



*Alabama Department  
of Revenue*



*Motor Vehicle Division*

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## Titles



# Rules

- New designated agents shall obtain authorization to use ETAPS **within 60 days** of establishment of the designated agent account (reference rule 810-5-26-.02)
- Notice of Junk Vehicle – form MVT 5-48 (reference rule 810-5-1-.235)



# Notice of Junk Vehicle

## Rule 810-5-1-.235

- (1) Section 32-8-87 (j) Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, prohibits the issuance of a certificate of title for any motor vehicle for which a "junk" certificate has been issued or for a vehicle which is sold "for parts only". Other States issue certificates which also reflect a salvage vehicle is non-rebuildable and vehicles which are declared non-rebuildable or parts cars or sold for parts are considered to be "junk".
- (2) Any motor vehicle for which a certificate has been issued by any State with the notation of junk, parts car, parts only, non-rebuildable, or bills-of-sale issued for transfer of the vehicle which contain this information shall be considered to be a "junk" vehicle and shall not be titled in this State.



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- (3) In addition, no certificate of title may be issued for any vehicle where the frame or the majority of the major component parts, as defined in Section 32-8-87, Code of Alabama 1975, were obtained from a “junk” vehicle as defined in this rule.
- (4) Anyone acquiring a vehicle sold for “parts only” or “junk” shall complete form MVT 5-48, Notice of Junk Vehicle, and, unless the report is filed electronically, submit form MVT 5-48 and the outstanding title, or copy thereof if the original title is unavailable (submit copy of registration and bill(s) of sale for vehicle in lieu of title if vehicle is from non-titling jurisdiction), to the Department. The form or electronic filing shall contain the following information:
  - (a) vehicle identification number
  - (b) year, make, and model
  - (c) color, number of cylinders and odometer reading. (note that the odometer reading is only required if the vehicle is less than ten years old)



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(d) current state of title issuance and title number (or state of registration if vehicle is from non-titling jurisdiction)

- (e) date of acquisition
- (f) name and address of owner acquiring the vehicle
- (g) signature of owner or signature of authorized representative of owner (unless filed electronically)
- (h) date notice was completed.
- Form MVT 5-48, Notice of Junk Vehicle, shall not be required to be filed if the vehicle has previously been reported to the Department as “junk” or “parts only.”



# Notice of Junk Vehicle Rule 810-5-1-.235

- (5) The Department, upon receipt of the properly completed form MVT 5-48, Notice of Junk Vehicle, shall enter on its records a notation that the vehicle cannot be titled again.
- (6) The requirement of obtaining a salvage title in accordance with Section 32-8-87, Code of Alabama 1975, shall not be affected by this rule.



# Notice of Junk Vehicle Form MVT 5-48



ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE  
MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION

P.O. Box 327640 • Montgomery, AL 36132-7640 • [titles@revenue.alabama.gov](mailto:titles@revenue.alabama.gov)  
[www.revenue.alabama.gov/motorvehicle/TitleForms.html](http://www.revenue.alabama.gov/motorvehicle/TitleForms.html)

MVT 5-48  
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THIS FORM MAY  
BE REPRODUCED

## Notice of Junk Vehicle

VIN: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Acquisition: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Cylinders: \_\_\_\_\_ Mileage: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Only required if vehicle is less than ten years old.)

Current Title/Registration State: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Title/Registration Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Owner Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, certify that the above described vehicle has been acquired as "junk" or "parts only".

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner Signature (or authorized representative of owner)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Completed

Submit the certificate of title (or copy if original is unavailable) with this completed form to the address listed at the top of this form. If vehicle is from a non-titling jurisdiction, submit a copy of registration and bill of sale in lieu of title with this completed form.

# Legislation

## HB 179 - Electronic Records Bill

- Clarify the definition of new vehicles and used vehicles.
- Reduce the motor vehicle title records fee from \$15 to \$5 when the records are provided electronically or when a printout of a record is provided.
- Establish a registration record fee of \$5.
- Standardize bond amounts for titles issued under surety bond



## HB 179 continued

- Authorizes the department to prescribe certain fees for records obtained through the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS) and for the manner of payment of the fees.
- Provides for the privacy of certain records.
- Permits the department to exempt vehicles from titling when it is determined that it is no longer cost effective to title the vehicles.



## HB 179 continued

- No longer requires that the license plate issuing official physically inspect utility trailers and motor vehicles not subject to the title law when the motor vehicles have been registered in this state during the current or previous two calendar years.
- Permits the department to prescribe alternative methods for lien releases when the lienholder is no longer in business.



# Legislation

- HB 168 - Salvage Retention Bill
- Provides an exception from the requirement that the owner of a salvage vehicle be a licensed rebuilder in order to apply for inspection of a rebuilt vehicle.
- Specifies that the salvage vehicle disclosure and the title branding requirements for junk vehicles would remain in effect.



## HB 168 continued

- Eliminates the provisions requiring the Department of Revenue to approve nationally recognized indexes and databases of retail values for the purpose of salvage vehicle regulations.
- Authorizes an individual owner of a salvage vehicle to apply for inspection in certain cases where the supporting paperwork is incomplete or unavailable.



# Future Enhancements/Changes

- New title snapshot feature which links to ALVIS
- Web-based applications (replacements, filing of liens and salvage) available to the public.
- ETAPS: E-mail ([etaps@revenue.alabama.gov](mailto:etaps@revenue.alabama.gov)) is in the process of being phased out.



# Future Enhancements/Changes

- Motor Vehicle Division rules on the department's website have been re-organized by Section (Title, Registration, IRP, IFTA, and Liability Insurance).