



Vehicle Uniform Surety Bond

Introduction (read all instructions carefully)

[MCL 324.80307 (2)] [MCL 324.82105 (2)] [MCL 257.217(1)(d)]

Before you can title or register a titled motor vehicle, titled trailer, trailer coach, moped, watercraft, ORV, or snowmobile without a properly assigned ownership document, you must file a Vehicle Uniform Surety Bond (TR-121) with the Michigan Department of State along with your title or registration application.

Instructions

1. The surety bond must list the complete VIN/HIN. If there is no Michigan record, a TR-54 VIN/HIN inspection must be completed by a Michigan law enforcement agency and submitted with the Surety Bond.
2. Proof of the bond company's authorization to issue surety bonds must accompany the surety bond. The Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs must license the surety company.
3. The person applying for the title or registration must sign the surety bond. If a business or organization is applying for the title or registration, a representative of the business or organization must sign the surety bond. Applicants are named as the "Principal" and must include their complete residence or business address.
4. A representative of the insurance company or bonding agency must sign the surety bond. A duly authorized agent of the surety company must issue the bond. If the agent is a licensed nonresident agent, a licensed resident agent must countersign the bond.
5. The bond's amount must equal twice the value of the item in question.
6. The effective date of the bond must be no later than the date of application for the title or registration.
7. A surety bond is issued for three years.
8. In addition to the TR-121 Vehicle Uniform Surety Bond, all applicants must complete a TR-205 Self-Certification of Vehicle Ownership form. Incomplete forms will not be accepted. Forms with insufficient information will not be accepted.
9. Submit the TR-121 Vehicle Uniform Surety Bond, the bond company's authorization to issue surety bonds, the TR-205 Self-Certification of Vehicle Ownership form, and all other supporting documents to a secretary of state office.

A registration may be purchased as part of your transaction. For vehicles, proof of Michigan no-fault insurance must be presented.

Use tax is due on 6% of the value (1/2 of the surety bond amount) or the purchase price, whichever is higher, as required by the Sales and Use Tax Act (MCL 205.179).

****Please note:** Personally identifiable information collected on these forms is limited to what's needed to complete your transaction. For other ways your information may be used, visit Michigan.gov/SOS/policies

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Because the Michigan Department of State is not satisfied as to the ownership of this vehicle/watercraft/snowmobile, the department requires the applicant to file this bond as a condition of issuing a Michigan title or registration pursuant to section 217(1) (d) of the Michigan Vehicle Code, 1949 PA 300, as amended (MCL 257.217), and

Sections 803 and 821 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act as amended (324.80307 and 324.82105).

Information about the subject of this bond

- 1 Type of item bonded: ☒ Vehicle ☐ Trailer Coach ☐ Titled Trailer ☐ ORV
☐ Moped ☐ Watercraft ☐ Snowmobile
 Year 2019 Make Subaru Outback Body style Station wagon
- 2 VIN/HIN: 4S4BSANC5K3327406
- 3 Printed name of Principal: Marguerite T. Boisvert
 Address of Principal: 812 Presque Isle Ave, Marquette, MI 49855
- 4 Bond amount: 27,600.00 Bond execution date: 08/19/2026
 Printed name of Authorized Surety Company: Straits Indemnity Company

Provisions of this bond

The above named Principal and Authorized Surety Company as Surety, by this instrument firmly bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators and successors, and assigns, jointly and severally, to the Michigan Department of State, its officers and employees, for the benefit of any interested person, in the amount indicated in the Bond amount field above, which is twice the value of the subject of this bond.

The Principal shall indemnify and hold harmless the Secretary of State, every employee of the Michigan Department of State, any prior owner, any subsequent purchaser of the bonded item described above, and their successors in interest, against any expense, loss or damage, including reasonable attorney fees, by reason of the issuance of a Michigan certificate of title or registration to the Principal for the unit described above, or an account of any defect in the right, title or interest of the Principal in the vehicle, watercraft or snowmobile.

Any interested party may bring an action in the party's own name to recover on this bond any damages sustained by the party for any breach of the conditions for which the bond is deposited, and may recover costs and reasonable attorney fees.

The Surety's aggregate liability to all interested persons shall not exceed the amount set forth above.

If the bonded item is no longer titled or registered in this state and the currently valid title or registration is surrendered, the latest the bond will be in effect is at the end of three years from the time it was issued, unless the department receives notification of pending action to recover on this bond.

- Signature of principal: Marguerite Boisvert
 (or authorized agent)
- 6 Printed name of principal: Marguerite T. Boisvert
 (or authorized agent)
- Signature of authorized agent of surety company:
Harriet N. Colwell
 Printed name of authorized agent of surety company:
Harriet N. Colwell, attorney-in-fact

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Michigan · written against TR-121 (09/2025), issued under section 217(1)(d) of the Michigan Vehicle Code together with </forms/michigan/tr-121-vehicle-uniform-surety-bond/> sections 803 and 821 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act

The route for everything the self-certification cannot reach: a newer vehicle, a more valuable one, or one titled in another state. You file a bond with the Michigan Department of State alongside the title application, and the bond indemnifies the department, any prior owner and any subsequent purchaser against a defect in your right to the vehicle.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank TR-121 from the Michigan Department of State at <https://www.michigan.gov/sos/-/media/Project/Websites/sos/27lawensn/tr121.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	Type of item bonded	Seven tick boxes, matching the ones on the self-certification. Watch out: Bond the thing you are titling. A titled trailer and a trailer coach are different boxes and Michigan treats them as different vehicles.
2	YOU	VIN/HIN	The complete identification number, under the year, make and body style. Watch out: Complete is the instruction's word. Where the department holds no Michigan record for it, a TR-54 inspection by a Michigan law enforcement agency has to come in with the bond.
3	YOU	Printed name of Principal	You, with a complete residence or business address on the line beneath. Watch out: The person applying for the title signs the bond. Where a business is applying, a representative of the business signs, and the address has to be the business's.
4	YOU	Bond amount	One box, and the number in it is fixed by rule rather than negotiated. Watch out: Twice the value of the item. Get the value settled by an appraisal before you approach a bonding company, because it also sets the tax.
5	LENDER	Printed name of Authorized Surety Company	The company issuing the bond. Watch out: Licensed by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, and its authorisation to issue surety bonds has to be attached.
6	YOU	Signature and printed name of principal	Two rows at the foot of page two, both yours. Watch out: Signing this makes you liable to indemnify the Secretary of State, every department employee, any prior owner and any subsequent purchaser against a defect in your title.
7	LENDER	Signature of authorized agent of surety company	The last two rows, signed and printed by the surety's agent. Watch out: A duly authorized agent has to issue it, and a licensed nonresident agent's signature needs a licensed resident agent to countersign.

What gets this one rejected

- A bond written for the value of the vehicle. The instruction says twice the value, and half a bond is not a bond.
- A bond dated after the title application. The effective date must be no later than the date of application for the title or registration.
- Filing it on its own. In addition to the bond, all applicants must complete a TR-205 Self-Certification of Vehicle Ownership - the two go in together, even though the bond exists because the self-certification alone was not available.
- No proof of the surety's authorisation. It has to accompany the bond, and the surety company has to be licensed in Michigan.
- No VIN inspection where there is no Michigan record. A TR-54 completed by a Michigan law enforcement agency has to be submitted with the bond in that case.

☒ 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 TR-121 (09/2025) and the Michigan Department of State'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