

How to fill out REG 135 — Bill of Sale

California · written against REG 135 (Rev 2/2007), issued under California Vehicle Code 5900 and 5901

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The record of what was sold, to whom, on what day and for how much. It does not transfer ownership on its own - California moves ownership on the certificate of title - but it is what fixes the sale date, and the sale date is what the release of liability hangs on.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank REG 135 from the California Department of Motor Vehicles at <https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/file/bill-of-sale-reg-135-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	Vehicle/vessel description	VIN, year model, make and licence plate across the top strip. The motorcycle engine box stays empty on a car. Watch out: Copy the VIN off the title, not off the dashboard plate or an old insurance card. One transposed character here and the bill of sale does not describe the car you sold.
2	YOU	I/We ... (print seller's name)	Your name, printed, exactly as it reads on the certificate of title. Watch out: If the title names two owners, both go on this line - the sentence reads I/We for a reason.
3	YOU	to ... (print buyer's name) on ...	The buyer's printed name and the date of sale in the month, day and year boxes. Watch out: The year is four separate single-character boxes. People write 2026 across the first box and it becomes unreadable.
4	YOU	Selling price	What was actually paid, in figures. Watch out: This number has to match the one you put on the REG 138. Two different prices for the same sale is what turns a five-minute counter visit into a referral.
5	YOU	If this was a gift	Only if no money changed hands: name the relationship and enter the market value in the second dollar box. Watch out: A gift between qualified relatives also needs a REG 256 claiming the use tax exemption. Ticking gift here on its own does not exempt anyone from anything.
6	YOU	Seller block	Print your name, sign, date, and give a driver licence, ID or dealer number. There are two rows because a car can have two registered owners. Watch out: The line above this block is a declaration under penalty of perjury. That is why it is signed rather than initialled.
7	YOU	Seller mailing address and daytime phone	Where you can be reached. It is the only phone number on the form. Watch out: Give a number you will actually answer for the next few months. This is who the DMV calls when something on the transfer does not add up.
8	BUYER	Buyer block	The buyer's printed names and mailing address. Watch out: There is deliberately no signature line for the buyer on a REG 135. You are the one certifying, which is also why the seller block is the one that has to be right.

What gets this one rejected

- Filling in only the top half. The sheet prints the same bill of sale twice with CUT ON LINE AND SAVE FOR YOUR RECORDS between them; complete both, hand one over, keep one.
- Leaving the selling price blank on a gift instead of filling the gift value box and naming the relationship.
- Treating it as the transfer. A bill of sale on its own does not move a California title, and a buyer who arrives at the counter with only this one goes home again.
- A price here that disagrees with the price on the REG 138. Two different numbers for the same sale is the sort of thing that turns a five-minute counter visit into a referral.

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

Read off REG 135 (Rev 2/2007) and the California Department of Motor Vehicles'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. sellmycarhub.com



BILL OF SALE

VEHICLE/VESSEL DESCRIPTION

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	YEAR MODEL	MAKE	LICENSE PLATE/CF #	MOTORCYCLE ENGINE #
4S4BRBCC1D3241785	2013	Subaru	7BXK492	

I/We Priya N. Raman (PRINT SELLER'S NAME(S)) sell, transfer, and deliver the above vehicle/vessel

to Marcus D. Okafor (PRINT BUYER'S NAME(S)) on 08 19 2 0 2 6 for the amount of \$ 6,850 (SELLING PRICE)

If this was a gift, indicate relationship: _____ (e.g., parents, spouse, friend, etc.) \$ _____ (GIFT VALUE)

SELLER

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

PRINT NAME <u>Priya N. Raman</u>	SIGNATURE <u>X</u> <u>Priya Raman</u>	DATE <u>08/19/2026</u>	DL, ID OR DEALER # <u>C2288741</u>
PRINT NAME	SIGNATURE <u>X</u>	DATE	DL, ID OR DEALER #
MAILING ADDRESS <u>2418 Fruitvale Ave</u>	CITY <u>Oakland</u>	STATE <u>CA</u>	ZIP <u>94601</u>
			DAYTIME PHONE # <u>(510) 555-0148</u>

BUYER

PRINT NAME <u>Marcus D. Okafor</u>			
PRINT NAME			
MAILING ADDRESS <u>907 Bella Vista Way</u>	CITY <u>Sacramento</u>	STATE <u>CA</u>	ZIP <u>95833</u>

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