



Application for Authority to Dispose of a Motor Vehicle to a Demolisher

Information

This application can only be used if the motor vehicle is owned by the applicant, has been transferred to the applicant, is abandoned and in the possession of the applicant, or located on property owned by the applicant (see Page 2 for additional information).

Mail this completed application, required documentation (if any), and \$2.00 application fee in the form of a check or money order payable to the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles. Credit/debit cards, temporary checks, and cash are not accepted. **Fees are non-refundable.**

Mail to: Texas Department of Motor Vehicles
 Vehicle Titles and Registration Division
 ATTN: Title Control Systems
 Austin, Texas 78779-0001

Vehicle Information

Vehicle Identification Number	Year	Make	Body Style	Model
License Plate State and Number (if any)	Odometer Reading (no tenths)	The odometer reading is the actual mileage unless one of the following is checked: <input type="checkbox"/> Not Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Exceeds Mechanical Limits <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt		
Physical Location of the Vehicle				

Applicant Information

First Name (or Entity Name)	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix (if any)
Address	City	State	Zip

Statement of Facts for Application

An application under this process must be for one of the following reasons. Mark the applicable reason, and provide a statement of facts, if applicable:

- The applicant listed is the recorded owner of the motor vehicle or has been transferred ownership.
- The vehicle is an abandoned motor vehicle (see Page 2) and in the possession of the applicant.
- The vehicle is an abandoned motor vehicle (see Page 2) and located on property owned by the applicant.

Certification – State law makes falsifying information a third degree felony

I, the applicant listed above, certify the facts contained herein are true, and no material fact has been withheld. I am applying for authority to dispose of the motor vehicle described above to a demolisher for demolition, wrecking, or dismantling only. I have the legal right to apply for the authority to demolish this vehicle; and understand this vehicle cannot be repaired, rebuilt, reconstructed, made operable, or retitled and may only dispose of the vehicle to a demolisher for permanent destruction.

Signature of Applicant	Printed Name (Same as Signature)	Date
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Information for Applicants Who Are the Motor Vehicle Owners

Applicants with a motor vehicle last titled in Texas must surrender the Texas Certificate of Title if not lost or destroyed; however, the Texas Certificate of Title is not required if the department is able to verify the applicant is the owner in the department's system.

Applicants with a motor vehicle last titled outside of Texas must submit the certificate of title in their name.

Applicants who are not the recorded owner must submit a certificate of title or other valid ownership evidence showing the motor vehicle has been transferred to the applicant. Other valid ownership evidence includes, but is not limited to, a manufacturer's certificate of origin, registration receipt (if the motor vehicle is non-titled), or law enforcement auction sales receipt.

Information for Applicants Applying on Abandoned Motor Vehicles

A motor vehicle is abandoned if it:

- 1) is inoperable, is more than five years old, and has been left unattended on public property for more than 48 hours;
- 2) has remained illegally on public property for more than 48 hours;
- 3) has remained on private property without the consent of the owner or person in charge of the property for more than 48 hours;
- 4) has been left unattended on the right-of-way of a designated county, state, or federal highway for more than 48 hours;
- 5) has been left unattended for more than 24 hours on the right-of-way of a turnpike project constructed and maintained by the Texas Turnpike Authority division of the Texas Department of Transportation or a controlled access highway; or
- 6) is an impounded commercial motor vehicle at a vehicle storage facility and the delinquent administrative penalty has not been paid to the Texas Department of Public Safety by the 11th day after being impounded.

Department Notification Required

If an application is received for an abandoned motor vehicle, the department is required to send a notice to any owner(s) and lienholder(s) of the abandoned motor vehicle identified in the department's system. If no record is found in the department's system, the department is required to publish a notice on the department's website. The owner(s) or lienholder(s) have 20 days from the date the notice is mailed or published to claim the motor vehicle. If the department is not informed the vehicle has been claimed by the 20th day, the department will issue the Certificate of Authority to the applicant.

As a result of these requirements, issuance of a Certificate of Authority may take up to 30 days from the date the application is received by the department.

Claimed Abandoned Motor Vehicles

If the abandoned motor vehicle is claimed after this application has been submitted to the department, please contact the Vehicle Titles and Registration Division immediately at (512) 465-5659, option 1, to prevent the Certificate of Authority from being issued. However, the \$2.00 application fee is non-refundable.

Identifying the Correct Vehicle Identification Number

The identification number on the body is recognized as the vehicle identification number (VIN) for most vehicles; however, the identification number on the frame or motor may be recognized as the VIN for certain vehicles based on the make and year of the vehicle. Refer to the *Assembled and Reconstructed Vehicle Manual* (Section 2.3) for additional information on determining the appropriate identification number based on the year and make of the vehicle.

Odometer Reading Information

An odometer reading is required if the vehicle is subject to odometer disclosure. If the odometer reading cannot be established, please indicate "1" and mark "Not Actual." If the vehicle is exempt from odometer disclosure, you must mark the odometer reading as "Exempt."