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How to fill out MV-1S — Motor Vehicle Salvage Title Application

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Georgia · written against MV-1S (Rev 6-2020), issued under the Motor Vehicle Division's Salvage Unit in Atlanta, rather than any county tag office

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Applies for a Georgia salvage certificate of title. It is the ordinary title application with the tag half taken out and the destination changed: this one does not go to a county tag office at all, it goes to the Salvage Unit at the Motor Vehicle Division in Atlanta.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank MV-1S from the Georgia Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle Division at <https://dor.georgia.gov/document/document/mv-1s-salvage-tag-and-title-application/download?f=MV-1S.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	Section A, the vehicle	Vehicle ID, current title number and state of issue, year, make, model, body style, colour, cylinders and fuel type. Watch out: Copy from the certificate you hold. If the certificate has already been surrendered to an insurer, the current title number is something the insurer's total loss paperwork will carry.
2	YOU	Section A, odometer exceptions	EXEMPT, Exceeds Mechanical Limits of Odometer, or Not the Actual Mileage. Watch out: A flood or fire car often has a working odometer and a true reading. Damage is not a mileage exception and ticking one because the car is wrecked is a false statement.
3	YOU	Section A, odometer reading and date purchased	The mileage and the date you acquired the vehicle. Watch out: Date purchased is when you bought the car, not the date of the accident or the date the claim settled.
4	YOU	Section B, owner 1	Full legal name, driver's licence number and state, date of birth, e-mail, phone, address and mailing address. Watch out: All owners listed on the title have to sign this form, so a second name on the certificate means a second complete block below.
5	YOU	Section B, signature and date	The owner signs and dates under their own block. Watch out: The line above it is a felony certification, and on a salvage application the thing being certified includes how the vehicle came to be yours.
6	YOU	Section C, seller information	The full legal name or business name and address of whoever the vehicle was acquired from, and the Georgia county name where they are in Georgia. Watch out: On a retained total loss this is still the person you originally bought the car from, not the insurance company that settled the claim.
7	YOU	Section D, lienholders	Up to two rows of twelve-digit ELT identification number, name and address. Watch out: A lien survives the damage. If finance was outstanding when the vehicle was written off, the lender belongs here and the salvage certificate will show it.

What gets this one rejected

- Sending it to a county tag office. The instruction page routes it to the Salvage Unit at the Motor Vehicle Division, at a post office box in Atlanta, and not to a county.
- A missing owner signature. The purpose paragraph says the form must be signed by all owners in section B.
- Filling it in for a car that only looks rough. A salvage certificate is a legal brand on the vehicle for the rest of its life, not a description of its condition.
- Leaving the odometer exceptions to the tag office. There is no tag office in this route, and the exception boxes are part of the application.
- Assuming it comes with a plate. This form applies for a title. The road-legal end of a rebuilt vehicle runs through an inspection first.

☐ 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 MV-1S (Rev 6-2020) and the Georgia Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle Division'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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