

BILL OF SALE
H-31 REV. 1-2017

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES
BRANCH OPERATIONS DIVISION
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INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Seller of motor vehicle or vessel must complete, sign and give this form to the purchaser. Seller should maintain copy for records.
2. Purchaser must present the completed form to the Motor Vehicle Department with other forms required for proper registration.

1	SALE OF (Check one)		☒ MOTOR VEHICLE		☐ VESSEL	☐ OTHER (Specify)	
2	SELLER		NAME Marguerite T. Oberlander				
3			ADDRESS (Number and Street) (City or Town) (State) (Zip Code) 88 Cliff St, Willimantic, CT 06226				
4	SELLING PRICE		\$ 11,450.00	The owner (seller) of this motor vehicle or vessel described below hereby transfers to the purchaser the described motor vehicle or vessel in consideration of the amount (selling price) entered at left, receipt hereby acknowledged.			
5	PURCHASER INFORMATION		NAME Desmond K. Ferraiolo				
6			ADDRESS (Number and Street) (City or Town) (State) (Zip Code) 214 Sachem Dr, Old Saybrook, CT 06475				
7	DESCRIPTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE		MAKE HONDA	YEAR 2015	COLOR(S) Modern Steel	MODEL NAME OR NUMBER CR-V EX-L	BODY STYLE (4-Dr. Sedan, etc.) 4-Dr. SUV
8			ODOMETER READING 84,317		VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (VIN) 2HKRM4H74FH612508		
DESCRIPTION OF VESSEL		MODEL YEAR	HULL I.D. NUMBER (Required if built 1973 or later)			MAKE	
		COLOR (Primary - Secondary)	MODEL	LENGTH	OUT OF STATE VESSEL NUMBER	STATE	
CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE		I declare under penalty of false statement that the information furnished above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.				SIGNATURE OF SELLER X	DATE

How to fill out H-31 — Bill of Sale

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Two identical bills of sale printed on one sheet, which is the whole point of it: one goes with the car and one stays in your drawer. Connecticut does not require you to use it - the department says so in as many words - but it requires the same six things to appear on whatever you do use, and this sheet is those six things with the boxes already drawn. On a car more than twenty model years old it stops being a receipt and becomes part of the proof of ownership.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank H-31 from the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles at <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DMV/20/29/h31pdf.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	Sale of - tick MOTOR VEHICLE	The first tick on the sheet. VESSEL and OTHER are for boats and everything else the department registers. Watch out: Leaving it blank is the commonest thing wrong with a returned H-31, because the form then does not say what has been sold.
2	YOU	Seller name	Your name, matching the face of the certificate you are assigning. Watch out: Use the name on the title, not a shortened version. A bill of sale from "Meg Oberlander" against a certificate issued to "Marguerite T. Oberlander" invites a question at the counter.
3	YOU	Seller address	Number and street, city or town, state and ZIP on the line beneath your name. Watch out: Your address at the time of sale, not where you are moving to. This sheet may be produced months later to settle a property tax argument about that date.
4	YOU	Selling Price	The figure you were actually paid, in the dollar box. The sentence beside it acknowledges receipt. Watch out: The words "receipt hereby acknowledged" are doing work. Do not fill this in and hand it over before the money has cleared.
5	YOU	Purchaser Information	The buyer's name and address, which you write rather than they do. Watch out: Take it off their licence rather than from what they tell you, and check it against the name they want on the title. A mismatch here is how a car ends up registered to somebody who was never in the room.
6	YOU	Make, Year, Colour(s), Model, Body Style	Five description boxes across one row, all copied from the certificate rather than from memory. Watch out: Colour is the one people improvise. Use the word printed on the certificate; the manufacturer's marketing name for the paint is not what the department recorded.
7	YOU	Odometer Reading	Whole miles, the same figure that goes on the reverse of the title and on the buyer's H-13B. Watch out: Three documents, one number. Reading the odometer once and writing it three times beats reading it three times.
8	YOU	Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)	Seventeen characters, copied from the certificate. Below it the certification and the signature of seller close the sheet. Watch out: On a car with no title - anything more than twenty model years old - this box is doing the work the certificate would otherwise do, so a transposed character here is a real problem rather than a typo. Sign and date underneath it with the same date you put on the title assignment.

What gets this one rejected

- A missing VIN. The department's list of what a bill of sale must contain names the vehicle identification number, and without it the sheet identifies no particular car.
- A missing odometer reading. The DMV's own bill-of-sale page lists it among the vehicle information the document has to carry.
- No seller signature. It is the only signature on the form and the certification above it is what gives the sheet its weight.
- A price that contradicts the one written on the certificate or the H-13B. All three are read together at the counter.
- Using it as the assignment of ownership on a titled vehicle. The department prints the warning on the index itself - not to be used as an assignment of ownership for a titled vehicle - because on a titled car the assignment is on the certificate and nowhere else.
- Only filling in the top half of the sheet. It prints twice for a reason, and the copy you keep is the one that answers a property tax bill in six months.

☒ 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 H-31 (Rev 1-2017) and the Connecticut 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.

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