

VSD 694 — Natural Disaster Disclosure Statement: a filled-in example. Amber is what you write; grey is a block somebody else completes. The line-by-line notes follow. [Back to the walkthrough](#)

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How to fill out VSD 694 — Natural Disaster Disclosure Statement

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Illinois asks a titling applicant to say, on the record and in front of a notary, whether a vehicle took damage in a natural disaster - and how much. It is short, it is notarised, and it ends by asking the Secretary of State to issue a clean title on the strength of what you have written.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank VSD 694 from the Illinois Secretary of State at https://www.ilsos.gov/content/dam/publications/pdf_publications/vsd694.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	Year, Make, VIN	Three boxes across the vehicle row. Watch out: There is no model box and no body type. This form identifies the car by its VIN and leaves the rest brief.
2	YOU	Where did you purchase this vehicle?	One line of free text. Watch out: Be specific - an auction house, a dealer, a private seller, a town. This is the question a clerk reads first, because a disaster-area purchase is what the form is watching for.
3	YOU	The clean answers	Was not in a natural disaster area; sustained no physical damage; sustained no water damage. Watch out: These are separate boxes, not one. A car that sat in a flooded county but stayed dry is described by the second and third, not the first.
4	YOU	The two percentage boxes	Sustained minor water damage of ____ per cent; sustained minor physical damage of ____ per cent, no total loss. Watch out: Both need a figure. And both use the word minor, which is a claim about severity you are making under penalty of perjury.
5	YOU	Other	A free-text box for anything the five above do not describe. Watch out: Better a sentence here than a tick that is nearly right. The disclaimer at the foot means the state relies on what you wrote.
6	YOU	Name, signature, date and address	Printed name, signature and date on one row, address beneath. Watch out: Print and sign, both. The certification requests an Illinois clean title on the strength of it.
7	YOU	The notary	State, county, the date, and the notary's signature. Watch out: Signed and attested before me - so the notary has to see you sign. Turning up with it already signed wastes the trip.

What gets this one rejected

- Ticking a box that contradicts another. Was not in a natural disaster area and sustained minor water damage cannot both be true.
- Writing minor damage with no percentage. Two of the six boxes carry a blank for a figure and the form wants it filled in.
- Skipping where the vehicle was purchased. A car bought at auction two states away is precisely the case this form was written for.
- Signing before you reach the notary. The block reads signed and attested before me on ____.
- Reading the last paragraph as a guarantee. It says the opposite: on issuing an unbranded certificate of title, the office or its authorised agents assume no responsibility or liability for any vehicle found to have actually sustained damages.

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