

DPSMV 1807 — Salvage Affidavit: 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](#)

Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections

OFFICE OF MOTOR VEHICLES



SALVAGE AFFIDAVIT

Party Making Application For Title

1 Name: Bayou State Mutual Insurance Company Phone #: (504) 555-0143

Mailing Address: 600 Poydras St, Suite 1400 City: New Orleans State: LA ZIP: 70130

Signature of Authorized Representative: _____

VEHICLE INFORMATION

Vehicle Identification Number (VIN): 2GNFLFEK2E6372184 2

Year: 2014 Make: Chevrolet Model: Equinox LT Color: Blue

3 Title #: (if available) 4863270915 State: Louisiana

In accordance with Louisiana R.S. 32:707, if an insurance company or its authorized agent is unable to obtain the certificate of title from the owner(s) or lienholder within thirty days from the settlement of the property damages claim, the insurance company or its authorized agent may submit an application for a salvage title.

4 I, Bayou State Mutual Insurance Company, swear under penalties of perjury that:
(Insurance Company/Authorized Agent)

(i) This office has been unable to obtain the certificate of title from the owner(s) or lienholder the insurance company has made at least two written attempts to the titled owner(s) or lienholder of the motor vehicle by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by use of a delivery service with a tracking system, to obtain the endorsed certificate of title.

(ii) The insurance company has made payment of a proof of loss claim involving the motor vehicle on 07/28/2026. 5

Signature: _____ Date: 09/02/2026

Witness Signature/Printed Name

Notary Public Signature/Printed Name

Witness Signature/Printed Name

148702
Notary ID # 6

*Note – All written attempts and proof of mailing must be included with the application.

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Not your form, and worth recognising for exactly that reason. This is what an insurance company files when it has settled a total loss and cannot get the certificate of title out of the owner or the lienholder within thirty days. It is here because a seller whose car has been written off will see it referred to, may be asked to sign something that is not it, and should know what the insurer is actually allowed to do when the title has gone missing.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank DPSMV 1807 from the Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles at <https://public.powerdms.com/LADPSC/documents/365830?f=DPSMV-1807.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	Party Making Application For Title	The name box at the head of the sheet, with a phone number and a mailing address under it. Watch out: The insurance company, or an authorised agent acting for it. An owner's name here is the clearest possible sign that the wrong form is being filled in.
2	OTHER	Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)	First box of the vehicle block. Watch out: It has to match the vehicle the claim was paid on. This affidavit is the department's only evidence of ownership in the absence of an endorsed certificate, so the identification has to be exact.
3	OTHER	Title # (if available)	Under the vehicle description row, with a state box beside it. Watch out: Often blank, because the whole reason for the affidavit is that the certificate could not be obtained. Where the insurer knows the number from its own file, giving it saves the department a search.
4	OTHER	I, _____ (Insurance Company/Authorized Agent)	The blank in the sworn paragraph. Watch out: The full name of the insurer as it is registered. Where an agent is applying in its own name instead, the file also needs a notarised authorisation from the insurance company naming that agent and describing the vehicle in full.
5	OTHER	payment of a proof of loss claim involving the motor vehicle on _____	A date in the second sworn statement. Watch out: This is the date the thirty days ran from. It is the single most consequential figure on the sheet, because it is what makes the affidavit available at all.
6	OTHER	Notary ID #	Bottom right, under the notary's signature and printed name, with two witness rules facing it. Watch out: Two witnesses and a notary on this one. The identification number goes in the box that names it, and the rules beside it carry no fillable boxes because the department expects them signed in ink.

What gets this one rejected

- Fewer than two written attempts, or attempts sent by ordinary post. The affidavit swears to certified mail with return receipt requested, or a delivery service with a tracking system.
- Proof of mailing not attached, which the note at the foot of the sheet requires in terms.
- The date of the proof of loss payment left blank, which is what the thirty days are counted from.
- Signed by an owner. The affidavit is sworn by the insurance company or its authorised agent and there is nowhere on it for anybody else.
- A notary block with no identification number in the box that names it.

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Read off DPSMV 1807 (R0418) and the Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles'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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