unit-of-production method or any other method not based on a term of years (other than the retirement-replacement-betterment method).

Attach a separate sheet showing:
- A description of the property and the depreciation method you elect that excludes the property from MACRS or the Accelerated Cost Recovery System (ACRS); and
- The depreciable basis (cost or other basis reduced, if applicable, by salvage value, any section 179 expense deduction, deduction for removal of barriers to the disabled and the elderly, disabled access credit, enhanced oil recovery credit, credit for employer-provided childcare facilities and services, any special depreciation allowance, and any other applicable deduction or credit).

For additional credits and deductions that may affect the depreciable basis, see section 1016. Also, see section 50(c) to determine the basis adjustment for investment credit property.

Line 16

Enter the total depreciation you are claiming for the following types of property (except listed property and property subject to a section 168(f)(1) election):
- Property placed in service before 1981.
- Certain public utility property which does not meet certain normalization requirements.
- Certain property acquired from related persons.
- Property acquired in certain nonrecognition transactions.
- Certain sound recordings, movies, and videotapes.
- Property depreciated under the income forecast method. The use of the income forecast method is limited to motion picture films, videotapes, sound recordings, copyrights, books, and patents.

If you use the income forecast method for any property placed in service after September 13, 1995, you may owe interest or be entitled to a refund for the 3rd and 10th tax years beginning after the tax year the property was placed in service. For details, see Form 8866, Interest Computation Under the Look-Back Method for Property Depreciated Under the Income Forecast Method.

For property placed in service in the current tax year, you can either include certain participations and residuals in the adjusted basis of the property or
Part III. MACRS Depreciation

The term “Modified Accelerated Cost Recovery System” (MACRS) includes the General Depreciation System and the Alternative Depreciation System. Generally, MACRS is used to depreciate any tangible property placed in service after 1986. However, MACRS does not apply to films, videotapes, and sound recordings. For more details and exceptions, see Pub. 946.

Section A

Line 17

For tangible property placed in service in tax years beginning before 2018 and depreciated under MACRS ("MACRS asset"), enter the deductions for the current year. To figure the deductions, see the instructions for line 19, column (g).

Note. If you dispose of a portion of a MACRS asset and are required to (or elect to) take the basis of the asset into account, you must reduce the basis and depreciation reserve of the MACRS asset by the basis and depreciation reserve attributable to the disposed portion as of the first day of the tax year before you compute the depreciation deduction for the current year. To figure the depreciation deduction for the remaining MACRS asset and the disposed portion, see the instructions for line 19, column (g). For more information, see Regulations section 1.168(i)-8.

Line 18

To simplify the computation of MACRS depreciation, you can elect to group assets into one or more general asset accounts. The assets in each general asset account are depreciated as a single asset.

Each general asset account must include only assets that were placed in service during the same tax year and that have the same depreciation method, recovery period, and convention. However, an asset cannot be included in a general asset account if the asset is used both for personal purposes and business/investment purposes.

When an asset in an account is disposed of, the amount realized generally must be recognized as ordinary income. The unadjusted depreciable basis and depreciation reserve of the general asset account are not affected as a result of a disposition.

Special rules apply to passenger automobiles, assets generating foreign source income, assets converted to personal use, certain asset dispositions, and like-kind exchanges or involuntary conversions of property in a general asset account. For more details, see Regulations section 1.168(i)-1(e) (as in effect for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2014).

To make the election, check the box on line 18. You must make the election on your return filed no later than the due date (including extensions) for the tax year in which the assets included in the general asset account were placed in service. Once made, the election is irrevocable and applies to the tax year for which the election is made and all later tax years.

For more information on depreciating property in a general asset account, see Pub. 946.

Section B

Property acquired in a like-kind exchange or involuntary conversion. Generally, you must depreciate the carryover basis of property you acquire in a like-kind exchange or involuntary conversion during the current tax year over the remaining recovery period of the property exchanged or involuntarily converted. Use the same depreciation method and convention that was used for the exchanged or involuntarily converted property. Treat any excess basis as newly placed in service property. Figure depreciation separately for the carryover basis and the excess basis, if any.

These rules apply only to acquired property with the same or a shorter recovery period or the same or a more accelerated depreciation method than the property exchanged or involuntarily converted. For additional rules, see Regulations section 1.168(i)-6(c) and Pub. 946.

Election out. Instead of using the above rules, you can elect, for depreciation purposes, to treat the adjusted basis of the exchanged property as if it was disposed of at the time of the exchange or involuntary conversion. Generally, treat the carryover basis and excess basis, if any, for the acquired property as if placed in service on the date you acquired it. The depreciable basis of the new property is the adjusted basis of the exchanged or involuntarily converted property plus any additional amount paid for it. See Regulations section 1.168(i)-6(i).

To make the election, figure the depreciation deduction for the new property in Part III. For listed property, use Part V. Attach a statement indicating “Election made under section 1.168(i)-6(i)” for each property involved in the exchange or involuntary conversion. The election must be made separately by each person acquiring replacement property (for example, by the partnership, by the S corporation, or by the common parent of a consolidated
Lines 19a Through 19i
Use lines 19a through 19i only for assets placed in service during the tax year beginning in 2018 and depreciated under the General Depreciation System (GDS), except for automobiles and other listed property (which are reported in Part V).

Column (a) — Classification of property. Sort the property you acquired and placed in service during the tax year beginning in 2018 according to its classification (3-year property, 5-year property, etc.) as shown in column (a) of lines 19a through 19i. The classifications for some property are shown below. For property not shown, see Determining the classification, later.

3-year property includes:
• A race horse that is more than 2 years old at the time it is placed in service.
• Any horse (other than a race horse) that is more than 12 years old at the time it is placed in service.
• Any qualified rent-to-own property (as defined in section 168(i)(14)).

5-year property includes:
• Automobiles.
• Light general purpose trucks.
• Typewriters, calculators, copiers, and duplicating equipment.
• Any semi-conductor manufacturing equipment.
• Any qualified technological equipment.
• Any section 1245 property used in connection with research and experimentation.
• Certain energy property specified in section 168(e)(3)(B)(vi).
• Appliances, carpets, furniture, etc., used in a rental real estate activity.
• Any machinery equipment (other than any grain bin, cotton ginning asset, fence, or other land improvement) used in a farming business and placed in service after 2017, in tax years ending after 2017. The original use of the property must begin with you.

7-year property includes:
• Office furniture and equipment.
• Railroad track.
• Any natural gas gathering line (as defined in section 168(i)(17)) placed in service after April 11, 2005, the original use of which begins with you after April 11, 2005, and is not under self-construction or subject to a binding contract in existence before April 12, 2005. Also, no AMT adjustment is required.
• Any property that does not have a class life and is not otherwise classified.

10-year property includes:
• Vessels, barges, tugs, and similar water transportation equipment.
• Any single purpose agricultural or horticultural structure (see section 168(i)(13)).
• Any tree or vine bearing fruit or nuts.
• Any qualified smart electric meter property.
• Any qualified smart electric grid system property.

15-year property includes:
• Any municipal wastewater treatment plant.
• Any telephone distribution plant and comparable equipment used for 2-way exchange of voice and data communications.
• Any section 1250 property that is a retail motor fuels outlet (whether or not food or other convenience items are sold there).
• Initial clearing and grading land improvements for gas utility property.
• Certain electric transmission property specified in section 168(e)(3)(E)(v) placed in service after April 11, 2005, the original use of which begins with you after April 11, 2005, and is not under self-construction or subject to a binding contract in existence before April 12, 2005.

20-year property includes:
• Farm buildings (other than single purpose agricultural or horticultural structures).
• Municipal sewers not classified as 25-year property.
• Initial clearing and grading land improvements for electric utility, transmission and distribution plants.

25-year property is water utility property, which is:
• Property that is an integral part of the gathering, treatment, or commercial distribution of water that, without regard to this classification, would be 20-year property.
• Municipal sewers.
This classification does not apply to property placed in service under a binding contract in effect at all times since June 9, 1996.

Residential rental property is a building in which 80% or more of the total rent is from dwelling units.

Nonresidential real property is any real property that is neither residential rental property nor property with a class life of less than 27.5 years.

50-year property includes any improvements necessary to construct or improve a roadbed or right-of-way for railroad track that qualifies as a railroad grading or tunnel bore under section 168(e)(4).

There is no separate line to report 50-year property. Therefore, attach a statement showing the same information as required in columns (a) through (g). Include the deduction in the line 22 “Total” and write “See attachment” in the bottom margin of the form.

Determining the classification. If your depreciable property is not listed above, determine the classification as follows.

1. Find the property’s class life. See the Table of Class Lives and Recovery Periods in Pub. 946.

2. Use the following table to find the classification in column (b) that corresponds to the class life of the property in column (a).

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<th>(a) Class life (in years)</th>
<th>(b) Classification</th>
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<td>More than 4 but less than 10</td>
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<td>15-year property</td>
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<td>20</td>
<td>20-year property</td>
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</table>

Column (b) — Month and year placed in service. For lines 19h and 19i, enter the month and year you placed the property in service. If you converted property held for personal use to use in a trade or business or for the production of income, treat the property as being placed in service on the conversion date.

Column (c) — Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only). To find the basis for depreciation, multiply the cost or other basis of the property by the percentage of business/investment
use. From that result, subtract any credits and deductions allocable to the property. The following are examples of some credits and deductions that reduce the basis for depreciation:

- Section 179 expense deduction.
- Deduction for removal of barriers to the disabled and the elderly.
- Disabled access credit.
- Enhanced oil recovery credit.
- Credit for alternative fuel vehicle refueling property.
- Credit for employer-provided childcare facilities and services.
- Any special depreciation allowance included on line 14.
- Any basis adjustment for investment credit property. See section 50(c).

For additional credits and deductions that affect the depreciable basis, see section 1016 and Pub. 946.

**Column (d) — Recovery period.**
Determine the recovery period from the following table. See Pub. 946 for more information on the recovery period for MACRS property.

### Recovery Period for Most Property

<table>
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<th>Classification</th>
<th>Recovery period</th>
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<td>25-year property</td>
<td>25 yrs.</td>
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<td>Residential rental property</td>
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<tr>
<td>Nonresidential real property</td>
<td>27.5 yrs.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Railroad gradings and tunnel bores</td>
<td>39 yrs.</td>
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</table>

**Column (e) — Convention.** The applicable convention determines the portion of the tax year for which depreciation is allowable during a year. It either placed in service or disposed of. There are three types of conventions. To select the correct convention, you must know the type of property and when you placed the property in service.

**Half-year convention.** This convention applies to all property reported on lines 19a through 19g, unless the mid-quarter convention applies. It does not apply to residential rental property, nonresidential real property, and railroad gradings and tunnel bores. It treats all property placed in service (or disposed of) during any tax year as placed in service (or disposed of) on the midpoint of that tax year. Enter “HY” in column (e).

**Mid-quarter convention.** If the total depreciable bases (before any special depreciation allowance) of MACRS property placed in service during the last 3 months of your tax year exceed 40% of the total depreciable bases of MACRS property placed in service during the entire tax year, the mid-quarter, instead of the half-year, convention generally applies.

In determining whether the mid-quarter convention applies, do not take into account the following:

- Property that is being depreciated under a method other than MACRS.
- Any residential rental property, nonresidential real property, or railroad gradings and tunnel bores.
- Property that is placed in service and disposed of within the same tax year.

The mid-quarter convention treats all property placed in service (or disposed of) during any quarter as placed in service (or disposed of) on the midpoint of that quarter. However, no depreciation is allowed under this convention for property that is placed in service and disposed of within the same tax year. Enter “MQ” in column (e).

**Mid-month convention.** This convention applies only to residential rental property (line 19h), nonresidential real property (line 19i), and railroad gradings and tunnel bores. It treats all property placed in service (or disposed of) during any month as placed in service (or disposed of) on the midpoint of that month. Enter “MM” in column (e).

**Column (f) — Method.** Applicable depreciation methods are prescribed for each classification of property as follows. However, you can make an irrevocable election to use the straight line method for all property within a classification that is placed in service during the tax year. Enter “200 DB” for 200% declining balance, “150 DB” for 150% declining balance, or “S/L” for straight line.

- **3-, 5-, 7-, and 10-year property.**
  - Generally, the applicable method is the 200% declining balance method, switching to the straight line method in the first year that the straight line method does not exceed the 200% declining balance rate.
  - Note. The straight line method is the only applicable method for trees and vines bearing fruit or nuts. The 150% declining balance method is the only applicable method for any qualified smart electric meter or any qualified smart electric grid system property placed in service after October 3, 2008.

For 3-, 5-, 7-, or 10-year property eligible for the 200% declining balance method, you can make an irrevocable election to use the 150% declining balance method, switching to the straight line method in the first tax year that the straight line rate exceeds the declining balance rate. The election applies to all property within the classification for which it is made and that was placed in service during the tax year. You will not have an AMT adjustment for any property included under this election.

For 3-, 5-, 7-, or 10-year property used in a farming business and placed in service after 2017, in tax years ending after 2017, the 150% declining balance method is no longer required. However, the 150% declining balance method will continue to apply to any 15- or 20-year property used in a farming business to which the straight line method does not apply or to property for which you elect the use of the 150% declining balance method.

- **15- and 20-year property and property used in a farming business.** The applicable method is the 150% declining balance method, switching to the straight line method in the first tax year that the straight line rate exceeds the declining balance rate. For 3-, 5-, 7-, and 10-year property used in a farming business and placed in service after 2017, see 3-, 5-, 7-, or 10-year property above.

- **Water utility property, residential rental property, nonresidential real property, or any railroad grading or tunnel bore.** The only applicable method is the straight line method.

**Column (g) — Depreciation deduction.** To figure the depreciation deduction, you may use optional Tables A through E, which begin later. Multiply column (c) by the applicable rate from the appropriate table. See Pub. 946 for complete tables. If you disposed of the property during the current tax year, multiply the result by the applicable decimal amount from the tables in Step 3 later. Or, you may compute the deduction yourself by completing the following steps.

**Step 1.** Determine the depreciation rate as follows.

- If you are using the 200% or 150% declining balance method in column (f), divide the declining balance rate (use 2.00 for 200 DB or 1.50 for 150 DB) by the number of years in the recovery period.
period in column (d). For example, for property depreciated using the 200 DB method over a recovery period of 5 years, divide 2.00 by 5 for a rate of 40%. You must switch to the straight line rate in the first year that the straight line rate exceeds the declining balance rate.

- If you are using the straight line method, divide 1.00 by the remaining number of years in the recovery period as of the beginning of the tax year (but not less than one). For example, if there are 6 1/2 years remaining in the recovery period as of the beginning of the year, divide 1.00 by 6.5 for a rate of 15.38%.

**Step 2.** Multiply the percentage rate determined in Step 1 by the property’s unrecovered basis (basis for depreciation (as defined in column (c)) reduced by all prior years’ depreciation.

**Step 3.** For property placed in service or disposed of during the current tax year, multiply the result from Step 2 by the applicable decimal amount from the tables below (based on the convention shown in column (e)).

### Table of Class Lives and Recovery Periods

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You must switch to the straight line rate for any property under ADS, except property that does not have a class life, residential rental and nonresidential real property, water utility property, and railroad gradings and tunnel bores. Use line 20b for property that does not have a class life. Use line 20c for residential rental property. Use line 20d for nonresidential real property.

### Residential rental property. The ADS recovery period for residential rental property placed in service after 2017 is 30 years. Report depreciation for these assets on line 20c. For more information, see Pub. 946.

### Water utility property and railroad gradings and tunnel bores. These assets are 50-year property under ADS. There is no separate line to report 50-year property. Therefore, attach a statement showing the same information required in columns (a) through (g). Include the deduction in the line 22 “Total” and write “See attachment” in the bottom margin of the form.

**Column (b) — Month and year placed in service.** For 40-year property, enter the month and year placed in service or converted to use in a trade or business or for the production of income.

**Column (c) — Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only).** See the instructions for line 19, column (c).

**Column (d) — Recovery period.** On line 20a, enter the property’s class life.

**Column (e) — Convention.** Under ADS, the applicable conventions are the same as those used under GDS. See the instructions for line 19, column (e).

**Column (g) — Depreciation deduction.** Figure the depreciation deduction in the same manner as under GDS, except use the straight line method over the ADS recovery period and use the applicable convention.

**MACRS recapture.** If you later dispose of property you depreciated using MACRS, any gain on the disposition is generally recaptured (included in income) as ordinary income up to the amount of the depreciation previously allowed or allowable for the property. Depreciation, for this purpose, includes any of the following deductions taken during the 2018 tax year:

- Any section 179 expense deduction claimed on the property.

## Section C
### Lines 20a Through 20d
Complete lines 20a through 20d for assets, other than automobiles and other listed property, placed in service only during the tax year beginning in 2018 and depreciated under the Alternative Depreciation System (ADS). Report on line 17 MACRS depreciation on assets placed in service in prior years.

Under ADS, use the applicable depreciation method, the applicable recovery period, and the applicable convention to compute depreciation.

The following types of property must be depreciated under ADS:

- Tangible property used predominantly outside the United States.
- Tax-exempt use property.
- Tax-exempt bond financed property.
- Imported property covered by an executive order of the President of the United States.
- Property used predominantly in a farming business and placed in service during any tax year in which you made an election under section 263A(d)(3) to not have the uniform capitalization rules of section 263A apply.
- Any nonresidential real property, residential rental property, or qualified improvement property held by an electing real property trade or business (as defined in section 163(j)(7)(B)).
- Any property that has a recovery period of 10 years or more that is held as real property. You make this election by completing line 20 of Form 4562.

Instead of depreciating property under GDS (line 19), you can make an irrevocable election for any classification of property for any tax year to use ADS. For residential rental and nonresidential real property, you can make this election separately for each property. You make this election by completing line 20 of Form 4562.

### Column (a) — Classification of property.
Use the following rules to determine the classification of the property under ADS.

Under ADS, the depreciation deduction for most property is based on the property’s class life. See section 168(g)(3) for special rules for determining the class life for certain property. See Pub. 946 for information on recovery periods for ADS and the Table of Class Lives and Recovery Periods.

**Short tax years.** See Pub. 946 for rules on how to compute the depreciation deduction for property placed in service in a short tax year.
• Any special depreciation allowance available for the property (unless you elected not to claim it).
• Any deduction under section 179B for capital costs incurred in complying with Environmental Protection Agency sulfur regulations.

There is no recapture for residential rental and nonresidential real property, unless that property is qualified property for which you claimed a special depreciation allowance (discussed earlier). For more information on depreciation recapture, see Pub. 946.

Part IV. Summary

Line 22
A partnership (other than an electing large partnership) or S corporation does not include any section 179 expense deduction (line 12) on this line. Instead, any section 179 expense deduction is passed through separately to the partners and shareholders on the appropriate line of their Schedules K-1.

Line 23
If you are subject to the uniform capitalization rules of section 263A, enter the increase in basis from costs you must capitalize. For a detailed discussion of who is subject to these rules, which costs must be capitalized, and allocation of costs among activities, see Regulations section 1.263A-1.

Part V. Listed Property

If you claim the standard mileage rate, actual vehicle expenses (including depreciation), or depreciation on other listed property, you must provide the information requested in Part V, regardless of the tax year the property was placed in service. However, if you file Form 2106 or 2106-EZ, report this information on that form and not in Part V. Also, if you file Schedule C (Form 1040 or Schedule C-EZ on Form 1040) or Schedule C-EZ (Form 1040) and are claiming the standard mileage rate or actual vehicle expenses (except depreciation), and you are not required to file Form 4562 for any other reason, report vehicle information in Part IV of Schedule C or in Part III of Schedule C-EZ and not on Form 4562.

Section A

The section 179 expense deduction should be computed before calculating any special depreciation allowance and/or regular depreciation deduction. See the instructions for line 26, column (i).

Listed property used 50% or less in a qualified business use (as defined in the instructions for lines 26 and 27 below) does not qualify for the section 179 expense deduction or special depreciation allowance.

Line 25
If you placed in service certain qualified listed property during the tax year, you may be able to deduct the special depreciation allowance. This property includes certain qualified property acquired before September 28, 2017, and placed in service before January 1, 2020 (before January 1, 2021, for certain aircraft) and certain qualified property acquired after September 27, 2017, and placed in service before January 1, 2027 (before January 1, 2028, for certain aircraft). See the instructions for line 14 for the definition of qualified property and how to figure the deduction. This special depreciation allowance is included in the overall limit on depreciation and section 179 expense deduction for passenger automobiles. See the tables for limitations on passenger vehicles and trucks and vans, later. Enter on line 25 your total special depreciation allowance for all qualified listed property.

Lines 26 and 27
Use line 26 to figure depreciation for property used more than 50% in a qualified business use. Use line 27 to figure the depreciation for property used 50% or less in a qualified business use. Also, see Limits for passenger automobiles, later.

If you acquired the property through a trade-in, special rules apply for determining the basis, recovery period, depreciation method, and convention. For more details, see Property acquired in a like-kind exchange or involuntary conversion, earlier. Also, see Regulations section 1.168(i)-6(d)(3).

Qualified business use. To determine whether to use line 26 or line 27 to report your listed property, you must first determine the percentage of qualified business use for each property. Generally, a qualified business use is any use in your trade or business. However, it does not include any of the following.
• Investment use.
• Leasing the property to a 5% owner or related person.

• The use of the property as compensation for services performed by a 5% owner or related person.
• The use of the property as compensation for services performed by any person (who is not a 5% owner or related person), unless an amount is included in that person’s income for the use of the property and, if required, income tax was withheld on that amount.

Excluding these uses above from the numerator, determine your percentage of qualified business use similar to the method used to figure the business/investment use percentage in column (c). Your percentage of qualified business use may be smaller than the business/investment use percentage.

For more information, including the definition of a 5% owner and related person and exceptions, see Pub. 946.

Listed property recapture. If you used listed property more than 50% in a qualified business use in the year you placed the property in service, and used it 50% or less in a later year, you may have to include as income part of the depreciation, including the special depreciation allowance, deducted in prior years. Use Form 4797, Sales of Business Property, to figure the recapture amount.

Column (a) — Type of property. List on a property-by-property basis all your listed property in the following order.
1. Automobiles and other vehicles.
2. Other listed property (computers and peripheral equipment placed in service before 2018, etc.).

In column (a), list the make and model of automobiles, and give a general description of other listed property.

If you have more than five vehicles used 100% for business/investment purposes, you may group them by tax year. Otherwise, list each vehicle separately.

Column (b) — Date placed in service. Enter the date the property was placed in service. If property held for personal use is converted to business/investment use, treat the property as placed in service on the date of conversion.

Column (c) — Business/investment use percentage. Enter the percentage of business/investment use. For automobiles and other vehicles, determine this percentage by dividing the number of miles the vehicle is driven.
for trade or business purposes or for the production of income during the year (not to include any commuting mileage) by the total number of miles the vehicle is driven for all purposes. Treat vehicles used by employees as being used 100% for business/investment purposes if the value of personal use is included in the employees' gross income, or the employees reimburse the employer for the personal use. For more information, see Pub. 463.

For other listed property (such as computers placed in service before 2018 or video equipment), allocate the use based on the most appropriate unit of time the property is actually used (rather than merely being available for use).

If during the tax year you convert property used solely for personal purposes to business/investment use (or vice versa), figure the percentage of business/investment use only for the number of months you use the property in your business or for the production of income. Multiply that percentage by the number of months you use the property in your business or for the production of income, and divide the result by 12.

Column (d) — Cost or other basis. Enter the property's actual cost (including sales tax) or other basis (unadjusted for prior years' depreciation). If you traded in old property, see Property acquired in a like-kind exchange or involuntary conversion, earlier.

For a vehicle, reduce your basis by any qualified electric vehicle credit you claimed for property placed in service before January 1, 2007, or by any alternative motor vehicle credit allowed.

If you converted the property from personal use to business/investment use, your basis for depreciation is the smaller of the property's adjusted basis or its fair market value on the date of conversion.

Column (e) — Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only). Multiply column (d) by the percentage in column (c). From that result, subtract any section 179 expense deduction, any special depreciation allowance, any credit for employer-provided childcare facilities and services, and half of any investment credit taken before 1986 (unless you claimed the reduced credit). For automobiles and other listed property placed in service after 1985 (that is, transition property), reduce the depreciable basis by the entire investment credit.
automobiles leased or held by anyone regularly engaged in the business of leasing passenger automobiles.

For a detailed discussion on passenger automobiles, including leased automobiles, see Pub. 463.

Table 1—Limits for Passenger Automobiles (including trucks and vans) Acquired Before September 28, 2017, and Placed in Service in 2018

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<th>IF you placed your automobile in service:</th>
<th>AND the number of tax years in which this automobile has been in service is:</th>
<th>THEN the limit on your depreciation and section 179 expense deduction is:</th>
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<td>Jan. 1–Dec. 31, 2018</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>$10,000*</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>$16,000</td>
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*If you take the special depreciation allowance for qualified passenger automobiles acquired before September 28, 2017, and placed in service in 2018, the limit is $16,400.

Table 2—Limits for Passenger Automobiles (including trucks and vans) Acquired After September 27, 2017, and Placed in Service in 2018

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*If you take the special depreciation allowance for qualified passenger automobiles acquired after September 27, 2017, and placed in service in 2018, the limit is $18,000.

Table 3—Limits for Passenger Automobiles Placed in Service After 2003 and Before 2018 (excluding trucks and vans placed in service after 2002 and electric passenger automobiles placed in service before January 1, 2007)

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<th>IF you placed your automobile in service:</th>
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<th>THEN the limit on your depreciation and section 179 expense deduction is:</th>
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Table 4—Limits for Trucks and Vans Placed in Service After 2002 and Before 2018

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<th>IF you placed your truck or van in service:</th>
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<th>THEN the limit on your depreciation and section 179 expense deduction is:</th>
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Column (i) — Elected section 179 cost. Enter the amount you elect to expense for section 179 property used more than 50% in a qualified business use (subject to the limits for passenger automobiles). Refer to the instructions for Part I to determine if the property qualifies under section 179.

You cannot elect to expense more than $25,000 of the cost of any sport utility vehicle (SUV) and certain other vehicles placed in service during the tax year. This rule applies to any 4-wheeled vehicle primarily designed or used to carry passengers over public streets, roads, or highways, that is rated at more than 6,000 pounds gross vehicle weight and not more than 14,000 pounds gross vehicle weight. However, the $25,000 limit does not apply to any vehicle:
• Designed to seat more than nine persons behind the driver’s seat;
• Equipped with a cargo area (either open or enclosed by a cap) of at least six feet in interior length that is not readily accessible directly from the passenger compartment; or
• That has an integral enclosure fully enclosing the driver compartment and load carrying device, does not have seating rearward of the driver’s seat, and has no body section protruding more than 30 inches ahead of the leading edge of the windshield.

Recapture of section 179 expense deduction. If you used listed property more than 50% in a qualified business use in the year you placed the property in service and used it 50% or less in a later year, you may have to recapture in the later year part of the section 179 expense deduction. Use Form 4797 to figure the recapture amount.

Section B

Except as noted below, you must complete lines 30 through 36 for each vehicle identified in Section A. Employers must provide their employers with the information requested on lines 30 through 36 for each automobile or vehicle provided for their use.

Exception. Employers are not required to complete lines 30 through 36 for vehicles used by employees who are not more than 5% owners or related persons and for which the question on line 37, 38, 39, 40, or 41 is answered “Yes.”

Section C

Employers providing vehicles to their employees satisfy the employer’s substantiation requirements under section 274(d) by maintaining a written policy statement that:
• Prohibits personal use including commuting, or
• Prohibits personal use except for commuting.

An employee does not need to keep a separate set of records for any vehicle that satisfies these written policy statement rules.

For both written policy statements, there must be evidence that would enable the IRS to determine whether
use of the vehicle meets the conditions stated below.

**Line 37**
A policy statement that prohibits personal use (including commuting) must meet all of the following conditions.
- The employer owns or leases the vehicle and provides it to one or more employees for use in the employer's trade or business.
- When the vehicle is not used in the employer's trade or business, it is kept on the employer's business premises, unless it is temporarily located elsewhere (for example, for maintenance or because of a mechanical failure).
- No employee using the vehicle lives at the employer's business premises.
- No employee may use the vehicle for personal purposes, other than de minimis personal use (for example, a stop for lunch between two business deliveries).
- Except for de minimis use, the employer reasonably believes that no employee uses the vehicle for any personal purpose.

**Line 38**
A policy statement that prohibits personal use (except for commuting) is not available if the commuting employee is an officer, director, or 1% or more owner. This policy must meet all of the following conditions.
- The employer owns or leases the vehicle and provides it to one or more employees for use in the employer's trade or business, and it is used in the employer's trade or business.
- For bona fide noncompensatory business reasons, the employer requires the employee to commute to and/or from work in the vehicle.
- The employer establishes a written policy under which the employee may not use the vehicle for personal purposes, other than commuting or de minimis personal use (for example, a stop for a personal errand between a business delivery and the employee's home).
- Except for de minimis use, the employer reasonably believes that the employee does not use the vehicle for any personal purpose other than commuting.
- The employer accounts for the commuting use by including an appropriate amount in the employee's gross income.

**Line 40**
An employer that provides more than five vehicles to its employees who are not 5% owners or related persons need not complete Section B for such vehicles. Instead, the employer must obtain the information from its employees and retain the information received.

**Line 41**
An automobile meets the requirements for qualified demonstration use if the employer maintains a written policy statement that:
- Prohibits its use by individuals other than full-time automobile salespersons,
- Prohibits its use for personal vacation trips,
- Prohibits storage of personal possessions in the automobile, and
- Limits the total mileage outside the salesperson's normal working hours.

**Part VI. Amortization**

Each year, you can deduct part of certain capital costs over a fixed period.

*If you amortize property, the part you amortize does not qualify for the section 179 expense deduction or for depreciation.*

Attach any information the Code and regulations may require to make a valid election. See the applicable Code section, regulations, and Pub. 535 for more information.

**Line 42**
Complete line 42 only for those costs you amortize for which the amortization period begins during your tax year beginning in 2018.

**Column (a) — Description of costs.**
Describe the costs you are amortizing. You can amortize the following.

**Geological and geophysical expenditures (section 167(h)).**
You must amortize geological and geophysical expenses paid or incurred in connection with the exploration or development of oil and gas within the United States ratably over a 24-month period. For a major integrated oil company (as defined in section 167(h) (5)), the costs paid or incurred after December 19, 2007, must be amortized ratably over a 7-year period (a 5-year period for costs paid or incurred after May 17, 2006, and before December 20, 2007), beginning on the mid-point of the tax year in which the expenses were paid or incurred.

**Pollution control facilities (section 169).** You can elect to amortize the cost of a certified pollution control facility over a 60-month period (84 months for certain atmospheric pollution control facilities placed in service after April 11, 2005). See section 169 and the related regulations for details and information required in making the election. See Pub. 535 for more information.

*You can deduct a special depreciation allowance on a certified pollution control facility that is qualified property. However, you must reduce the amount on which you figure your amortization deduction by any special depreciation allowance allowed or allowable, whichever is greater.*

Also, a corporation must reduce its amortizable basis of a pollution control facility by 20% before figuring the amortization deduction.

**Bond premium (section 171).**
For individuals reporting amortization of bond premium for taxable bonds acquired before October 23, 1986, do not report the deduction here. See the instructions for Schedule A (Form 1040), line 16.

For taxpayers (other than corporations) claiming a deduction for amortization of bond premium for taxable bonds acquired after October 22, 1986, but before January 1, 1988, the deduction is treated as interest expense and is subject to the investment interest limitations. Use Form 4952, Investment Interest Expense Deduction, to compute the allowable deduction.

For taxable bonds acquired after 1987, you can elect to amortize the bond premium over the life of the bond. In general, you amortize bond premium on a bond by offsetting the stated interest allocable to a taxable year with the bond premium allocable to that taxable year and report the net amount of stated interest on your return. See section 171 and Regulations sections 1.171-1 through 1.171-5 for more information. Individuals, also see Pub. 550, Investment Income and Expenses. A bond premium carryforward as of the end of a taxpayer’s final accrual period is treated as a deduction. See Regulations section 1.171-2(a)(4)(i)(C). For an individual, do not report the deduction here. See the instructions for Schedule A (Form 1040), line 16.
Research and experimental expenditures (section 174). You can elect to either amortize your research and experimental costs, deduct them as current business expenses, or write them off over a 10-year period. If you elect to amortize these costs, deduct them in equal amounts over 60 months or more. For more information, see Pub. 535.

The cost of acquiring a lease (section 178). Amortize these costs over the term of the lease. For more information, see Pub. 535.

Qualified forestation and reforestation costs (section 194). You can elect to deduct a limited amount of qualifying reforestation costs paid or incurred during the tax year for each qualified timber property. You can elect to amortize the qualifying costs that are not deducted currently over an 84-month period. There is no limit on the amount of your amortization deduction for reforestation costs paid or incurred during the tax year.

If you are otherwise required to file Form T (Timber), Forest Activities Schedule, you can make the election to amortize qualifying reforestation costs by completing Part IV of the form. See the Instructions for Form T (Timber) for more information.

See Pub. 535 for more information on amortizing reforestation costs. Partnerships and S corporations, also see the instructions for line 44.

Optional write-off of certain tax preferences over the period specified in section 59(e). You can elect to amortize certain tax preference items over an optional period. If you make this election, there is no AMT adjustment for these expenditures. The applicable expenditures and the optional recovery periods are as follows.
- Circulation expenditures (section 173) — 3 years.
- Intangible drilling and development costs (section 263(c)) — 60 months.
- Research and experimental expenditures (section 174(a)), mining exploration and development costs (sections 616(a) and 617(a)) — 10 years.

For information on making the election, see Regulations section 1.59-1. Also, see Pub. 535.

Certain section 197 intangibles. The following costs must be amortized over 15 years (180 months) starting with the later of (a) the month the intangibles were acquired, or (b) the month the trade or business or activity engaged in for the production of income begins.
- Goodwill.
- Going concern value.
- Workforce in place.
- Business books and records, operating systems, or any other information base.
- A patent, copyright, formula, process, design, pattern, know-how, format, or similar item.
- A customer-based intangible (for example, composition of market or market share).
- A supplier-based intangible.
- A license, permit, or other right granted by a governmental unit.
- A covenant not to compete entered into in connection with the acquisition of a business.
- A franchise, trademark, or trade name (including renewals).

A section 197 intangible is treated as depreciable property used in your trade or business. When you dispose of a section 197 intangible, any gain on the disposition, up to the amount of allowable amortization, is recaptured as ordinary income. If multiple section 197 intangibles are disposed of in a single transaction or a series of related transactions, calculate the recapture as if all of the section 197 intangibles were a single asset. This rule does not apply to section 197 intangibles disposed of for which the adjusted basis exceeds the fair market value.

For more details on section 197 intangibles, see Pub. 535.

Start-up and organizational costs. You can elect to amortize the following costs for setting up your business.
- Business start-up costs (section 195).
- Organizational costs for a corporation (section 248).
- Organizational costs for a partnership (section 709).

For business start-up and organizational costs paid or incurred after September 8, 2008, you can elect to deduct a limited amount of start-up or organizational costs for the year that your business begins. You are not required to attach a statement to make this election. Once made, the election is irrevocable. Any cost not deducted currently must be amortized ratably over a 180-month period. The amortization period starts with the month you begin business operations. See Regulations sections 1.195-1, 1.248-1, and 1.709-1.

For business start-up and organizational costs paid or incurred after October 22, 2004, and before September 9, 2008, you can elect to deduct a limited amount of start-up and organizational costs for the year that your business begins. If the election is made, you must attach any statement required by Regulations sections 1.195-1(b), 1.248-1(c), and 1.709-1(c), as in effect before September 9, 2008. Any costs not deducted currently can be amortized ratably over a 180-month period, beginning with the month you begin business.

Note. You can apply the provisions of Regulations sections 1.195-1, 1.248-1, and 1.709-1 to all expenses paid or incurred after October 22, 2004, provided the period of limitations on assessment has not expired for the year of the election. Otherwise, for business start-up and organizational costs paid or incurred after October 22, 2004, and before September 9, 2008, the provisions under Regulations sections 1.195-1(b), 1.248-1(c), and 1.709-1(c), as in effect before September 9, 2008, will apply.

For business start-up and organizational costs paid or incurred before October 23, 2004, you can elect an amortization period of 60 months or more.

Attach any statements required by the appropriate section and related regulations to Form 4562 by the due date, including extensions, of your return for the year in which the active trade or business begins. If you have both start-up and organizational costs, attach a separate statement for each type of cost. If you timely filed your return without making the election, you can still make the election on an amended return filed within 6 months of the due date, excluding extensions, of the return. Write “Filed pursuant to section 301.9100-2” on the amended return. See Pub. 535 for more details.

Creative property costs. These are costs paid or incurred to acquire and develop screenplays, scripts, story outlines, motion picture production rights to books and plays, and other similar properties for purposes of potential future film development, production, and exploitation. You may be able to amortize creative property

Column (b) — Date amortization begins. Enter the date the amortization period begins under the applicable Code section.

Column (c) — Amortizable amount. Enter the total amount you are amortizing. See the applicable Code section for limits on the amortizable amount.

Column (d) — Code section. Enter the Code section under which you amortize the costs. For examples, see the Code sections referenced in the instructions for line 42, column (a), earlier.

Column (f) — Amortization for this year. Compute the amortization deduction by:
1. Dividing the amount in column (c) by the number of months over which the costs are to be amortized and multiplying the result by the number of months in the amortization period included in your tax year beginning in 2018, or
2. Multipling the amount in column (c) by the percentage in column (e).

Line 43
If you are reporting the amortization of costs that began before your 2018 tax year and you are not required to file Form 4562 for any other reason, do not file Form 4562. Report the amortization directly on the “Other Deductions” or “Other Expenses” line of your return.

Line 44
Report the total amortization, including the allowable portion of forestation or reforestation amortization, on the applicable “Other Deductions” or “Other Expenses” line of your return. For more details, including limitations that apply, see Pub. 535. Partnerships (other than electing large partnerships) and S corporations, report the amortizable basis of any forestation or reforestation expenses for which amortization is elected and the year in which the amortization begins as a separately stated item on Schedules K and K-1 (Form 1065 or 1120S). See the instructions for Schedule K (Form 1065 or 1120S) for more details on how to report.
### Table A—General Depreciation System

**Method:** 200% declining balance switching to straight line

**Convention:** Half-year

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### Table C—General Depreciation System

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**Convention:** Mid-month  
**Recovery period:** 27.5 years  

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