



# South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles

## APPLICATION FOR SALVAGE/BRANDED CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

Form 400-S  
(09/2021)

South Carolina and federal law dictates 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 [www.scdmvonline.com/Privacy](http://www.scdmvonline.com/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, P.O. Box 1498, Blythewood, SC 29016-0044**

<b>Individual completing this form.</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Owner Retaining Vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/> Insurance Company Agent	<input type="checkbox"/> Salvage Pool Operator

**SECTION A - VEHICLE INFORMATION** *Please print or type in black ink only.*

VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	MAKE	YEAR MAKE	MODEL
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**SECTION B - 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) AND TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE THAT IT REFLECTS THE **ACTUAL MILEAGE** OF THE VEHICLE DESCRIBED ABOVE **UNLESS** ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS IS CHECKED:

**CAUTION**

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. **WARNING ODOMETER DISCREPANCY.**

**SECTION C - OWNER INFORMATION**

NEW PRIMARY OWNER COMPLETE LEGAL NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)	SC CUSTOMER NO., DRIVER LICENSE NO., SOC. SEC., OR FEIN	DATE OF BIRTH			
NEW CO-OWNER COMPLETE LEGAL NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)	SC CUSTOMER NO., DRIVER LICENSE NO., SOC. SEC., OR FEIN	DATE OF BIRTH			
PRIMARY OWNER'S RESIDENCE STREET ADDRESS (APT. NO. IF APPLICABLE)	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTY	
MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTY	
MAIL TITLE TO: COMPANY'S NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTY

**SECTION D - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

DATE OF TRANSFER	PRIOR TITLE NUMBER	PRIOR TITLE STATE
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THE VEHICLE DESCRIBED ON THIS APPLICATION IS:  SALVAGE  JUNK

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

SALVAGE % _____	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 HIS VEHICLE DESCRIBE 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

Power of attorney for authorized agent

Previous title or manufacturer's certificate of origin properly assigned to the insurance company (assignment not required, if owner-retained)

**If no title or MCO, please provide:**

Proof or 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)

**THIS SECTION FOR DMV USE ONLY**

BRAND(S): \_\_\_\_\_

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RATE BY: \_\_\_\_\_



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Form 400-IS  
(Draft)

South Carolina Code of Laws §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 has accepted an offer in settlement of total loss, and;
2. Insurance company has made two or more written attempts to obtain the certificate of title from the claimant

South Carolina Code of Laws §56-5-5710 allows a salvage pool operator or an authorized agent to submit an application for a salvage title if, on the 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 with respect to 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.

This form may be mailed to SCDMV, Salvage Title Processing P.O. Box 1498, 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
- ✓ 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 require, if owner-retained)

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

- ✓ Proof of accepted and fulfilled settlement with date of acceptance
- ✓ Insurance companies must provide two or more written attempts to obtain Certificate of Title from Claimant
- ✓ Salvage pool operators must provide evidence 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.