

810-5-75-.30 Title Procedure - First Title for a Rebuilt Vehicle.

(1) Prior to making application for title, owner (licensed Rebuilder who Restored the vehicle) must first complete an **MVT INV** 26-15 Form (Application For Inspection of a Salvage Vehicle and Affirmation Supporting Salvage Certificate) and submit to the department. The **MVT INV** 26-15 properly completed provides the written affirmation by the owner as required by Section 32-8-87 (k), Code of Alabama 1975, by stating the following:

(a) ~~Applicant rebuilt the vehicle or supervised its rebuilders, and what has been done.~~ The actions taken to restore the vehicle to its operating condition which existed prior to the event which caused the salvage certificate to issue.

(b) Applicant personally inspected the completed vehicle and it complies with all safety requirements set forth by the state of Alabama and any regulations promulgated thereunder.

(c) The identification numbers of the restored vehicle and its parts have not, to the knowledge of the owner, been removed, destroyed, falsified, altered or defaced.

(d) The Alabama salvage certificate document or foreign jurisdiction's salvage certificate of title or equivalent attached to the application has not to the knowledge of the owner been forged, falsified, altered or counterfeited.

(e) All information contained on the application and its attachments is true and correct to the knowledge of the owner.

(2) Supporting Documents:

(a) The outstanding Alabama or foreign jurisdiction's salvage certificate of title or equivalent properly assigned to reflect the correct chain of ownership down to and including the applicant.

(b) In the event of an older year model salvage vehicle coming into Alabama from a jurisdiction where it was not required to be titled, a properly signed and notarized bill-of-sale, which declares the vehicle to be salvage, from the insurance company that declared the vehicle as salvage or from the titled owner, to the salvage buyer, is required. The bill-of-sale must provide a complete vehicle description, including the manufacturer's identification number.

(c) A notarized bill of sale for each transfer of the vehicle subsequent to the transfer from the insurance company (if the vehicle is coming into Alabama from a jurisdiction where it was not required to be titled).

(d) Whenever any major component part as defined in Section 32-8-87(m), Code of Alabama 1975, is replaced and is not that component from the original salvage

vehicle, appropriate notarized bill(s)-of-sale, with identifying number of part and trade name of part, for that component is required. Bills-of-sale must also be provided for minor component parts, but are not required to be notarized.

(e) A copy of the applicant's regulatory rebuilder's license to serve as evidence that the owner is a licensed Rebuilder in the state of Alabama. **However, where an owner acquires an Alabama salvage certificate of title to his her own vehicle from an insurance company in settlement of a claim, a prior registration or other document that shows that he or she owned the vehicle prior to the issuance of the salvage title may be submitted in lieu of a rebuilder's license.**

(f) When the public vehicle identification number (VIN) plate has been removed from the vehicle the owner must complete an **MVT INV** 26-3 form (Application for Alabama Assigned Vehicle identification Number). If the identity of the vehicle can be established, the department will issue an assigned VIN plate containing the vehicle identification number that was issued by the manufacturer and affix the plate to the vehicle. Should it not be possible to establish the identity of the vehicle, the department will issue an Alabama assigned vehicle identification number on the VIN plate.

(g) A notarized statement or a statement on company letterhead must be provided stating in detail all repairs necessary to restore the vehicle, when the application for inspection is for one of the following:

- ~~1. Manufactured Home~~
- ~~2. 1. Travel Trailer~~
- ~~3. Utility Trailer~~
- ~~4. 2. Semi Trailer.~~
- 3. Moving, collapsible, and folding campers (model years 1990 and after)**

(h) Inspection fee of \$75.00 plus title fee ~~as established in Section 32-8-87(l)(1), Code of Alabama 1975 of \$15, for a total of \$90.00. Only certified funds are acceptable.~~

(3) Upon receipt of a properly completed Form **MVT INV** 26-15, the required supporting documents and the required fees, the department's agent will physically inspect the rebuilt vehicle, and if everything is in order, the department's agent will proceed as follows:

(a) Upon inspecting a vehicle for which the Form **MVT INV** 26-15 (Application for Inspection of a Salvage Vehicle and Affirmation Supporting Salvage Certificate) is received by the department on or after October 1, 1996, as evidenced by the received date stamped on the **MVT INV** 26-15 by the department, the department's agent shall, upon the vehicle successfully passing inspection attach to driver's side door jamb, a secure decal which shall state "Rebuilt Salvage Vehicle - AntiTheft Inspection Passed".

(b) Attach Alabama assigned vehicle identification number plate when necessary.

(c) The department's agent and the owner shall complete Form **MVT INV 26-4** (Rebuilt Salvage Vehicle Secure Decal/Alabama Assigned Vehicle Identification Number) on which both shall certify that the secure decal denoting that the vehicle is a "Rebuilt Salvage Vehicle", and an Alabama assigned vehicle identification number plate when necessary, have been attached to the vehicle as required.

(d) The Department's agent shall complete a Form **MVT 26-16 INV 105** (Completion of Vehicle Inspection) in which the Department's agent certifies the following:

1. He/she inspected the vehicle and its parts and there is no indication that the VIN of the vehicle or its parts have been removed, altered, defaced, destroyed, or tampered with.

2. The vehicle appears to have been restored to its operating condition which existed prior to the event which caused the salvage certificate to be issued.

3. That neither the vehicle nor any of its component parts are reported stolen with National Crime Information Center and/or the Alabama Criminal Justice Information **Center and/or the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System.**

4. That the statements on the application for inspection of a salvage vehicle appear to be true and correct.

(e) The department's agent and the owner shall complete a Form MVT 5-1c (Application for Certificate of Title) and the department's agent shall return the Form MVT 5-1c, **MVT INV 26-4** and **MVT 26-16 INV 105** forms to the department whereupon approval, an Alabama Certificate of Title will be issued to the owner which shall contain a legend on its face stating that the vehicle has been "REBUILT".

1. Each Form **MVT INV 26-15** (Application for Inspection of a Salvage Vehicle and Affirmation Supporting Salvage Certificate) received by the department on or after October 1, 1996, as evidenced by the received date stamped on the **MVT INV 26-15** by the department, shall result in the ensuing certificate of title containing a legend on its face stating that the vehicle has been "REBUILT".

2. Any person who sells, exchanges, delivers, or otherwise transfers any interest in any vehicle for which a salvage title or rebuilt title has been issued shall disclose in writing the existence of this kind of title to the prospective purchaser, recipient in exchange, recipient by donation, or recipient by other act of transfer. The disclosure must be made at the time of or prior to the completion of the sale, exchange, donation, or other act of transfer. The writing shall contain

the following in no smaller than 10 point type: “This vehicle’s title contains the designation ‘salvage’ or ‘rebuilt’.”

Author: Mike Gamble

Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 32-8-3(b)(2), Code of Alabama 1975, and **Act 2010-748**.

History: