

IOWA DOT

Form 411020 (04-25)

AFFIDAVIT OF AUTHORITY FOR VEHICLE PURSUANT TO GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

Instructions

This affidavit may be presented to a county treasurer or the Department of Transportation as a supplement to a general power of attorney (POA) to conform with Iowa Code 321.49 and Administrative Rule 761-400. This affidavit is to be completed as part of the transaction and must accompany a notarized POA. A separate affidavit is required for each vehicle being transacted under the general POA. Alternately, DOT Form 411021 Power of Attorney Authorization or a vehicle-specific POA may be submitted in lieu of both the general POA and this affidavit.

Affiant

1	Full name <i>Dale R. Vandenberg</i>
	Address <i>1418 Prairie Rose Ct, Pella, IA 50219</i>
2	Phone <i>(641) 555-0132</i>

Vehicle Description

3	Year 2016	Make <i>Buick</i>	Model <i>Encore</i>
	V.I.N. 3N7HK5AR0GT802416		
	Iowa certificate of title number, if applicable. 0086514773		

Affiant's Sworn Statement

I *Dale R. Vandenberg* certify under penalty of perjury and pursuant to the laws of the State of
(printed full name)

Iowa that the following is true and correct.

I have been appointed as agent/attorney-in-fact by *Marlys J. Vandenberg*
(printed full name of principal)

whereby I am authorized in the principal's name to sign documents pertaining to titling and registering this vehicle as of this date, e.g. make and execute application for certificate of title, assign title and act on all of the title and interest to the described vehicle herein, to make application for replacement title, or application for notation of security interest covering the described vehicle herein. All information provided on this affidavit is true and correct and will warrant and defend the title of any person to the described vehicle insofar as the claim rests upon the title issued by virtue of this affidavit. I will defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the county treasurer and Department of Transportation from any claims or damages that might arise from the actions sworn to herein.

(Affiant Signature)

08/12/2026

(Date)

How to fill out 411020 — Affidavit of Authority for Vehicle Pursuant to General Power of Attorney

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Iowa · written against 411020 (04-25), issued under Iowa Code s. 321.49 and 761 Iowa Admin. Code [/forms/iowa/411020-affidavit-of-authority-for-vehicle-pursuant-to-general-power-of-attorney/](#)

The bridge between an ordinary general power of attorney - the kind drawn up for a parent's affairs, covering everything and naming nothing - and Iowa's vehicle record, which wants a specific car. The agent swears this, attaches it to the notarised general power, and the county treasurer can act. One affidavit per vehicle, and the department offers a straight alternative in its own instructions.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank 411020 from the Iowa Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicle Division at <https://iowadot.forms.govos.com/f/411020AffidavitofAuthorityforVehiclePursuanttoGeneralPowerofAttorney?f=411020.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	OTHER	Affiant's full name, address and phone	The agent identifies themselves in three boxes at the top. Watch out: The affiant is the attorney in fact. If you are the owner reading this, your name appears further down, as the principal.
2	OTHER	Vehicle Description	Year, make and model on one line, then the VIN on its own. Watch out: One vehicle per affidavit. Two cars under one general power means two of these, sworn separately.
3	OTHER	Iowa certificate of title number, if applicable	The title number where there is one to give. Watch out: There will not be one if the vehicle is coming into Iowa on out-of-state paper, which is why the department qualifies the line.
4	OTHER	The sworn statement	The affiant's printed full name, then the printed full name of the principal who granted the power. Watch out: The principal's name has to match the general power and the front of the title. Two of the three matching is not enough.
5	OTHER	Sign and date	The affiant signs under penalty of perjury and dates it. Watch out: There is no notary block on this form - the notarisation is on the general power it is attached to, and the instructions require that power to be notarised.
6	OTHER	Attach it to the general power	The affidavit and the notarised general power go to the county treasurer together, as part of the transaction. Watch out: Take the original power, not a copy. Iowa's rule allows a certified true copy, which is not the same as a photocopy.

What gets this one rejected

- Filing it without the general power. The instructions require it to accompany a notarized POA, and it is described as a supplement rather than a substitute.
- One affidavit for two cars. The instruction is explicit: a separate affidavit is required for each vehicle being transacted under the general POA.
- Filing it after the fact. The instruction is that it is to be completed as part of the transaction.
- Using it where the principal has died. A power of attorney ends at death, and Iowa's route then is the testate or intestate death affidavit.
- Using it instead of the general power because the general power is unnotarised. The instruction names a notarized POA, and this affidavit does not cure that.

☒ 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 411020 (04-25) and the Iowa Department of Transportation, 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. sellmycarhub.com