

ANNOTATED SAMPLE - ADOT MVD 48-9901 (R07/25), Lien Release

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MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION

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LIEN RELEASE

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|---|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------|---|
| 1 | Lienholder Name (first, middle, last, suffix) | Certificate of Title Number |      | 2 |
|   | Copper Ridge Credit Union                     | A00713946                   |      |   |
| 3 | Borrower Name                                 | Lien Amount                 |      | 4 |
|   | Rosalind M. Teague                            | \$12,400.00                 |      |   |
| 5 | Vehicle Identification Number                 | Year                        | Make |   |
|   | 5TFAZ5CN9GX041873                             | 2016                        | TOYT |   |

I certify that the lien indicated above has been paid in full, that I have no further interest in and release all claims to the vehicle.

|   |                                                        |                      |            |
|---|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------|
| 6 | Representative Name (if lienholder is an organization) | Lienholder Signature | Date       |
|   | Marguerite Ocampo                                      | Marguerite Ocampo    | 08/04/2026 |

# How to fill out 48-9901 — Lien Release

Arizona · written against 48-9901 (R07/25), issued under A.R.S. 28-2134

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The paper release, for the shrinking number of Arizona liens that were never electronic. ADOT is specific about its scope: it is to be used for a private party lienholder to release a lien on a vehicle, and not to be used for Electronic Lien and Title purposes. If your loan came from a bank or a credit union, the release will almost certainly arrive at MVD without anybody signing anything.

**This sheet is not the form.** Download the blank 48-9901 from the Arizona Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicle Division at <https://apps.azdot.gov/files/mvd/mvd-forms-lib/48-9901.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 | LENDER | <b>Lienholder Name</b>                              | The lender as it is recorded on the title, not a branch name or a servicing company. <b>Watch out:</b> If the loan was sold on, the release has to come from whoever is on the MVD record - which may not be who took your last payment.                                          |
| 2 | LENDER | <b>Certificate of Title Number</b>                  | The Arizona title number the lien was recorded against. <b>Watch out:</b> It is on the face of a paper title in the Title Number field, and in AZ MVD Now if there is no paper.                                                                                                   |
| 3 | YOU    | <b>Borrower Name</b>                                | You, as the loan was written. <b>Watch out:</b> This is the one line on the form a seller can usefully check. A borrower name that does not match the owner name on the title stops the release.                                                                                  |
| 4 | LENDER | <b>Lien Amount</b>                                  | The amount the lien secured. <b>Watch out:</b> It is the original recorded amount, not the balance you paid off. The two are rarely the same number.                                                                                                                              |
| 5 | LENDER | <b>Vehicle Identification Number, Year, Make</b>    | The vehicle the lien sits on. <b>Watch out:</b> Read the VIN character by character against the title. A release against a mistyped VIN releases nothing.                                                                                                                         |
| 6 | LENDER | <b>Representative Name and Lienholder Signature</b> | The individual signing on behalf of the organisation, then the signature and the date. <b>Watch out:</b> There is no notary block on this form. What makes it valid is that it came from the lienholder, which is why a seller cannot chase it any faster by having it witnessed. |

### What gets this one rejected

- A borrower's signature in the lienholder's box. The person releasing the lien is the person who held it.
- Using it for an electronic lien. ADOT's note on the form itself excludes ELT liens, and those are released by the lienholder through the system instead.
- A missing title number where the record has one. It is what ties the release to the right vehicle when a VIN has been mistyped.
- An organisation signature with no representative name. The form asks for the person's name as well as the signature when the lienholder is a company.
- Presenting it after the transfer. ADOT's transfer checklist puts the lien release among the documents required at the time of transfer, not afterwards.

☒ Amber is what you write   ☐ Grey is a block somebody else completes   The filled-in example is at the start of this sheet.

Read off 48-9901 (R07/25) and the Arizona Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicle Division's own pages, current as of 2026-08-23. Plain-language help with a form, not legal advice — where this and the agency differ, the agency governs.

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