

The Michigan Department of State is introducing a new certificate of title that incorporates a number of features for your convenience and protection. While its appearance is similar to the previous certificate, recent format changes offer a more user-friendly document while improving uniformity with titles from other jurisdictions. Additional security features provide heightened protection against document fraud, making it easier to detect tampering.

Some of the format changes include new locations for vehicle year, make, model and vehicle identification number. The odometer brand now has its own designation and other brands, such as "Salvage," "Flood" and "Municipal," are specifically placed under "Brand/Legend" on the front of the title.

Security features include:

- **Thermochromic Inks** – The back of each certificate contains two vertical stripes with images of the state of Michigan that are printed with thermochromic ink. When heat is applied to these areas (e.g. by the fingers or heat of a copier), the images disappear; once the area cools, the images reappear.
- **Microprinting** – The two rings encircling the Michigan coat of arms that make up the state seal on the front of the certificate are created by microprinting. With magnification of 8X or greater, the phrase "Michigan Department of State" in all capitals and without spaces between the words becomes evident.
- **Resistant Voids** – A warning stamp or mark of the word "void" in three languages is incorporated into the paper and becomes visible when any substances that dissolve ink, such as chlorine bleach, lighter fluid, rubbing alcohol or hydrogen peroxide, are applied.
- **Special Paper Coating** – The face of the certificate is treated with a special coating that adheres toner ink to the paper, making it difficult to remove or erase information printed by the Department of State.
- **Prismatic Printing** – The center "blue stripe" on the front and back of the document along with the green background are created through pantograph patterning. The green-to-blue-to-green variations are blended in such a way as to make copying or forging difficult.
- **Fluorescent Ink Watermarks** – Watermarks displaying the word "Michigan" and an outlined image of the state fluoresce on the front or back of the document when it is held under a black or ultraviolet light.
- **Color Photocopy Protection** – Attempts to duplicate or forge the title using a copier will result in the word "void" appearing on any copies.
- **Dual Image Numbering** – The consecutive control number on the front of the title is printed with special red-and-black ink. The front of the document shows the control number in black. When the back is viewed, a reversed, mirror image of the control number in pale red is seen.

For more information, please contact the Michigan Department of State at (517) 322-1460 or write to the department's Bureau of Driver and Vehicle Records at 7064 Crowner Dr., Lansing, MI, 48918.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER YEAR MAKE MODEL BODY STYLE

TITLE NUMBER ISSUE DATE ODOMETER BRAND/LEGEND

WEIGHT/FEE CATEGORY ODOMETER BRAND

SAMPLE

OWNER(S) NAME AND ADDRESS



SAMPLE

Title Assignment by Seller

State and federal laws require the seller(s) to indicate mileage when ownership is transferred. Failure to complete or providing false information may result in civil liability, fines and/or imprisonment. **ANY ALTERATION, ERASURE, FALSE STATEMENT, FORGERY OR FRAUD VOIDS THIS TITLE AND IS A CRIME.**

Completed by Seller	I warrant that the ownership of the vehicle described on Certificate of Title has been transferred to the following purchaser(s) and is free of all previous liens:			
	Printed Name of Purchaser(s)		Date of Sale	Selling Price
	Purchaser's Street Address		City	State Zip
	I (we) certify that the odometer reading is: <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and that to the best of my knowledge the odometer mileage is:			
	(No Tenths) <input type="checkbox"/> actual mileage <input type="checkbox"/> not actual mileage - WARNING ODOMETER DISCREPANCY <input type="checkbox"/> exceeds mechanical limits of odometer (odometer has rolled over)			
Completed by Buyer	Signature of Seller(s) X		Printed Name of Seller(s)	
	Seller's Street Address		City	State Zip
	A \$15.00 Late Fee is Due for Failure to Apply for Title Within 15 Calendar Days of Date of Assignment			
	"I am aware of the above odometer certification made by the seller(s)."			
Completed by Buyer	Signature of Purchaser(s) X		Printed Name of Purchaser(s)	
	NEW LIENHOLDER INFORMATION: The information below must be on an application for title and presented to the Michigan Department of State.			
	Secured Party:		Address:	

The State of Michigan, Michigan Department of State certifies that this certificate of title is issued in compliance with the laws of Michigan and constitutes prima facie proof of ownership. Further, on the date of title issuance, the described vehicle was subject to the security interest(s) listed above.

MAILING ADDRESS

SAMPLE

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NOTICE TO SELLERS

Sellers must keep a receipt or photocopy of the reassigned title for their records for 18 months or accompany the purchaser to a Secretary of State Office.

DO NOT ACCEPT TITLE SHOWING ANY ERASURES, ALTERATIONS OR MUTILATIONS

For Dealer Use Only

First Reassignment by Michigan Dealer	I (selling dealer) warrant that the title is free and clear of all liens and I have transferred ownership of this vehicle to the purchaser(s) listed below.		
	I further certify that the odometer reading is: <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and that to the best of my knowledge the odometer mileage is: (No Tenths)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> actual mileage <input type="checkbox"/> not actual mileage - WARNING ODOMETER DISCREPANCY <input type="checkbox"/> exceeds mechanical limits of odometer		
	Information Below Completed by Selling Dealer:		Information Below Completed by Purchaser(s):
	KEEP A PHOTOCOPY OF BOTH SIDES OF THIS SIGNED TITLE.		"I am aware of the above odometer certification made by the selling dealer."
	Printed Name of Selling Dealer and Agent		Signature of Purchaser(s) X
Signature of Agent X		Printed Name of Purchaser(s)	
Date of Sale	Selling Dealer's License Number	Purchaser's Address	

Second Reassignment by Michigan Dealer	I (selling dealer) warrant that the title is free and clear of all liens and I have transferred ownership of this vehicle to the purchaser(s) listed below.		
	I further certify that the odometer reading is: <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and that to the best of my knowledge the odometer mileage is: (No Tenths)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> actual mileage <input type="checkbox"/> not actual mileage - WARNING ODOMETER DISCREPANCY <input type="checkbox"/> exceeds mechanical limits of odometer		
	Information Below Completed by Selling Dealer:		Information Below Completed by Purchaser(s):
	KEEP A PHOTOCOPY OF BOTH SIDES OF THIS SIGNED TITLE.		"I am aware of the above odometer certification made by the selling dealer."
	Printed Name of Selling Dealer and Agent		Signature of Purchaser(s) X
Signature of Agent X		Printed Name of Purchaser(s)	
Date of Sale	Selling Dealer's License Number	Purchaser's Address	

Third Reassignment by Michigan Dealer	I (selling dealer) warrant that the title is free and clear of all liens and I have transferred ownership of this vehicle to the purchaser(s) listed below.		
	I further certify that the odometer reading is: <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and that to the best of my knowledge the odometer mileage is: (No Tenths)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> actual mileage <input type="checkbox"/> not actual mileage - WARNING ODOMETER DISCREPANCY <input type="checkbox"/> exceeds mechanical limits of odometer		
	Information Below Completed by Selling Dealer:		Information Below Completed by Purchaser(s):
	KEEP A PHOTOCOPY OF BOTH SIDES OF THIS SIGNED TITLE.		"I am aware of the above odometer certification made by the selling dealer."
	Printed Name of Selling Dealer and Agent		Signature of Purchaser(s) X
Signature of Agent X		Printed Name of Purchaser(s)	
Date of Sale	Selling Dealer's License Number	Purchaser's Address	

Fourth Reassignment by Michigan Dealer	I (selling dealer) warrant that the title is free and clear of all liens and I have transferred ownership of this vehicle to the purchaser(s) listed below.		
	I further certify that the odometer reading is: <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and that to the best of my knowledge the odometer mileage is: (No Tenths)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> actual mileage <input type="checkbox"/> not actual mileage - WARNING ODOMETER DISCREPANCY <input type="checkbox"/> exceeds mechanical limits of odometer		
	Information Below Completed by Selling Dealer:		Information Below Completed by Purchaser(s):
	KEEP A PHOTOCOPY OF BOTH SIDES OF THIS SIGNED TITLE.		"I am aware of the above odometer certification made by the selling dealer."
	Printed Name of Selling Dealer and Agent		Signature of Purchaser(s) X
Signature of Agent X		Printed Name of Purchaser(s)	
Date of Sale	Selling Dealer's License Number	Purchaser's Address	

No Further Reassignments Permitted