

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Division of Motor Vehicles – Title and Registration Section

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RULE 31. SALVAGE DISCLOSURE ON TITLE APPLICATIONS FOR SALVAGE AND PREVIOUSLY SALVAGED MOTOR VEHICLES

1.0 Definitions

- 1.1 Salvage vehicle means any motor vehicle as defined in section 42-6-102(10) and (23) C.R.S. which is damaged as defined by section 42-6-102 (17)(a), CRS. which shall include any reference to “salvage vehicle” or “salvage motor vehicle” .
- 1.2 Certified VIN Inspector means a peace officer that is certified by the Peace Officers Standards and Training board (P.O.S.T.) to complete vehicle identification number inspections pursuant to section 24-31-303 (1) (e), C.R.S.
- 1.3 Repair Shop means a person or firm that offers major motor vehicle repair services of more than one thousand dollars in value per motor vehicle repair to the public on a commercial basis and complies with all federal, state, county and municipal laws that require the person or firm to possess business or tax licenses.

2.0 Requirements

- 2.1 The application for a Salvage Certificate of Title shall include disclosure of the type of damage (excluding hail damage) resulting in salvage. In the case of an application for salvage title due to vehicle abandonment at a repair shop, the application shall denote that the reason for salvage is “vehicle abandoned at a repair shop” .
- 2.2 A copy of the appropriate form, as designated by the Division of Motor Vehicles , shall accompany any title application for a motor vehicle known to be previously declared a salvage motor vehicle. “ REBUILT FROM SALVAGE” indicates the motor vehicle is now roadworthy as defined in section 42-6-102 (15), C.R.S.
- 2.3 The application for a certificate of title for a salvage motor vehicle which has been made roadworthy from salvage as provided in section 42-6-116, C.R.S., shall be accompanied by a certified vehicle identification number inspection (form DR 2704) and an affidavit from the owner, which includes but is not limited to:
 - A. Description of repairs to the salvage motor vehicle including what work was completed to repair the motor vehicle;
 - B. What parts were used to repair the salvage motor vehicle;
 - C. Where the parts were obtained, and who made the repairs;
 - D. Certification by the owner that the salvage motor vehicle described in the affidavit is now roadworthy as provided in section 42-6-102(15) C.R.S. and,
 - E. The specific information required in 3 A., B., C. and D. is not required in the event that the salvage title was issued due to vehicle abandonment at a repair shop. In this

case, the affidavit required in 3 A. must state that the reason for salvage is "vehicle abandoned at a repair shop and no repairs have been made" .

F. Prior to the inspection of the vehicle the applicant shall stamp a salvage brand into the motor vehicle using the words "REBUILT FROM SALVAGE " .Each letter must be at least one-fourth inch in size and stamped in the following locations for each vehicle type:

- Motorcycle – on the frame in a visible location
- Manufactured Home – main entrance door jamb
- Trailer – adjacent to public VIN
- All other Motor Vehicles – on the Driver's B Pillar post

G. Verification by a Certified VIN Inspector that said inspector personally examined the salvage motor vehicle including the salvage brand and reviewed the affidavit from the owner and any receipts and/or invoices for parts used in the repair of the salvage motor vehicle. The Certified VIN Inspector shall not complete the inspection unless the salvage brand required by section 42-6-136 (3) (b) (II), C.R.S., is stamped into the vehicle.

2.4 The owner of a salvage motor vehicle may make application for a salvage certificate of title before the sale or transfer of such motor vehicle. All subsequent purchasers or transferees of a salvage vehicle, other than transactions that are not subject to taxation pursuant to section 39-26-104, C.R.S. must obtain a salvage certificate of title in the owner's name within 45 days from the date of purchase or transfer. If an insurance company acquires a motor vehicle that has been defined as "salvage" in accordance with section 42-6-102 (17), C.R.S., the insurance company must apply for a salvage certificate of title in accordance with section 42-6-136 (20) C.R.S. before transferring ownership of the vehicle. If the owner retains a motor vehicle upon settlement of a claim with an insurance company, and the vehicle has been defined as "salvage" in accordance with section 42-6-102 (17), C.R.S., the owner must apply for a salvage certificate of title in their name. If a Repair Shop acquires a vehicle through the Repair Shop Abandonment process and the vehicle is less than six model years and appraised for more than \$200.00, the purchaser of the vehicle must apply for a salvage certificate of title in accordance with section 42-4-2104.5 (4)(e)(III), C.R.S.

2.5 The department shall clearly and conspicuously identify every salvage certificate of title with the word "SALVAGE" or rebuilt salvage certificate of title with the words " REBUILT FROM SALVAGE" by any means that is permanent and unmistakable as approved by the director. Such identification shall appear on the first and on all subsequent certificates of title for any such vehicle.