

How to fill out 78-003 — Power of Attorney to Transfer Motor Vehicle

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Mississippi · written against 78-003 (Rev 06/21), issued under Mississippi Administrative Code 35.VII.5.04, which requires it as a supporting document to the application </forms/mississippi/78-003-individual-power-of-attorney/>

The notarised page that lets somebody else sell your car - deployed overseas, laid up, or simply five hundred miles from the buyer. The grantor appoints a true and lawful attorney to sell, transfer and assign one described motor vehicle, certifies the mileage on the same page, and swears the whole thing before a notary. The regulation gives it two hard edges: it must travel with the application as a supporting document, and it cannot be reassigned to another individual and/or company.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank 78-003 from the Mississippi Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle Services at <https://www.dor.ms.gov/sites/default/files/tax-forms/motor-vehicle/78003218.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	County, and your name as the title has it	The county where you swear the power, then your name in the grantor blank, copied from the face of the certificate. Watch out: Same form as contained in certificate of title is the printed standard - middle initials included. Read it off the title, not off your licence.
2	YOU	The appointee, findable and singular	Who may sell in your place, their address and county - with an authorized representative named if the appointee is a business. Watch out: Choose the person who will actually stand at the handover; the power cannot be reassigned, so a chain of helpful relatives is one relative too many.
3	YOU	The vehicle, one only	Make, VIN, year, body type and title number. Watch out: The grant is as wide as this block and no wider - a second vehicle needs a second sworn page, not a second line squeezed in.
4	YOU	The mileage, sworn now	The odometer reading in whole miles, exceptions checked only if true. Watch out: This number rides with the power into the buyer's application. If the car will be driven between now and the sale, plan the signing accordingly.
5	YOU	Sign, print, and the company-title rule	Signature of owner, grantor, and the printed name - with the office held appended if the title is in a company name. Watch out: Partner, President, Sec. Treas. - the form's own examples. A company car signed without the office is an unsigned company car.
6	OTHER	The notary's block	The notary completes the acknowledgement - the individual name only, the personal appearance, the hand and seal of office. Watch out: The acknowledgement names an individual even when the grantor is a business; the notary is vouching for the human being who appeared, not the letterhead.

What gets this one rejected

- A grantor name that drifts from the certificate. The form's own instruction is name to appear in same form as contained in certificate of title - a maiden name on the title and a married name on the power is a rejected pair.
- An attempt to hand the power on. The regulation is one line: a properly completed power of attorney cannot be reassigned to another individual and/or company. Your appointee cannot appoint.
- Using it after the owner has died. The regulation kills it automatically: a power of attorney to transfer a motor vehicle automatically expires and is no longer valid upon death of the owner - the estate's paperwork takes over from that moment.
- Leaving the mileage blank for the appointee to fill later. The certification is the grantor's, sworn with the rest of the page; a power with an open odometer line is an open cheque.
- No notary. The acknowledgement block is most of the bottom third of the page, and an unsworn power moves nothing at any counter.

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

Read off 78-003 (Rev 06/21) and the Mississippi Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle Services'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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Form 78-003-21-8-1-000 Rev. 06/21

Mississippi Department of Revenue

Motor Vehicle Services
P.O. Box 1383
Jackson, MS 39215-1383

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POWER OF ATTORNEY TO TRANSFER MOTOR VEHICLE

This document shall pass with the Certificate of Title and be included as a support document to the application for new Certificate of Title and/or Application for Replacement Certificate of Title.

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF Rankin

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENT:

1 THAT I, Harmon T. Leflore
GRANTOR, NAME TO APPEAR IN SAME FORM AS CONTAINED IN CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

483 Shiloh Creek Rd Florence MS 39073, OF THE COUNTY OF
(ADDRESS)

Rankin and the STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, owner of

the following described motor vehicle, have made, constituted and appointed and by these present do make, constitute and appoint

Lurleen M. Tatum

IF A BUSINESS, ALSO INCLUDE THE NAME OF AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BUSINESS

908 Ridgeway Dr Pearl MS 39208, OF THE COUNTY OF
(ADDRESS)

Rankin and the STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, my true

and lawful attorney, for me and in my name, place and stead to sell, transfer and assign the motor vehicle described as follows to wit:

3 MAKE Nissan V.I.N. 1N6AD0EV8HN760413

YEAR 2017 BODY TYPE Pickup

TITLE NUMBER 20647318

giving and granting unto my said attorney full power and authority to do and perform all and every act requisite and necessary to transfer and assign the legal title to said motor vehicle to anyone whomever, as may be designated by said attorney.

FEDERAL and STATE LAW requires that you state the mileage in connection with the transfer of ownership. Failure to complete or providing a false statement may result in fines and/or imprisonment.

I certify to the best of my knowledge that the odometer reading is the actual mileage of the vehicle unless one of the following statements is checked.

4 87214
Odometer Reading
(No Tenths)

1. I hereby certify that the mileage stated is in excess of the mechanical limits of the odometer.
2. The odometer reading is not actual mileage. WARNING-ODOMETER DISCREPANCY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE hereunto set my hand this 10th day of August, 20 26.

Signature of Owner, Grantor

Harmon T. Leflore

Printed Name of Grantor (if Title is in Company Name, include appropriate Title, Partner, President, Sec. Treas., etc.)

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Harmon T. Leflore
(Individual Name Only)

known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the above foregoing instrument, and acknowledge to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

6 GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE THIS _____ day of _____, 20 _____.

Notary Public