

How to fill out MV73 — Seller's Affidavit to Transfer a Low-Digit Tag with Vehicle

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Delaware · written against MV73 (Rev 8/12), issued under the seller of the vehicle, sworn before a notary, and required by the Division to protect itself, dealers and buyers from disputes over ownership of the plate </forms/delaware/mv73-affidavit-to-transfer-a-low-digit-tag/>

The one Delaware document that deliberately sends a plate with the car. Low-digit tags are property people argue about in this state, so where a seller means a low number to go to the buyer, the Division wants it sworn rather than assumed. The form says why in its own second sentence: the affidavit is necessary to protect the Division, dealers and buyers from any disputes involving ownership of the license plate.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank MV73 from the Delaware Division of Motor Vehicles at https://www.dmv.de.gov/forms/veh_serv_forms/pdfs/ve_frm_mv73.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	Check your plate is actually low-digit	Four digits or lower on a pleasure, PC or C plate. Three digits or lower on an FT, MC, T, RT or RV plate. Watch out: The prefix changes the threshold. Read the paragraph at the top of the form before you fill anything in.
2	YOU	The date	Top right, under the line addressing the affidavit to the Division. Watch out: The date you swear it, which may not be the date of sale. Both appear on this form and they are different things.
3	YOU	Print your full name	Into the affirming sentence, printed rather than signed - the label says print full name. Watch out: As the Division holds it. This is an affidavit about who owned a plate, so the name has to match the record of who owned it.
4	YOU	The plate number	The tag being transferred, in the middle of the same sentence. Watch out: With its prefix. PC 2946 and C 2946 are two different plates.
5	YOU	The buyer's name	Who the plate went to, in the second half of the sentence. Watch out: The same name you wrote in Section 1 on the back of the certificate and on the Report of Sale. Three documents, one buyer, one spelling.
6	YOU	Make, Model, Year, VIN	A single table row identifying the vehicle the plate travelled with. Watch out: The plate is being tied to a car here. If the sale falls through, the affidavit ties it to a car that never changed hands.
7	YOU	Seller's signature and date	Signed in front of the notary. Watch out: Not before. The block at the foot says sworn to and subscribed before me, and a signature already on the page was not.
8	YOU	2nd seller's signature if joined by AND	The second line, with its own date, for a plate held in two names joined by AND. Watch out: The condition is written into the label. Where it applies, one signature is an incomplete affidavit.
9	OTHER	The notarial block	The day, the month and the year go in under the sworn-to-and-subscribed line, then the Notary Public signs, then the commission-expiry line under that. Watch out: The commission expiry line is part of what the Division checks. A seal from a lapsed commission is not a seal.

What gets this one rejected

- A stamped seal that is not raised or stamped, or a copy instead of the original. The instruction is explicit: the Division must have the original with a raised or stamped notary seal.
- A blank in any box. Please fill in all blocks and have the document notarized - the form's own instruction.
- Using it for an ordinary tag. The threshold is printed at the top and it is narrow: four digits or lower on a pleasure, PC or C plate, three digits or lower on FT, MC, T, RT or RV.
- One signature where the plate is joined by AND. The second seller's line names the condition on itself.
- Filing it after the plate has already gone into retention. This form and retention are opposite decisions about the same number - the plate either goes with the car or comes off it.
- Treating it as a substitute for the Report of Sale. It transfers a plate. It says nothing to the Division about who now owns the vehicle.

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

Read off MV73 (Rev 8/12) and the Delaware 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. sellmycarhub.com



STATE OF DELAWARE SELLER'S AFFIDAVIT TO TRANSFER A LOW-DIGIT TAG WITH VEHICLE

This affidavit must be used when the seller of a Delaware registered vehicle sells a vehicle with a 4-digit or lower pleasure plate, "PC" or "C" plate, or a 3-digit or lower "FT," "MC," "T," "RT" or "RV" plate with the vehicle. The affidavit is necessary to protect the Division, dealers and buyers from any disputes involving ownership of the license plate. Please fill in all blocks and have the document notarized. The Division must have the original with a raised or stamped notary seal.

TO: Delaware Division of Motor Vehicles

08/14/2026

Date

I, **Merrick A. Dunavant**, do hereby affirm that Delaware license
(print full name)
plate **PC 2946** was transferred to **Ottoline B. Sallenbach**
(plate number) (buyer name)
along with my vehicle:

MAKE	MODEL	YEAR	VIN
Honda	CR-V	2015	2HKRM4H5XFH614293

Merrick Dunavant

Seller's Signature

08/14/2026

Date

2nd Seller's Signature if joined by "AND"

Date

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public

My commission expires _____.