



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF  
**REVENUE**  
**Vehicle Examination Certificate**

All bills of sale for parts listed must be in applicant's name and must accompany this form when submitted to the Missouri Department of Revenue for title. This form must be submitted to the central office only.

**Applicant Must Complete Boxes 1-10** Validation Only

1. Applicant's Name (Vehicle Owner)			Validation Only	
2. Street Address				
3. City	4. State	5. Zip Code	6. Telephone Number ( ) - -	7. Salvage Business No. or Dealer No. (If Applicable)

8. List any major component parts as defined in **Section 301.010, RSMo.**, that were replaced in the boxes below. You must provide all of the information asked for in this section for each major component part. A major component part for a motor vehicle is a cowl, rear clip, frame, body, cab, front clip or front-end assembly. A major component part for a motorcycle is a frame. You must provide a notarized bill of sale and a copy of the front and back of the corresponding title for each part replaced. A copy of the title is not needed for a motor or transmission that is replaced on a motor vehicle. See reverse side for more information on parts.

Major Component Part(s) Replaced	Year	Make	Serial Number	Title Number	State

9. List any other essential component parts which were replaced. Essential parts for a motor vehicle may include (but are not limited to) - bumper, doors, fender, grille, hood, trunk lid, motor or transmission. Essential component parts for motorcycles may include (but are not limited to) - driveline, fenders, motor, transmission, gas tank, front fork assembly, or suspension parts. Attach corresponding descriptive bills of sale in the applicant's name. Taxes are due on parts unless paid at the time of purchase.

9A. If no parts used and no repairs completed, indicate reason:  Recovered Stolen  Flood or Hail Damage Only  Out of State Verification  Abandoned Property  
 Other (Explain): \_\_\_\_\_  Department of Revenue Reject Letter: # \_\_\_\_\_

9B. If no parts used, describe repairs: \_\_\_\_\_

9C. List the year and make of the vehicle being examined. I do hereby certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

9D. List the Vehicle Identification Number of the vehicle being examined. 10. Signature of Owner or Authorized Agent of Business  
X

**Do Not Write Below This Line**

To be completed by authorized personnel of the Missouri Highway Patrol, or St. Louis City or County Auto Theft.

11. Year	12. Color	13. Public VIN	Year
14. Make	15. Cyl.	16. Police VIN	Year
17. Model	18. HP	19. Engine VIN	Year
20. Body Style	21. GVWR	22. Transmission VIN	Year
23. Mileage	24. Federal Label		Year

25. Select which of the following parts were changed:  Cowl  Rear Clip  Frame  Body  Cab  Front Clip  Front-End Assembly  Motor or Engine  Transmission 26. This is a Non-USA Std. Motor Vehicle

27. Condition of Abandoned Property:  No Apparent Damage  Damage Repaired (Explain in block 28.)  Damage Unrepaired (Explain in block 28.)

28. Remarks or any discrepancies noted (use additional sheet of paper if necessary).  
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Verified Vehicle Being Examined (See #9C) 29. Recommended Department of Revenue Issue:  Replacement VIN Complete and Attach Form 5062  DR#

30. I certify to the best of my knowledge that my physical inspection of this vehicle on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, disclosed the information in items 11 thru 28 and that no pertinent serial numbered parts or vehicle identification numbers came from or belong to stolen vehicles.

31. Law Enforcement Agency	32. File Number
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33. Examining Officer's Signature	34. Examining Officer's Phone Number ( ) - -	35. Badge Number
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Mail to: Motor Vehicle Bureau  
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Jefferson City, MO 65105-2076

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for additional information.

Form 551 (Revised 05-2014)



Any false statement in this application is a violation of the law and may be punished by fine or imprisonment or both.

This examination form (Form 551) expires six months from date of inspection, and must be completed in the following situations:

1. When converting a salvage title into an original title; (branded)
2. When obtaining a new vehicle identification number on a motor vehicle;
3. When the motor vehicle qualifies as a rebuilt, reconstructed, specially constructed, motor change, kit, or Non-USA-Std. motor vehicle as defined below;
4. When an out-of-state vehicle has a previous salvage title record in Missouri, if applicable; and
5. When applying for an original title on abandoned property and on any other vehicle as the director may require.

Please review the definitions below to determine how your motor vehicle will be classified and titled.

**Rebuilt Motor Vehicle** - A motor vehicle which has been repaired or restored to its original appearance and design by means of repaired sheet metal or by replacement of new or used major parts such as the bumper, hood, fender, grille, trunk lid, and doors of the same vehicle make, model, or description. (See definition below). The title will be issued for a rebuilt motor vehicle which conforms to this definition. The title will be branded "Prior Salvage".

**Reconstructed Motor Vehicle** - A vehicle that is altered from its original construction by the addition or substitution of two or more new or used major component parts, excluding motor vehicles made from all new parts, and new multistage manufactured vehicles. The title will be branded "Prior Salvage" or "Reconstructed Motor Vehicle".

**Motor Change Vehicle** - A vehicle manufactured prior to August 1957, which receives a new, rebuilt, or used engine, and which used the number stamped on the original engine as the vehicle identification number. The title will be branded "Motor Change Vehicle".

**Specially Constructed Motor Vehicle** - A motor vehicle which has not been originally constructed under a distinctive name, make, model, or type by a manufacturer of motor vehicles (example - dune buggy). The term "Specially Constructed Motor Vehicle" includes glider kit vehicles. The Missouri certificate of title issued will be stamped "Specially Constructed Motor Vehicle".

**Replica Motor Vehicle** - Effective January 1, 2005, the Department will issue a certificate of title with a "Replica" brand code to a motor vehicle that has been constructed or reconstructed to resemble a vehicle that is at least 25 years old. If the model year and make of the vehicle has not changed after the reconstruction, the title will not be branded as "Replica."

**Non-USA-Std. Motor Vehicle** - A motor vehicle not originally manufactured in compliance with united states standards. The title will be branded "Non-USA Std. Motor Vehicle."

#### Major Component Parts - Motor Vehicle

Include the following parts of a motor vehicle:

1. Cowl - Sheet metal formed by severing the vehicle across the floor in the vicinity of the front seat, severing the windshield posts (not including removing the parts forward of the firewall).
2. Rear Clip - The complete rear sheet metal assembly formed by severing the vehicle across the floor and either through the windshield post or through the rear window post.
3. Frame - The steel basic structure which runs the entire length of the vehicle onto which the suspension parts are bolted to the lower side and the body is bolted to the top side.
4. Body - The shell, either of a unibody or frame-type passenger vehicle, which consists of a one-piece, integrated sheet metal construction extending from the firewall back. The body includes a cowl but not a front-end assembly. It may or may not include an interior, doors, and deck lid.
5. Cab - The passenger compartment of a common truck. It is a one-piece sheet metal construction which may or may not include glass, instrumentation, steering column, and seat.
6. Front Clip - All parts of the front end assembly plus complete cowl, and may include instrumentation and steering column. Requires cutting of floor and windshield post.
7. Front End Assembly - An entire unit consisting of that portion of the body from the firewall forward (i.e., hood, both fenders, inner skirt or fenders, radiator or core support, grille.)

#### Major Component Parts - Motorcycle

Include the following parts of a motorcycle:

1. Frame - The basic skeletal structure onto which the major and essential component parts are secured for the construction and completion of the vehicle.

#### Essential Component Parts

**Motor Vehicle** - May include (but are not limited to) bumper, doors, fender, grille, hood, trunk lid, motor or transmission.

**Motorcycles** - May include (but are not limited to) driveline, fenders, gas tank, front fork assembly, motor, transmission or suspension parts.

These definitions are subject to change. The Missouri Department of Revenue's current administrative rule (12 csr 10.23-345) On this subject shall control.

1. Title Application;
2. Title, Assigned Title, or Manufacturer's Certificate of Origin;
3. 551 Inspection Form;
4. Notarized Bill of Sale and copies of front and back of title for each major component part replaced;
5. Receipt or Descriptive Bill of Sale for parts listed on line 9 of this form; and
6. Check or money order for title fee, processing fees, and taxes owed.