Application for Salvage Title

Please read instructions on the back before completing this form.

A salvage title is required in the following situations (under ORS 819.010; 819.012 and 819.014):

- Vehicles declared a total loss by an insurer who is obligated to cover the loss (this includes damaged and unrecovered stolen vehicles);
- Vehicles that have sustained damage not covered by an insurer and the estimated repair cost is equal to at least 80% of the retail market value prior to the damage. “Retail market value” is defined as the amount shown in publications used by financial institutions (e.g., banks and lenders) in this state.
- Vehicles wrecked, disassembled, dismantled, substantially altered, or a vehicle sold under ORS 819.220 or other similar Oregon county or city ordinance if the buyer intends to repair or rebuild the vehicle; use the frame or unibody to repair or reconstruct another vehicle; or transfer the ownership of the vehicle to anyone except a licensed dismantler whose sole purpose is to completely destroy the vehicle including the frame or unibody.

Complete Line 4 with the owner whose address will be used for all DMV mail regarding this vehicle. List additional owners on Lines 7 and 8. (This in no way determines a priority of ownership.) If any owner listed uses a work address on DMV records, that owner must be listed on Line 4. See reverse for more information.

To apply for salvage title in Oregon, the owner must certify by completing and signing the statements below. By signing this application, the owner also acknowledges the survivorship as indicated above. Under Oregon law, it is a crime to knowingly make any false statement on an application for title (ORS 803.070 / ORS 803.385). Both offenses are Class A misdemeanors and are punishable by a fine of up to $10,000 or both.

I CERTIFY THE INFORMATION ON THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

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OREGON SALVAGE TITLE APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for an Oregon salvage title, submit the following to:

DMV – SALVAGE TITLES
1905 LANA AVE NE
SALEM OR 97314-2251

1. Original title or primary ownership document. For example; manufacturer’s certificate of origin (MCO), sheriff's bill of sale, etc.

2. Release of interest from all prior owners, lessors or security interest holders, or other evidence showing their interest no longer exists. If you are an insurer who declared the vehicle a total loss or otherwise took possession of, or title to, the vehicle, DMV may accept your certification that all prior interests have been satisfied in lieu of requiring individual releases. By signing the application for salvage title on Line 13 or 14, you are making this certification.

3. Completed application for salvage title, except the areas marked “DMV use only.” The “reference number” box on Line 2 may be completed with your claim or policy number and date of loss you want shown on the salvage title. The reference number can be any combination of letters and numbers, not to exceed sixteen characters.

4. An odometer disclosure, if the vehicle is a motor vehicle subject to odometer disclosure requirements. Federal and State law require the odometer mileage to be disclosed at the time of sale for vehicles that are 9 years old and newer. The odometer disclosure must be completed and signed by both you and the previous owner (seller) shown on the title or ownership document. If the ownership document is a title that has a place for both you and the previous owner to sign, the odometer disclosure must be completed on the title. If not, the odometer can be completed on a separate state-issued form.

   The following vehicles are exempt from odometer disclosure: vehicles that are not self-propelled, vehicles 10 years old or older, vehicles not equipped with an odometer at the time of manufacture, snowmobiles, ATVs and vehicles with a manufacturer’s gross vehicle weight rating in excess of 16,000 pounds.

   In certain situations, providing the odometer disclosure may be impossible. If this happens, write on Line 3 of this form that the odometer disclosure is impossible to obtain and explain why. For example; vehicle stolen, burned, etc. The odometer information on the salvage title will show as “not readable.”

5. The $27 fee.

When DMV receives your application by mail with all the proper requirements and fee, a salvage title will be issued and mailed to you within a short period of time (DMV estimates a five-day process from the day it is received). If you take your application to your local DMV office, the process will take longer.

If you are in a business that frequently applies for salvage titles, you may request envelopes that help provide prompt attention to your salvage title applications. When you apply for your next salvage title, just include a note requesting envelopes.

Once a salvage title has been issued, the registration and registration plates for the vehicle are no longer valid and may not be renewed. A license plate cannot be purchased for or displayed on a vehicle with a salvage title. A trip permit may be purchased for salvage titled vehicles.

If you have any questions about your application, please call DMV at (503) 945-5122.