

How to fill out MV809 — Affidavit to Correct an Odometer Disclosure

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Delaware · written against MV809 (Rev 4/2001), issued under the Division of Motor Vehicles, as the correction it will accept against a disclosure already made on a title or a manufacturer's statement of origin

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For a mileage figure that went onto the title wrong. The form's own first line limits it: it may only be used to make a correction to odometer information incorrectly stated on the title or manufacturer's statement of origin, and the seller of the vehicle must state the reason a correction is needed and make a correct disclosure. It is a seller's form from beginning to end, and it is the one document in the Delaware set that a private seller has to get sworn.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank MV809 from the Delaware Division of Motor Vehicles at https://www.dmv.de.gov/forms/veh_serv_forms/pdfs/ve_frm_mv809.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	Tag number, make, model, year	The identifying row across the top. Tag number with its prefix. Watch out: Use the tag that was on the car at the time of the disclosure you are correcting, even if the plate has since gone into retention.
2	YOU	Vehicle identification number	The full seventeen characters, from the front of the certificate. Watch out: This is what ties the affidavit to the record. A single wrong character and the correction attaches to nothing.
3	YOU	Seller's reason for correction	Four lines, in your own words: what the first figure was, what it should have been, and how the mistake happened. Watch out: Write plainly and factually - transposed two digits, read the trip meter, wrote the buyer's figure. This is a sworn statement about an odometer, which is a subject federal law takes seriously.
4	YOU	The corrected odometer reading	Whole miles, no tenths, in the block under the printed certification. Watch out: Read the certification above the box before you write. Filling that box in is a statement that the number is the actual mileage unless you tick one of the two boxes beside it.
5	YOU	Box 1, over the mechanical limit	Tick it only if a five-digit instrument has passed 99,999 and started again. Watch out: This is the box for an old car with a low reading, not for a car with high mileage. A modern six-digit odometer never needs it.
6	YOU	Box 2, not the actual mileage	Tick it if the instrument was replaced, has been broken, or for any other reason is not showing what the car has done. Watch out: Ticking it brands the certificate permanently. It is also the honest answer where the honest answer is that nobody knows, and the Division would rather have it than a guess.
7	YOU	Sign, and print your name	Signature of Seller and Printed Name of Seller. Do not sign until you are in front of whoever is going to witness it. Watch out: A signature already on the page when you reach the counter is a signature the witness did not see you make, and the block above it says witnessed.
8	BUYER	The buyer signs and prints too	Signature of Buyer and Printed Name of Buyer, acknowledging the corrected figure exactly as they acknowledged the original. Watch out: If they cannot come with you, their signature has to be notarised separately - the form provides a second notarial block for precisely that.
9	OTHER	The DMV witness block	Printed Name of DMV Witness and Signature of DMV Witness, completed by the Division employee who watched you both sign. Watch out: This is the cheap route. Take the buyer, the certificate and a photo ID each to any of the four facilities and it costs you a queue instead of two notary fees.
10	OTHER	The two notarial blocks	Before me personally appeared _____, with day, month, year, the notary's county and state, and a commission expiry - one block for each party. Watch out: Only used if you are not doing it in front of the Division. Two people signing on two days need two separate notarisations, and the form is built assuming that is what will happen.

What gets this one rejected

- Using it for anything but a mileage correction. It may only be used to correct odometer information incorrectly stated on the title or manufacturer's statement of origin - not a name, not a VIN, not a price.
- A buyer completing it. The form says the seller of the vehicle must state the reason a correction is needed and make a correct disclosure, and the Division's own training material puts the rule as bluntly as it can: buyer cannot disclose mileage.
- An empty reason block. Four lines are printed for it and nothing else on the form explains why the Division should overwrite a figure it already holds.
- One signature. Both seller and buyer sign, and both signatures have to be sworn or witnessed.
- A single notarisation covering both parties who signed on different days. The form is explicit: should buyer and seller sign at different times, their signatures must be notarized separately - which is why there are two notarial blocks.
- A corrected reading below the mileage already recorded, with neither box ticked. That is the same trap as the original disclosure, and it fails for the same reason.

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

Read off MV809 (Rev 4/2001) and the Delaware Division of Motor Vehicles's own pages, current as of 2026-08-23. Plain-language help with a form, sellmycarhub.com
not legal advice — where this and the agency differ, the agency governs.



DELAWARE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES **AFFIDAVIT TO CORRECT AN ODOMETER DISCLOSURE**

www.dmv.de.gov

This form may only be used to make a correction to odometer information incorrectly stated on the title or manufacturer's statement of origin. The seller of the vehicle must state the reason a correction is needed and make a correct disclosure.

VEHICLE INFORMATION

1 TAG NO. PC 2946 MAKE Honda MODEL CR-V YEAR 2015

2 VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NO. 2HKRM4H5XFH614293

SELLER'S REASON FOR CORRECTION: The reading was written onto the

3 certificate as 69,412. Two digits were transposed. The instrument read

96,412 on the day of sale and the buyer photographed it at the handover.

No other entry in Section 1 is affected.

SELLER'S CORRECTED DISCLOSURE

I certify to the best of my knowledge that the ODOMETER READING is the ACTUAL MILEAGE of the vehicle unless one of the following statements is checked:

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ODOMETER READING-MILES (NO TENTHS) <u>96412</u>

☐ 1. The mileage stated is in excess of odometer mechanical limits. (Exceeds 99,999)
☐ 2. The odometer reading is not the actual mileage. – **WARNING – ODOMETER DISCREPANCY**

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FEDERAL and State Law requires that you state the mileage in connection with transfer of ownership. Failure to complete **ODOMETER STATEMENT** OR providing a **FALSE STATEMENT** may result in fines and/or imprisonment.

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that the statements made herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

7 Signature of Seller _____ Signature of Buyer _____

8 Printed Name of Seller Merrick A. Dunavant Printed Name of Buyer Ottoline B. Sallenbach

9 Printed Name of DMV Witness R. Wilgus Signature of DMV Witness _____

Signatures must be notarized for both seller and buyer unless the signatures are witnessed by a Delaware Division of Motor Vehicles employee. Should buyer and seller sign at different times, their signatures must be notarized separately.

Before me personally appeared _____ (Name of Seller/Buyer) who by me duly sworn upon oath says that the statements set forth above are true and correct. SUBSCRIBED TO AND SWORN before me this _____ day of _____.

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Signature of Notary _____
 Notary Public for _____ County, State of _____
 My commission expires _____

Before me personally appeared _____ (Name of Seller/Buyer) who by me duly sworn upon oath says that the statements set forth above are true and correct. SUBSCRIBED TO AND SWORN before me this _____ day of _____.

Signature of Notary _____
 Notary Public for _____ County, State of _____
 My commission expires _____

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