

DPSMV 1637 — Application for a Salvage-Reconstructed Motor Vehicle: 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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☒ Individual

Phone: (225) 555-0177

State: **LA** Zip **70806**

State: Zip:

EIN#:

Signature: _____

Vehicle ID Number (VIN):

Color: **Blue**

Salvage Title #: (if available) State: 5204118736

Phone: (225) 555-0177

State: **LA** Zip **70806**

State: Zip:

EIN#:

Signature:

☐ The above described vehicle is a total loss salvage motor vehicle that was stolen and recovered.

- (i) The identification numbers of the restored or recovered vehicle and its parts have not been removed, destroyed, falsified, altered or defaced; and
- (ii) the salvage title document attached to the application has not been forged, falsified, altered, or counterfeited; and
- (iii) all information contained on the application and its attachments is true and correct to my knowledge.

the title covering the above referenced vehicle, in accordance with Louisiana R.S. 32:706.1, has been branded:

☒ Reconstructed Vehicle

In accordance with Louisiana R.S. 32:789, the undersigned confirm that the above referenced vehicle has sustained water damage to the following extent:

In accordance with Louisiana R.S. 32:781, the undersigned confirm that the above referenced vehicle has sustained water damage to the following components:

☒	Power Train	☒	Computer	☒	Electrical System
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In accordance with Louisiana R.S. 32:702(13), the undersigned confirm that the above referenced vehicle has sustained only cosmetic damage caused by hail, equivalent to seventy-five percent or more of its market value as a result of costs or repairs to items such as windshield, windows, and rear glass; exterior paint and paint materials; and body damage such as dents.

☐ Hail-Damaged

Signed by _____ under penalties of perjury this 2nd day of _____, 2020.

(signature of vehicle owner)

September, 2026

DPSMV 1637 (R0213ig)

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Louisiana · written against DPSMV 1637 (R0213jg), issued under R.S. 32:707, salvage title; R.S. 32:706.1, disclosure of branded vehicles [/forms/louisiana/dpsmv-1637-application-salvage-reconstructed/](https://public.powerdms.com/LADPSC/documents/349879?f=DPSMV-1637.pdf)

How a vehicle that was written off gets back onto the road with a title that says what happened to it. The application does two separate jobs on one sheet: it applies for the reconstructed title, and it carries the disclosure R.S. 32:706.1 requires - salvaged, reconstructed, water damaged or hail-damaged - which is the disclosure that has to be made in writing to a buyer before any later sale closes. In a state that floods, the water damage half of this form gets more use than the rest of it put together.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank DPSMV 1637 from the Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles at <https://public.powerdms.com/LADPSC/documents/349879?f=DPSMV-1637.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 one only: Dealer / Individual	Two ticks at the very top of the owner block. Watch out: Individual for a private owner rebuilding their own vehicle. Ticking Dealer without a licence behind it puts the application into a queue with different requirements attached to it.
2	YOU	Name	First box of the owner block, with a phone number beside it and three address rows underneath. Watch out: The person who will hold the reconstructed title. Fill the mailing address row even where it is the same as the residential one - the department posts the certificate to what is written in the mailing row.
3	YOU	Vehicle ID Number (VIN)	Seventeen single-character boxes across the sheet. Watch out: One character per box, left to right, no spaces and no dashes. Running the number together in the first few boxes is the single most common way this row goes wrong, and it is visible at a glance from across a counter.
4	YOU	Salvage Title #: (if available)	A wide box under the vehicle description row, with a State box after it. Watch out: The number off the salvage title the vehicle currently holds. Where the salvage title came from another state, put that state in the box beside it - the department needs to know which record it is superseding.
5	YOU	Rebuilder information	A second full block, headed if different from owner. Watch out: If a shop did the work, this is the shop. If you did it yourself, repeat your own details rather than leaving it empty - the block is asking who is responsible for the repairs, and a blank is not an answer to that.
6	YOU	Statement of Repairs (required by law)	Two statements with a tick each, marked check one only. Watch out: The first is a rebuilt vehicle; the second is a stolen vehicle that was recovered. They lead to different outcomes on the record, and ticking both makes the application internally contradictory.
7	YOU	Disclosure ticks: Salvaged Vehicle / Reconstructed Vehicle	Under the second printed-name blank, in the block citing R.S. 32:706.1. Watch out: This is the disclosure half of the form and it is the half with the penalties attached. Whatever is ticked here is what has to be disclosed in writing to every future buyer, so it is worth getting exactly right rather than approximately right.
8	YOU	Signed by _____ under penalties of perjury this ____ day of	The execution line at the foot, with the penalty printed under it. Watch out: Three separate certifications sit above this signature - about identification numbers, about the salvage document, and about the application itself. Read all three before signing, because the line underneath names fine, imprisonment or both.

What gets this one rejected

- Both statements of repairs ticked, on a block that says check one only.
- The VIN comb filled with the characters run together rather than one per box.
- A water-damaged vehicle with the components question left blank. Three ticks and the statute behind them are asking a specific question about the power train, the computer and the electrical system.
- Dealer and Individual both ticked at the head of the owner block, which is also marked check one only.
- A rebuilder block left empty where somebody other than the owner did the work, since the form asks for it if different from owner.
- No salvage title number and no explanation. If available is doing real work in that label, but a blank with nothing attached leaves the department without the record to attach the application to.

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