

810-5- 1-.235 Title Procedures - Defining "Junk" Vehicles and Requiring Notice.

(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.

(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)
- (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.”

(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.

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**APPENDIX A - CHAPTER 810-5-1**

**Attachment 810-5-1-.235**

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