

How to fill out MVT-54 — Notification of Scrapped Vehicle by Recycler

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The form that lets an old Maine car be scrapped with no title at all, and the one form in this section where the seller's own name, date of birth and identification number are copied onto a document filed by somebody else. It exists because of a narrow exemption: a vehicle at least twenty years old by model year needs no title if it is acquired to be scrapped, where scrap means to compress, shred or destroy. That exemption comes with a condition worth knowing before you agree to it - a vehicle acquired under it cannot be used for parts.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank MVT-54 from the Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles at <https://www.maine.gov/sos/sites/maine.gov.sos/files/inline-files/MVT-54%20Notification%20of%20Scrapped%20Vehicle%20by%20Recycler.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	Date vehicle acquired	The day the recycler took possession. Watch out: The thirty-day reporting window runs from the destruction rather than from this date, but this is the date that anchors the record of the handover.
2	OTHER	The recycler identifies itself	Name, address, licence number and state, with an optional company stamp. Watch out: The licence number is the part that makes the exemption available at all. A yard that cannot produce one cannot use this route.
3	YOU	Seller information	Your name, date of birth, identification number and its state, address and telephone. Watch out: This is the block you are actually party to. Check it before it is signed, because the name and address on it are yours and the criminal warning underneath is about false ones.
4	YOU	Show identification	A driving licence, non-driver identification card, United States passport or military identification, noted on the form and copied. Watch out: The copy stays in the recycler's records. It is a legal requirement of the exemption rather than a yard being awkward.
5	OTHER	Vehicle information	Year, make, model and the identification number in the boxed row. Watch out: Twenty model years is the test. If the car is younger than that, this form is the wrong one and the title has to be dealt with properly.
6	OTHER	The certification	Printed name, signature and date, attesting the vehicle was acquired to be scrapped or destroyed. Watch out: Acquired to be scrapped is a promise about what happens next. If the plan is to sell parts off it, the certification is not true and a different route applies.

What gets this one rejected

- Used for a vehicle that will be broken for parts. The exemption is for scrapping, and the form's own text says a vehicle acquired under this section cannot be used for parts.
- Used on a vehicle under twenty model years old, which is outside the exemption and needs its title surrendered instead.
- Filed more than thirty days after the destruction, which the instructions require to be reported inside that window.
- Filed where a title or certificate of salvage was in fact submitted. The form says it is only needed when neither is.
- A seller information block completed without sight of the seller's identification. The form asks for the document to be noted on it and copied.
- A recycler licence number left blank, when the exemption belongs to a licensee rather than to anybody with a yard.

☐ Amber is what you write ☐ Grey is a block somebody else completes The completed example follows overleaf.

Read off MVT-54 (Rev 9-2021) and the Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles's own pages, current as of 2026-08-24. Plain-language help with a form, not legal advice — where this and the agency differ, the agency governs. sellmycarhub.com

**NOTIFICATION OF
SCRAPPED VEHICLE BY RECYCLER**



**SECRETARY OF STATE
BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES
DIVISION OF TITLE SERVICES**

Title Surrender Requirements:

If an owner transfers a vehicle for which a certificate of salvage has not been issued to a salvage dealer, scrap metal processor, or recycler licensed by the Secretary of State, the vehicle is deemed declared by the owner to be a salvage vehicle, and the licensee shall apply for a certificate of salvage for the vehicle in accordance with 29-A M.R.S.A subsection 654, unless the vehicle's certificate of title is surrendered to the Secretary of State within 30 days.

Exemption: For vehicles that are at least 20 years old according to the model year a title is not required if the vehicle is acquired to be scrapped (for the purpose of this law scrap means to compress, shred, or destroy). A vehicle acquired under this section cannot be used for parts.

Instructions: This form must be used to notify the Secretary of State that a salvage vehicle which was acquired under the 20 model years old exemption has been scrapped or destroyed. The destruction of the vehicle must be reported to the Secretary of State within 30 days. This form is only needed when a title or certificate of salvage is not submitted.

Identification: A valid driver's license or non-driver identification card, United States Passport, or Military Identification should be noted on this form and copied.

1 DATE VEHICLE ACQUIRED 09/28/2026

COMPANY OR INDIVIDUAL PERSON

Name: Penobscot Valley Auto Recyclers

Address: 514 Stillwater Ave, Old Town, ME 04468

License Number: RC-2178 State: ME

Company Stamp (Optional)

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SELLER INFORMATION

Name: Odile M. Sawtelle Date of Birth: 05/30/1952 ID Number: 2841760 ID State: ME

Address: 8 Bristol Rd City/Town: Damariscotta State: ME Zip Code: 04543

Phone Number: (207) 555-0119

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VEHICLE INFORMATION

Year: 2003 Make: Chevrolet Model: Silverado 1500

Vehicle Identification Number:

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SIGNATURE

I, the undersigned, certify that the information provided on this form is true and accurate. Further, I attest that the vehicle listed above was acquired to be scrapped or destroyed.

Name (Printed): Wilbrod J. Chamberlain Signature: _____

Date: 09/28/2026

A person who uses a false or fictitious name or address, makes a material false statement, or conceals any other fact is guilty of a Class D crime.

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