

Maine's route to a certificate for a vehicle the title law otherwise ignores. Everything more than twenty-five model years old has fallen out of the ordinary system, which is fine until a buyer wants a document with the state's name on it. This affidavit, filed with a title application and a fee, produces a warranty title - a certificate that carries the Secretary of State's statement that there are no known liens or encumbrances against the vehicle. It is not automatic: a Maine Motor Vehicle Detective physically inspects the car first.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank MVT-34 from the Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles at <https://www.maine.gov/sos/sites/maine.gov.sos/files/inline-files/MVT-34%20Warranty%20Affidavit.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	Certify where you live	City or town and county, in Maine. Watch out: Residency is not a formality on this form. A warranty title is issued to a Maine resident owner and the affidavit is the proof of that.
2	YOU	Identify the vehicle	Year, make and vehicle identification number. Watch out: Copy the number as the vehicle carries it. Anything built before the seventeen-character standard has a shorter one and the form is not expecting seventeen.
3	YOU	Read the four definitions before ticking	Antique auto, antique motorcycle, classic vehicle, or horseless carriage. Watch out: They are printed in full underneath the boxes because they are the substance of the affidavit. The age tests differ and so do the use restrictions.
4	YOU	Check the use restriction	Three of the four definitions bar the vehicle from being the owner's primary mode of transportation. Watch out: This is the clause most people sign past. A daily driver does not become an antique auto by being old.
5	YOU	Gather the ownership evidence	Any and all evidence of past and present ownership - bills of sale, registration certificates, title certificates. Watch out: This is the part that takes weeks. Start with the oldest document you have and work forward; gaps are what the detective will ask about.
6	YOU	Take the two photographs	One showing the front and left side, one showing the rear and right side. Watch out: The instruction is specific about which corners. Two three-quarter views from the same side are one photograph twice.
7	YOU	Sign in front of a notary	Printed name, signature, then the notary block under NOTARIZATION REQUIRED. Watch out: Nothing on this affidavit works unsworn. It is one of only a handful of Maine vehicle forms that genuinely needs a notary.
8	OTHER	Expect the inspection	A Maine Motor Vehicle Detective is assigned to inspect the vehicle physically. Watch out: The detective is checking that the identification number has not been altered and that the vehicle is not stolen. Have it accessible and have the paperwork with it.

What gets this one rejected

- An antique auto tick on a car used as the owner's primary mode of transportation, which the printed definition rules out by name.
- An antique auto tick on a reconstructed or altered vehicle, or one that has undergone a change in some of its component parts. The definition excludes all three.
- A classic vehicle claim on something worth less than the statutory threshold, which the definition sets in dollars on the face of the form.
- Two boxes ticked. The four definitions are alternatives with different age tests and the Secretary of State decides against one of them.
- An affidavit signed but not notarised, which the form forbids in capitals.
- A non-resident applicant. Maine residency is on both the affidavit and the list of things the Secretary of State must be satisfied about.
- An application with no photographs. The instructions require two - one showing the front and left side, the second the rear and right side.

☒ Amber is what you write

☐ Grey is a block somebody else completes

The completed example follows overleaf.



SECRETARY OF STATE BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES

**AFFIDAVIT OF OWNER OF AN ANTIQUE AUTO,
ANTIQUÉ MOTORCYCLE, CLASSIC VEHICLE, OR HORSELESS CARRIAGE**
(To accompany application for Maine Certificate of Title)

1 I hereby certify that I am a resident of Norway, in the County of Oxford,
City or Town County
in the State of Maine and that I am the owner of a 1966 Ford 6F07C185429.
Year Make Vehicle Identification Number

I further certify there are no liens or encumbrances against this vehicle.

I certify that this vehicle is:

3 ☒ An **Antique Auto** defined in 29A, M.R.S.A., §101, subsection 3, as an automobile or truck manufactured in or after model year 1916 that is more than 35 years old or is 35 years old or less and more than 25 years old and was registered in the State as an antique vehicle prior to January 2025; equipped with an engine manufactured either at the same time as the vehicle or to the specifications of the original engine; substantially maintained in original or restored condition, and used primarily for exhibitions, club activities, parades or events of public interest or for occasional use as a personal vehicle. **An antique auto may not be used as the owner's primary mode of transportation of passengers or goods**, and may not be a reconstructed vehicle or altered vehicle or a vehicle that has undergone a change in some of the component parts of the vehicle.

☐ An **Antique Motorcycle** defined in 29A, M.R.S.A., § 101, subsection 4, as any motorcycle or a motor-driven cycle that is more than 35 years old or is 35 years old or less and more than 25 years old and was registered in the State as an antique motorcycle prior to January 2025, equipped with an engine manufactured either at the same time as the vehicle or to the specifications of the original engine of the vehicle, maintained primarily for use in exhibitions, club activities, parades or other functions of public interest, and not used as its owner's primary mode of transportation of passengers or goods.

4 ☐ A **Classic Vehicle** defined in 29A, M.R.S.A., § 101, subsection 15, as a motor vehicle that is at least 16 years old but less than 26 years old that the Secretary of State determines is of significance to vehicle collectors because of its make, model and condition and is valued at more than \$5,000.

☐ A **Horseless Carriage** defined in 29A M.R.S.A., Section 101, subsection 28, as any motor vehicle made before model year 1916, which is equipped with an engine manufactured either at the same time as the vehicle or to the specifications of the original engine of the vehicle, which is maintained primarily for use in exhibitions, club activities, parades and other functions of public interest; which is not used as its owner's primary mode of transportation of passengers or goods but may be used for occasional use as a personal vehicle.

5 Emile W. Pomerleau
Printed Name of Owner Signature of Owner

NOTARIZATION REQUIRED

6 Before me personally appeared Emile W. Pomerleau who by me being duly sworn upon oath that the statements on the foregoing application are true.

Subscribed and sworn before me this third day of September, 20 26. Notary Public for
Oxford County, Maine.

Signature of Notary or Attorney

INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE

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