

How to fill out Form 857 — Application For Salvage Vehicle Title

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Alaska · written against Form 857 (Rev 08/2025), issued under 2 AAC 92.190 as amended on 1 August 2025, which first allowed the Division to issue a salvage title over an existing junk brand

The newest form in the Alaska set, and it exists to solve a specific dead end: a vehicle already branded junk, not yet reconstructed, and therefore holding no ownership document anybody can transfer. The salvage title the Division issues on this application is not a licence to drive - it says so on the certificate itself - but it is a formal ownership document, and the form lists what it is for: surrendering the vehicle to an insurance company, transferring it to a salvage company, retrieving it from impound, or demonstrating proof of ownership in other circumstances. Two things are not eligible at all, and the form says so before the first box.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank Form 857 from the Alaska Division of Motor Vehicles, Department of Administration at <https://dmv.alaska.gov/media/254pqr3k/857-application-for-salvage-vehicle-title.pdf?f=alaska-857.pdf> — always take the current revision from the agency rather than a copy. Print this and keep it beside you while you complete theirs.

Every line, in the order you meet it

1	YOU	The vehicle identification comb	One character per cell across the top of the vehicle block. Watch out: On a junk-branded vehicle the VIN is the only identity left - there is no valid registration and often no plate. Read it off the vehicle and check it against the branded record.
2	YOU	Year, make, model, body style	The description row under the comb. Watch out: Describe the vehicle as the record does. This application is amending a record that already exists, with a junk brand on it.
3	YOU	Mailing and residence addresses	Both address lines, each with city, state and zip. Watch out: Both, even when they are the same. The Division asks for the pair on every application it has rewritten recently.
4	YOU	Applicant type	Individual, business or company, trust, charitable or non-profit, or government agency. Watch out: A salvage yard buying the vehicle is a business; the person selling it to them is usually an individual. Tick what you are, not what the vehicle is heading towards.
5	YOU	Full legal name including suffix	The name the salvage certificate will be issued in. Watch out: It has to match the name the junk brand was recorded against, or the counter has two records and no way to connect them.
6	YOU	Identification	Alaska driver licence number, or social security number, or date of birth - one of the three - with a tax identification number for a business. Watch out: An Alaska licence number is the fastest, for the same reason it is on every other Division form: it already ties to a record.
7	YOU	Conjunction, only if there are two of you	AND or OR, left blank for a single owner. Watch out: Two owners on a salvage title face the same signature arithmetic as two owners on an ordinary one, and it is worth deciding now rather than at the yard.
8	YOU	The affidavit section	Why the salvage title is being asked for, written into the ruled area above the certification. Watch out: Say when the vehicle was branded, why, and what you intend to do with it. This is the paragraph that tells the counter which of the form's four uses applies to you.
9	YOU	Sign and date	Owner signature and date of signature at the foot of the page. Watch out: Read the certification above it first - it includes an acknowledgement about reconstruction that is easy to sign past and expensive to discover later.

What gets this one rejected

- Applying for a vehicle that is not currently branded junk. The form's first line describes what it is for - a vehicle currently branded as Junk that has not yet been reconstructed - and an ordinary damaged car is not that.
- Applying for a boat, a manufactured home or an off-highway vehicle. The exclusion is printed in the same paragraph as the eligibility, and it is absolute.
- Expecting to register the vehicle afterwards. The certification you sign says the opposite: reconstruction comes first, in the jurisdiction where the vehicle physically is.
- Leaving the affidavit section empty. It is the only place on the form where the circumstances are explained, and a salvage application with no explanation is a transaction the counter has to reconstruct from nothing.
- Ticking AND as the conjunction for a vehicle owned by a company. The warning is printed beside the tick: AND cannot be selected if owned by anything other than two or more individuals.

☐ Amber is what you write ☐ Grey is a block somebody else completes The completed example follows overleaf.

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STATE OF ALASKA DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES Application For Salvage Vehicle Title

Use this form to request a **Salvage Title** for a vehicle currently branded as **Junk** that has **not yet been reconstructed**. This Salvage Title provides a formal ownership document and may be used to:

- Surrender the vehicle to an insurance company under 2 AAC 92.170
- Transfer the vehicle to a salvage company
- Retrieve the vehicle from impound
- Demonstrate proof of ownership in other circumstances

Note: an incomplete vehicle is not required to receive a salvage title and may be transferred with a bill of sale or other contract. Salvage titles are not available for boats, manufactured homes or off-highway vehicles.

1 VEHICLE INFORMATION	Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)			
	7 J 2 S F B 4 A 3 7 R 3 3 0 9 8 5			
2	Year	Make (Chevy, Ford, Jeep etc.)	Model (Wrangler, Focus, Model 3 etc.)	Body Style (2 door, Truck, SUV, 4-wheeler, snowmachine)
	2007	Subaru	Forester X	4D Wagon
3 ADDRESS INFORMATION	Owner Mailing Address		City	State Zip
	3712 Pioneer Loop, Palmer, AK 99645			
	Owner Residence Address		City	State Zip
	3712 Pioneer Loop, Palmer, AK 99645			
4 OWNER INFORMATION	Applicant Type: ☒ Individual ☐ Business/Co. ☐ Trust ☐ Charitable / Non-Profit Org ☐ Gov. Agency			
5	Full Legal Name including Suffix Company / Trust / Agency Name: Talia R. Sturdevant			
6	Alaska Driver License Number OR Social Security Number OR Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): 4820917			Tax ID Number (not for individuals)
	Email Address: t.sturdevant@example.com		Phone #: (907) 555-0142	
7	CONJUNCTION TYPE (Only Required If more than one registered owner) ☐ "AND" signatures of ALL owners required to sell / transfer (Cannot be selected if owned by anything other than two or more individuals) ☐ "OR" signature of a single owner required to sell / transfer			
8 CO-OWNER INFORMATION	Applicant Type: ☐ Individual ☐ Business/Co. ☐ Trust ☐ Charitable / Non-Profit Org ☐ Gov. Agency			
	Full Legal Name including Suffix Company / Trust / Agency Name:			
	Alaska Driver License Number OR Social Security Number OR Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY):			Tax ID Number (not for individuals)
9 Affidavit Section	Vehicle branded Junk 03/2026 after a total loss. Not reconstructed. Salvage title requested to prove ownership before sale to a salvage yard.			
I certify under penalty of perjury that I am the legal owner of this vehicle, and that all statements in this document are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I make this certification voluntarily, without coercion or undue influence. I understand that before an incomplete, junk, salvage, dismantled can be registered it must be reconstructed in the jurisdiction that it is physically located in. False statements are punishable under AS 11.56.210.				
Owner Signature: Talia R. Sturdevant			Date of Signature: 08/24/2026	
DMV USE ONLY:				

Questions

If you have questions or need more information on completing this form please visit the Alaska DMV website at dmv.alaska.gov, or call 907-269-5551.