

Chapter P

Dismantlers

Under Oregon law, a dismantler is a person engaged in the business of:

- Buying, selling, dealing in, or processing (except for processing into scrap metal), motor vehicles for the purpose of destroying, salvaging, dismantling, disassembling, reducing to major component parts, crushing, compacting, recycling or substantially altering in form; or
- Buying, selling, dealing in, or processing motor vehicle major component parts that are stocked in the inventory of the business, if the buying, selling, dealing in, or processing of major component parts is not part of a business selling new vehicles or repairing vehicles. (See definition of [major component part](#) later in this chapter.)

DMV Business Licensing Unit processes and issues dismantler certificates. DMV Dealer Investigations regulates dismantlers.

When a dismantler acquires a motor vehicle

To “acquire” a motor vehicle means to have physical possession of it and its ownership record (title or other primary ownership document).

Within 30 days of acquiring a motor vehicle, a dismantler must submit to DMV:

1. A completed and signed Vehicle Dismantler’s Notice to DMV, [Form 735-270](#), with
2. The Oregon or out-of-state title, or other primary ownership document.

Mail the Vehicle Dismantler’s Notice to DMV, Form 735-270, and the title or other ownership document together to:

DMV
Attn: Totaled Vehicle Desk
1905 Lana Avenue NE
Salem OR 97314

Dismantlers must also remove and destroy any plates on the vehicle.

NOTE: Submitting a Vehicle Dismantler’s Notice, Form 270 to DMV indicates the dismantler is certifying that the vehicle was dismantled unless sold to another dismantler. DMV will not remove the dismantler indicator from the record and DMV will reject subsequent applications for title.

Dismantlers selling vehicle frame or unibody

A dismantler is not required to obtain a salvage title prior to selling the vehicle frame or unibody. The frame or unibody is a major component part, which the dismantler may sell with a bill of sale to reconstruct or assemble another vehicle. Any vehicle that is reconstructed or assembled must be retitled with the corresponding damage brand.

When a dismantler is also an Oregon vehicle dealer

The business must make a determination up front under which certificate, dismantler or dealer, they purchase the vehicle. Dismantlers may only sell whole vehicles to other dismantlers. In order to be able to sell a whole vehicle, the dealer business must acquire

the vehicle. However, certain vehicles can only be acquired by a dismantler.

When the business acquires a vehicle under the dealer certificate, the dealer may sell the whole vehicle to the public, to another vehicle dealer, or to other types of businesses.

When the business has acquired a vehicle under the dismantler certificate, the dismantler may only sell the whole vehicle to another dismantler. The dismantler may not transfer or sell the vehicle, even to their own dealer business, or to anyone other than another dismantler.

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Notations on the Vehicle Record (formerly Flags)

In Dismantler Stock (formerly Flags 35 & 38)

DMV adds this indicator to the vehicle record upon receipt of the Dismantler's Notice, Form 735-270, and the ownership document. DMV enters the dismantler's identification number in the message field. Customers who order a vehicle record will see an "In Dismantler Stock" notation.

Dismantler's records

In addition to keeping a copy of the Form 735-270, the dismantler must comply with the record keeping requirements of [ORS 822.135](#) and [ORS 822.137 \(2\) \(a\)](#).

Dismantler record keeping requirements

Dismantlers must maintain records at the dismantler's business location for three years for each motor vehicle or major component part from the date of its acquisition.

"Acquisition" means having physical possession of a motor vehicle together with possession of the vehicle's ownership record.

Records must include the following for a motor vehicle:

1. If last titled in Oregon, the Oregon title number; or, if the title is not available, a copy of the vehicle ownership document;
2. If last titled in another jurisdiction, a copy of the out-of-state title or ownership document;
3. If available, the registration plate number and the name of the jurisdiction where the vehicle was last registered;
4. The year, make and model;
5. The VIN number;
6. The date the vehicle was acquired;

7. The vehicle, stock, or yard number assigned to the vehicle by the dismantler.

Records must include the following for a major component part:

1. The physical characteristics of the part;
2. The stock or yard number assigned to the part by the dismantler;
3. The VIN number of the motor vehicle from which the part came.


Definition of major component part

Includes significant parts of a motor vehicle such as:

- Air bags
- Bumpers
- Cabs
- Catalytic converters
- Differentials
- Doors
- Engines
- Fenders
- Frames
- Front or rear clips
- Hoods
- Quarter panels
- Short blocks
- Transfer cases
- Transmissions
- Truck beds or boxes

Example of DISMANTLER'S VEHICLE NOTICE TO DRIVER AND MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICES, FORM 735-270

Actual size is 5½" x 8½"

		<h2>VEHICLE DISMANTLER'S NOTICE</h2>	
<p>INSTRUCTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Destroy the registration plates once you receive the ownership document. ▶ Verify the VIN on the ownership document and this form match the vehicle. ▶ Within 30 days after a motor vehicle is destroyed, submit to DMV: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This completed form; and • The title or other ownership document. ▶ If sold, you must immediately notify DMV using this form. You can only sell a destroyed vehicle to a dismantler certified under ORS 822.110. ▶ Do not submit this notice and then sell the vehicle. DMV will not remove this notice from our records. <p>Failure to follow these procedures [ORS 822.133(2)(e), 822.135(1)(d) and OAR 735-152-0034] is a Class "A" misdemeanor and punishable by a jail sentence of up to one year, a fine of up to \$6,250 or both. [ORS 822.135(2)(a)]</p>			
PLATE NUMBER	YEAR	MAKE	STYLE
VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (VERIFY VIN ON VEHICLE)		OREGON TITLE NUMBER	
DISMANTLER BUSINESS NAME			
DISMANTLER BUSINESS LOCATION (STREET ADDRESS)			
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE			
MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT)		TELEPHONE NUMBER	
DMV DISMANTLER CERTIFICATE NUMBER		INVENTORY OR STOCK NUMBER (if any)	
<p>I certify that this wrecked motor vehicle has been dismantled, disassembled, or damaged, or has been "Substantially Altered" if the box is marked below:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Substantially Altered</p>			
SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DISMANTLER BUSINESS		DATE SUBMITTED TO DMV	
X			
SOLD TO DISMANTLER:			
DISMANTLER NAME		DATE OF SALE	
DMV DISMANTLER CERTIFICATE NUMBER			
ADDRESS (STREET ADDRESS OR PO BOX)			
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE			
735-270 (3-22)		PLEASE SIGN THIS FORM	
		STK # 300112	