

How to fill out Reconstruction affidavit — Affidavit of Reconstruction for a Salvage Motor Vehicle

Arkansas · written against Reconstruction affidavit (no revision printed), issued under Ark. Code Ann. § 27-14-2301

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The rebuild's paper trail, and the affidavit that turns a SALVAGE brand into a REBUILT one. The rebuilder lists every part repaired or replaced - an A for repaired, a B for replaced - and, for the parts on the form's own reverse-side list, the VIN of the vehicle each replacement part came from. Its back page carries the whole scheme in miniature: the owner of an Arkansas-registered vehicle damaged to seventy percent or submerged above the dash surrenders a Declaration of Damage and takes a SALVAGE title; when the vehicle is rebuilt, owner and rebuilder surrender this affidavit and the SALVAGE title and apply for a title bearing the notation REBUILT; vehicles more than seven model years old before the damage year are exempt; and failure by either party to handle this affidavit properly is a Class A misdemeanor.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank Reconstruction affidavit from the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration, Office of Motor Vehicle at <https://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/AffidavitofReconstructionofSalvageMV.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	OTHER	The rebuilder identifies itself	Name, trading name, and address of the repairman or rebuilder making the affidavit. Watch out: Owners doing their own rebuild put themselves here and leave the owner block empty - the affidavit's voice belongs to whoever turned the wrenches.
2	OTHER	Owner and vehicle	The owner's block where shop and owner differ, then the VIN, year, make, model and body style of the salvage vehicle. Watch out: The VIN here is the rebuilt vehicle's own. Donor VINs come later, in the parts column built for them.
3	OTHER	The parts list, A or B	Each part repaired (A) or replaced (B) on its own row. Watch out: Check the reverse-side list before writing: the parts on it need the donor vehicle's VIN in the right-hand column, and a water-damaged vehicle's electrical components must all appear.
4	OTHER	Describe the rebuild	Four lines of narrative on the repairs necessary to rebuild the vehicle. Watch out: Make the narrative agree with the Declaration of Damage that started the file - the department is reading them as chapters of one story.
5	YOU	The rebuilder swears, the owner acknowledges	The certification and signature of the repairer or rebuilder, dated; the owner signs the acknowledgement of receipt beside it. Watch out: Insist on your completed copy on the spot - the law obliges the shop to give it and you to surrender it, and both failures carry the same misdemeanor.
6	YOU	Surrender it with the salvage title	The affidavit and the existing SALVAGE-branded certificate go to the department together, with an application for a title bearing the notation REBUILT. Watch out: Budget the title fee and expect the brand, not a clean slate - and when you later sell, the Buyer's Notification page is your next stop.

What gets this one rejected

- Donor parts with no donor VINs. The reverse side lists the parts for which a VIN or VIN derivative must accompany the entry, and a B in the column with nothing beside it fails the list's whole purpose.
- An owner who never surrenders it. The penalty paragraph splits the misdemeanor evenly: failure by the repairer to provide the completed copy, or failure by the owner to surrender it to the department.
- A junk vehicle dressed as a rebuild. The reverse is blunt: vehicles with an ownership document bearing Junk, Non-repairable, Parts Only or similar shall not be registered for use on the streets and highways - reconstruction does not reach them.
- An out-of-state salvage vehicle claiming the Arkansas age exemption. Vehicles not registered in Arkansas at the time of damage are not eligible for the age exemption, or any exemption.
- Water damage with the electrical work left off. The form's own capitalised note requires all electrical components replaced to be listed for water damaged vehicles.

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

Read off Reconstruction affidavit (no revision printed) and the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration, Office of Motor Vehicle'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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AFFIDAVIT OF RECONSTRUCTION FOR A SALVAGE MOTOR VEHICLE

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Read the information on the back carefully for instructions as to when this affidavit is required and when a VIN or VIN derivative must be listed.

REBUILDER OR REPAIRMAN INFORMATION				
NAME Levon S. Castellaw		DOING BUSINESS AS: Ozark Ridge Auto Rebuilders		
ADDRESS 4210 Dollarway Rd		CITY, STATE, ZIP White Hall, AR 71602		
OWNER (IF OTHER THAN REPAIRMAN) Rustin V. Baird				
ADDRESS 118 Catalpa St		CITY, STATE, ZIP Pine Bluff, AR 71601		
VEHICLE INFORMATION				
VIN 5XYRGDLF4MG193408	YEAR 2021	MAKE Kia	MODEL Sorento LX	BODY STYLE SUV

(See reverse side for list of replacement parts for which VIN or VIN derivative must be listed.)

LIST PARTS REPAIRED OR REPLACED (Enter an "A" for parts repaired or "B" for parts replaced)

LIST VIN OF VEHICLE(S) FROM WHICH PARTS WERE OBTAINED

A/B	PART	VIN
B	Cabin wiring harness	New part
B	Body control module	New part
B	Front seat occupancy modules, both	New parts
B	Carpet and floor insulation	New parts
A	Floor-level connectors, cleaned and sealed	

BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE REPAIRS NECESSARY TO REBUILD THE VEHICLE

Complete strip-out of the flooded interior, replacement of every electrical component the water reached, drying and anti-corrosion treatment of the floor pan, and function testing of all cabin electronics. No structural repair was required; the frame and unibody were undamaged by the flood.

I hereby certify that all structural repairs to the vehicle are in accordance with the manufacturer's and/or industry approved standards. I affirm under penalty of law that all parts and repairs to the vehicle are fully disclosed hereon, and that all information contained in this statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Levon Castellaw	06/19/2026	Rustin Baird
SIGNATURE OF REPAIRER OR REBUILDER	DATE	VEHICLE OWNER'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF AFFIDAVIT