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Bond Statement Guide & In Lieu of Bond Affidavit C.R.S. 38-29-119, 42-6-115

Statement Guide is for:

- ☐ Title or Salvage Title Established by Surety Bond (refer to DR 2922);
- 1 ☒ In Lieu of Bond for Motor Vehicle 25 Years Old or Older (refer to DR 2462);
- ☐ In Lieu of Bond for Manufactured Home 25 Years Old or Older (refer to DR 2463);
- ☐ In Lieu of Bond for Trailers 2000 lbs or Less (refer to DR 2908).

Vehicle Description

Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)

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Fuel Type *

Gas

*If electric, is it plug-in electric?..... ☐ Yes ☒ No

Year

1988

Make

Ford

Body

Pickup

Model

F-150

Color

Wimbledon White

CWT

3,980

Off-Highway Vehicle..... ☐ Yes ☒ No Snowmobile..... ☐ Yes ☒ No

Dealer Number

Date Purchased

07/03/26

Commercial Use..... ☐ Yes ☒ No

MSRP

Size (Width x Length)

Bus Capacity..... ☐ Adult ☐ Juvenile

Applicant's Name

Imogene F. Ratzlaff

Street Address

615 Oak St

City

Salida

State

CO

ZIP Code

81201

Reason Title Not Available (If more space is needed, please provide on a separate sheet)

3 Bought at a farm dispersal sale on 3 July 2026 with a handwritten receipt only. The seller told me the Colorado title had been lost years earlier and no duplicate was ever applied for. The vehicle is thirty-eight years old, so this is the in lieu of bond route.

Vehicle purchased from

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Delbert R. Hasenfratz, Poncha Springs

Date Purchased

Price

Bill of Sale Attached..... ☐ Yes ☒ No

07/03/26

\$2,200.00

State your efforts to have the **seller** establish title.

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Telephoned the seller on 10 July and 24 July 2026 and asked him to apply for a duplicate title. He said he had moved twice since buying the truck and had nothing left in writing. A letter sent to his Poncha Springs address on 31 July 2026 has not been answered.

State your attempts to contact **owner of record** to insure they have no interest in the vehicle.

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The Colorado record search returned Vernell A. Kowalczyk of Buena Vista as owner of record. A certified letter was sent to that address on 6 August 2026 and came back marked undeliverable on 18 August 2026. The green card and the returned envelope are attached.

Present condition of the vehicle..... ☒ Roadworthy ☐ Not Roadworthy

Are there any LIENS against this vehicle?..... ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Name of Lienholder

I certify, under penalty of perjury in the second degree, that all documents submitted in this title application are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and that I understand that, if any person suffers any loss or damage by reason of the filing of this certificate of title as provided in C.R.S. Title 42, Section 6, they shall have the right of action against myself as the Applicant.

Signature

Date (MM/DD/YY)

Imogene F. Ratzlaff

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How to fill out DR 2394 — Bond Statement Guide & In Lieu of Bond Affidavit

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The sworn heart of every Colorado bonding route. Four checklists point at it - surety bond, motor vehicle 25 years old or older, manufactured home over 25 years, and trailers 2000 lbs or less - and this is the two-page affidavit they all end at. It asks four narrative questions, and the answers are what a county reads to decide whether the claim of ownership is honest.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank DR 2394 from the Colorado Department of Revenue, Division of Motor Vehicles at <https://dmv.colorado.gov/sites/dmv/files/documents/DR2394.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	Tick the route	One of four boxes at the top, each naming the checklist that governs it. Watch out: The choice is made by the vehicle, not by preference. Twenty-five years old or older and it is the in-lieu-of-bond route; anything newer and a surety bond has to be purchased.
2	YOU	Vehicle Description	Vehicle identification number, fuel type, year, make, body, model, colour and empty weight. Watch out: Take the identification number from the Colorado Certified VIN Inspection, not from the vehicle. The inspection is the document the county trusts.
3	YOU	Reason Title Not Available	A free-text box explaining why there is no certificate. Watch out: Name the circumstance plainly - bought at auction with a bill of sale only, seller died, previous owner never sent the title. A vague answer here is what turns a four-week application into a four-month one.
4	YOU	Vehicle purchased from, and the price	Who you got it from, when, what you paid, and whether a bill of sale is attached. Watch out: Attach it if you have one. The yes/no is read against the packet, and a yes with nothing behind it is worse than an honest no.
5	YOU	State your efforts to have the seller establish title.	The first narrative box - what you did to get the person who sold it to you to produce a certificate. Watch out: Dates and methods. Two telephone calls in March and a letter in April is an answer; tried to contact him is not.
6	YOU	State your attempts to contact owner of record	The second narrative box, covering the owner the record search turned up. Watch out: This is where the certified mail goes. The checklists ask for the letter and the return receipt as attachments, so describe what you sent and when it came back.
7	YOU	Condition, liens, and the signature	Roadworthy or Not Roadworthy, a yes/no on liens with a lienholder name, then a signature and date. Watch out: The certification above the line gives anyone who suffers loss from this filing a right of action against you. It is the most personal sentence on any Colorado motor vehicle form.

What gets this one rejected

- No route box ticked. Four different procedures share this affidavit and the county has to know which one it is reading.
- A narrative box left empty. Efforts to have the seller establish title and attempts to contact the owner of record are the substance of the application, not preamble.
- Attempts described but not evidenced. The checklists want a copy of the letter and a certified or registered mail return receipt going in with it.
- Roadworthy ticked on a vehicle a certified inspector has found otherwise. The condition tick and the Colorado Certified VIN Inspection are read together.
- A lien answered no where a record search found one. The search results go in the packet, so the two are read side by side.
- Filed before the record search. Every one of the four checklists puts a title record search before this affidavit, because the affidavit is partly a report on what the search found.

☒ 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 DR 2394 (03/26/25) and the Colorado Department of Revenue, Division 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.

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