

ANNOTATED SAMPLE - ADOT MVD 48-9902 (R07/25), Lien Filing

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION

48-9902 R07/25 azdot.gov

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LIEN FILING

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Vehicle Identification Number	Year	Make	Model
5TFAZ5CN9GX041873	2016	TOYT	Tacoma

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Lienholder Name	Lienholder Driver License or EIN
Rosalind M. Teague	D04918275
Lienholder Address	Lien Date
4218 E Weber Dr, Tempe, AZ 85281	08/12/2026

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Note: When recording multiple liens, a complete application is required for each lien.

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Joint Lienholder – Name	Lienholder Driver License or EIN
Lienholder Address	Lien Date
Joint Lienholders Legal Status	
☐ Or ☐ And ☐ And/Or	

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Registered Owner Name (printed)	Registered Owner Signature
Emiliano J. Bustos	Emiliano Bustos
Registered Owner Name (printed)	Registered Owner Signature

MVD Use	Date	Hour of Receipt

How to fill out 48-9902 — Lien Filing

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The other side of the same coin: the form that puts a lien onto an Arizona title. A private seller meets it in one situation - when they are financing the buyer themselves and want the record to show it. It is signed by the registered owner rather than by the lender, which is the opposite of what most people expect.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank 48-9902 from the Arizona Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicle Division at <https://apps.azdot.gov/files/mvd/mvd-forms-lib/48-9902.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	BUYER	Vehicle Identification Number, Year, Make, Model	The vehicle the lien is being recorded against. Watch out: It has to be the same vehicle as the title transaction this form travels with. A lien filed against a VIN that is not being transferred goes nowhere.
2	YOU	Lienholder Name	Whoever is owed the money - on a seller-financed sale, you. Watch out: Use your full legal name as it appears on your Arizona licence. A nickname on a lien record is a lien you may have trouble enforcing.
3	YOU	Lienholder Driver License or EIN	A driver licence number for an individual, a federal EIN for a business. Watch out: This is not optional for a private lienholder. It is the only thing distinguishing you from every other person with your name.
4	YOU	Lienholder Address and Lien Date	Where notices should reach you, and the date the lien takes effect. Watch out: The lien date is normally the sale date. If it is later, there is a window in which the buyer owns the car free of any recorded claim.
5	LENDER	The joint lienholder block	A second lender, with its own licence or EIN, address, lien date and legal status. Watch out: Leave it empty on an ordinary seller-financed sale. Filling it in with the buyer's details is a common and expensive misreading.
6	LENDER	Joint Lienholders Legal Status	Or, And or And/Or, only where there are two lienholders. Watch out: Or lets either of them release the lien alone. And means the buyer will need both signatures before they can ever sell the car.
7	BUYER	Registered Owner Name (printed) and Signature	The owner - after the sale, the buyer - printing and signing to have the lien recorded. Watch out: Two owners means two signatures here, whatever the legal status on the title says. This is a claim being recorded against both of them.

What gets this one rejected

- A lienholder signature. The signatures on this form are the registered owner's - the person agreeing to have the lien recorded against their vehicle.
- Two liens on one form. The note is printed in the middle of the sheet: when recording multiple liens, a complete application is required for each lien.
- A missing licence number or EIN for the lienholder. It is how MVD identifies a lienholder who is not an established institution.
- No legal status where two joint lienholders are named. The box decides which of them can later release the lien alone.
- Filing it without the title work it belongs to. Adding a lien creates a new title record, and ADOT charges its title fee for it.

☒ 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 48-9902 (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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