



# South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles

## APPLICATION FOR SALVAGE/BRANDED CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

400-S  
(Rev. 12/2025)

South Carolina and federal law dictate that motor vehicle and driver's license records maintained by the SCDMV may be disclosed in certain situations. For further details on the disclosure of personal information and the types of information disclosed, go to the SCDMV website [dmv.sc.gov/privacy](http://dmv.sc.gov/privacy).

This application may be processed at the following branch offices: Columbia – Shop Road, Greer, or Sumter.

Applications may also be mailed to: SCDMV, Salvage Title Processing, 10311 Wilson Blvd., Building C, Blythewood, SC 29016-0044.

### Individual completing this form

Owner Retaining Vehicle  Insurance Company Agent  Salvage Pool Operator

### SECTION A – VEHICLE INFORMATION (Please print or type in black ink only)

Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)	Make	Year	Model
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### SECTION B – OWNER INFORMATION

New Primary Owner complete legal name (last, first, middle)	SC Customer No., Driver License No., SSN, or FEIN	Date of Birth		
New Co-Owner complete legal name (last, first, middle)	SC Customer No., Driver License No., SSN, or FEIN	Date of Birth		
Primary Owner's residence address (apt. no. if applicable)	City	State	Zip code	County
Primary Owner's mailing address (if different from above)	City	State	Zip code	County
Update Voter Registration	Unless you indicate otherwise, the addresses above will be used by the state election commission to update your voter registration: <input type="checkbox"/> Do not update my residence address <input type="checkbox"/> Do not update my mailing address			
Mail title to: Company's name	Address	City	State	Zip code

### SECTION C –ODOMETER MILEAGE (Not required if the owner is retaining the vehicle)

FEDERAL AND STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT YOU STATE THE MILEAGE IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP. FAILURE TO COMPLETE OR PROVIDING A FALSE STATEMENT MAY RESULT IN FINES AND/OR IMPRISONMENT.

I STATE THAT THE ODOMETER NOW READS \_\_\_\_\_ (NO TENTHS) MILES AND TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE THAT IT REFLECTS THE **ACTUAL MILEAGE** OF THE VEHICLE DESCRIBED HEREIN, **UNLESS** ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS IS CHECKED:



**DO NOT** check one of the following unless it applies.

EXEMPT  
 I CERTIFY THAT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE THE ODOMETER READING REFLECTS THE AMOUNT OF MILEAGE IN EXCESS OF ITS MECHANICAL LIMITS (started back at zero)  
 I CERTIFY THAT THE ODOMETER READING IS NOT THE ACTUAL MILEAGE

### SECTION D – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

DATE OF TRANSFER	PRIOR TITLE NUMBER	PRIOR TITLE STATE	* HOUSE BILL PRESENTED Check: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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\*Only for insurance companies who have received the two certified letters back from the vehicle owner(s). Once received, these letters should be sent to SCDMV along with form 400-S.

THE VEHICLE DESCRIBED ON THIS APPLICATION IS:  SALVAGE  JUNK

THE VEHICLE SUSTAINED THE FOLLOWING DAMAGE:  COLLISION  FIRE  FLOOD  STOLEN (RECOVERED)  STOLEN (UNRECOVERED)

Calculate the Salvage Percentage:

Predamaged Value \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Estimate for Repairs \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Percentage \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK HERE IF THE LIEN ON THE CURRENT TITLE IS TO BE MAINTAINED ON THE SALVAGE TITLE.

CHECK HERE IF THE INSURANCE COMPANY AUTHORIZES THE OWNER TO RETAIN THE VEHICLE

### SECTION E – SIGNATURE OF OWNER – ATTACH POWER OF ATTORNEY, IF APPLICABLE

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I AM THE OWNER OR AUTHORIZED AGENT OF THE VEHICLE DESCRIBED ABOVE AND REQUEST THAT A **SALVAGE** SOUTH CAROLINA CERTIFICATE OF TITLE BE ISSUED. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION ON THIS APPLICATION IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

SIGNATURE OF OWNER(S) OR AUTHORIZED AGENT

DATE

Submit the following with this completed application

- Title Fee of \$15.00
- Power of attorney for an authorized agent
- Previous title or manufacturer's certificate or origin properly assigned to insurance company (assignment no required, if owner-retained)

If no title or MCO, please provide:

- Proof of accepted and fulfilled settlement with date of acceptance
- Copies of two or more written attempts to obtain Certificate of Title from claimant (Insurance Company)
- Evidence a notice was sent to the motor vehicle owner and any lien holder (Salvage Pool Operator)



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South Carolina Code of Laws Section 56-19-480 (B) allows an insurance company or its agent to submit an application to SCDMV for a salvage certificate of title, if:

1. It has been thirty days after the claimant accepted an offer in settlement of total loss, and;
2. The insurance company has made two or more written attempts to obtain the certificate of title from the claimant.

South Carolina Code of Laws Section 56-5-5710 allows a salvage pool operator or an authorized agent to submit an application for a salvage title if, on request of an insurance company, the salvage pool operator takes possession of a motor vehicle that is the subject of an insurance claim and the insurance company subsequently:

- denies coverage concerning the motor vehicle; or
- does not otherwise take ownership of the motor vehicle.

The individual completing the 400-S must be one of the following:

- ✓ An individual whose motor vehicle has been declared salvage and the individual will be retaining the vehicle.
- ✓ An insurance company who has declared a motor vehicle salvage and is requesting a salvage title.
- ✓ A salvage pool operator who has possession of a salvaged motor vehicle and is requesting a salvage title.

The Update Voter Registration opt-out check boxes do not apply to business customers.

This form may be mailed to SCDMV, Salvage Title Processing, 10311 Wilson Blvd., Building C, Blythewood, SC 29016-0044, or processed at the following branch offices:

- Columbia - Shop Road;
- Greer; or
- Sumter.

The salvage pool operator may obtain a salvage or junk vehicle title for a salvage or junk vehicle, if:

1. The salvage pool operator has mailed a registered or certified letter to the vehicle's owner and any lienholder, and;
2. The motor vehicle is not removed from the salvage pool operator's possession before the thirty-first day **after** the date the notice was mailed, and;
3. The salvage pool operator has evidence that the notice was sent to the motor vehicle owner and any lienholder.

### **The following must be submitted to request a salvage certificate of title:**

- ✓ A completed Application for Salvage/Branded Certificate of Title (Form 400-S)
- ✓ Title fee of \$15.00
- ✓ Power of attorney for authorized agent, if applicable
- ✓ Agent Authorization for Title Pick Up (Form MV-80), if applicable (agent may have a form on file at the SCDMV)
- ✓ Previous title or MCO assigned to the insurance company (assignment not required if owner-retained)

### **If no title or MCO is available, please provide:**

- ✓ Proof of accepted and fulfilled settlement with date of acceptance
- ✓ Insurance companies must provide two or more written attempts to obtain a certificate of title from claimant
- ✓ Salvage pool operators must provide evidence that a notice was sent to the motor vehicle owner and any lien holder.

If all of the above requirements have been met and Form 400-S is completed in its entirety, the SCDMV will issue the appropriate title to a person authorized to apply for the title.