

# How to fill out 78-021 — Application for Inspection of a Salvage/Rebuilt Vehicle

Mississippi · written against 78-021 (Rev 08/17), issued under the Department of Public Safety's inspection stations, with the title paperwork returning to the Department of Revenue

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The rebuild's paper trail - the application that takes a salvage vehicle to a Mississippi Department of Public Safety inspection and, if it passes, on to a Rebuilt title. The owner-rebuilder affirms the vehicle has been completely restored in this state, inventories every major and minor component part replaced or repaired with the VIN of each donor vehicle, attaches notarized bills of sale for the major parts, and pays a \$75.00 inspection fee - due whether the vehicle passes or fails, and again at each re-inspection.

**This sheet is not the form.** Download the blank 78-021 from the Mississippi Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle Services at <https://www.dor.ms.gov/sites/default/files/tax-forms/motor-vehicle/78021178%2520Application%2520for%2520Inspection%2520for%2520a%2520Salvage%2520Vehicle.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 | <b>Clear or Rebuilt, and who you are</b> | The owner block, and the application-for tick - Rebuilt Title for a salvage rebuild. <b>Watch out:</b> The sales-tax and designated-agent numbers are for trade rebuilders; an ordinary owner leaves them empty without apology.                                                                           |
| 2 | YOU | <b>The vehicle and its reading</b>       | VIN, make, year, model, body type, acquisition date and the odometer with its two boxes. <b>Watch out:</b> The VIN here is about to be physically verified by an officer - this is the one application in the state where a discrepancy will be discovered in person.                                      |
| 3 | YOU | <b>The parts grid, coded honestly</b>    | 1 for replaced with N or U, 2 for repaired, across the major and minor grids, with donor VINs for the majors. <b>Watch out:</b> The grid is cross-examined against your receipts and the car itself. An undeclared replaced part found at inspection converts a paperwork visit into something else.       |
| 4 | YOU | <b>The evidence folder</b>               | Notarized bills of sale for major parts and transmission, invoices for minors, four color pictures, the salvage certificate. <b>Watch out:</b> Each major-part bill of sale must list the donor's manufacturer VIN - a receipt that just says 'hood' is a minor-part receipt no matter what it bought.     |
| 5 | YOU | <b>The appointment and the fee</b>       | Arrange the inspection with the Department of Public Safety and bring \$75.00 in certified funds. <b>Watch out:</b> Pass or fail, the fee is spent, and each re-inspection costs it again - which is the state pricing in exactly how finished the car should be before you book.                          |
| 6 | YOU | <b>After the pass</b>                    | The inspector signs with badge number and issues the completion certification; the rebuilder applies for the Rebuilt title with the whole file and the \$9.00 title fee. <b>Watch out:</b> Title first, sale second - the Rebuilt certificate in your name is what makes the finished car sellable at all. |

### What gets this one rejected

- Un-notarized major-part receipts. The preamble's rule is exact - notarized for major component parts and transmission, ordinary invoices for minor - and a folder of till receipts fails the file.
- Donor parts with no provenance. Every major row wants the VIN, year, make and acquired-from of the vehicle the part left; a part nobody can source is the fraud pattern this inspection exists to catch.
- Turning up without the fee. The \$75.00 is due at inspection, pass or fail, and due again for each re-inspection - certified funds, to the Department of Public Safety.
- Rebuilding out of state. The affirmation is that the vehicle was restored by applicant in this state (Mississippi), and the salvage pages say the same thing from the other side: a vehicle repaired in another state cannot be inspected in this state.
- Selling before the Rebuilt title exists. A salvage vehicle cannot be operated on the roads, issued a tag, or sold by a dealer until re-titled - the inspection and the new certificate come first, then the sale.

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

Read off 78-021 (Rev 08/17) 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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**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**  
**MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICES**  
**P. O. BOX 1383**  
**JACKSON, MS 39215**

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**  
**INSPECTION DIVISION - INSPECTION SITE**  
**PATROL SUBSTATIONS**

**Reset Form**

This Form is to be typed or legibly printed using blue or black ink.

Inspector's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION FOR INSPECTION OF A SALVAGE/REBUILT VEHICLE**

Badge # \_\_\_\_\_

(APPLICATION TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR INSPECTION OF A REBUILT VEHICLE)

Owner Information: Sales Tax Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Designated Agent # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name Harmon T. Leflore Doing Business As: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address 483 Shiloh Creek Rd Application For: ☐ Clear Title ☒ Rebuilt Title

City Florence State MS Zip Code 39073 Phone (Home) (601) 555-0148 (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned hereby affirms to be the owner(s) of the following described vehicle which was acquired on 08/02/2026

5NPE24AF1GH037291 Hyundai 2016 Sonata 4DSN Exceeds Limits ☐  
 VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Make Year Model Body Type Odometer Reading 64327 Not Actual ☐

Applicant hereby makes application for inspection of the above described vehicle which has been completely restored by applicant in this state (Mississippi) to its operating condition which existed prior to the event which caused the attached salvage certificate of title, permit to dismantle, total loss certificate, or similar type certificate to issue. Applicant further states that no parts listed below have been changed, or if any of the parts listed below have been changed, same are listed. Notarized bills of sale of major component parts and transmission (listing the manufacturer's vehicle identification number of the vehicle from which the parts were removed) must accompany this application. Bills of sale must be provided for minor component parts.

**(COMPONENT PARTS AS DEFINED IN TITLE 35 PART VII OF MISSISSIPPI ADMIN. CODE)**

ENTER "1" FOR PARTS REPLACED AND "N" FOR NEW OR "U" FOR USED. MAJOR COMPONENT PARTS REPAIRED OR REPLACED (Identify vehicle(s) from which parts were removed and attach bills of sale.)  
 ENTER "2" FOR PARTS REPAIRED

| Vehicle Identification Number                                                                                        | Year | Make | Acquired From |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|---------------|
| Cowl or Firewall                                                                                                     |      |      |               |
| Front-end assembly                                                                                                   |      |      |               |
| Rear clip including roof panel                                                                                       |      |      |               |
| Roof panel when separately repaired or replaced                                                                      |      |      |               |
| Frame, or any portion thereof or, in the case of a unitized body, the supporting structure which serves as the frame |      |      |               |
| Motor or engine (replaced)                                                                                           |      |      |               |
| TRUCK, TRUCK TYPE OR BUS TYPE VEHICLE                                                                                |      |      |               |
| Frame, or any portion thereof or, in the case of a unitized body, the supporting structure which serves as the frame |      |      |               |
| Cab                                                                                                                  |      |      |               |
| Cargo compartment floor panel or passenger compartment floor plan                                                    |      |      |               |
| Transmission or transaxle (replaced)                                                                                 |      |      |               |
| Motor or Engine (replaced)                                                                                           |      |      |               |
| Roof panel when separately repaired or replaced                                                                      |      |      |               |

**MINOR COMPONENT PARTS REPAIRED OR REPLACED - Parts common to Passenger, Pickups, and other types of vehicle apply**

**ALL MINOR PARTS BEARING FULL OR PARTIAL VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS TO BE LISTED BELOW:**

| Part Description                                                              | Vehicle Identification Number | Year        | Make           | Acquired From        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Transmission or transaxle (replaced)                                          |                               |             |                |                      |
| Each left door allowing entrance to or egress from the passenger compartment  |                               |             |                |                      |
| Each right door allowing entrance to or egress from the passenger compartment |                               |             |                |                      |
| Hood                                                                          | <u>5NPE24AF1GH510283</u>      | <u>2016</u> | <u>Hyundai</u> | <u>Rankin U-Pull</u> |
| Front Bumper                                                                  | <u>5NPE24AF1GH510283</u>      | <u>2016</u> | <u>Hyundai</u> | <u>Rankin U-Pull</u> |
| Rear Bumper                                                                   |                               |             |                |                      |

**MOTORCYCLE PARTS REPLACED**

|                           |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Engine or Motor           |  |  |  |  |
| Transmission or transaxle |  |  |  |  |
| Frame                     |  |  |  |  |
| Front fork                |  |  |  |  |
| Crankcase                 |  |  |  |  |

Other Parts Replaced or Repaired:

**OWNER/REBUILDER FURTHER STATES THAT THE FOLLOWING WAS DONE TO RESTORE SAID CONDITION WHICH EXISTED PRIOR TO THE EVENT WHICH CAUSED THE ATTACHED SALVAGE CERTIFICATE OF TITLE, PERMIT TO DISMANTLE, TOTAL LOSS CERTIFICATE, OR SIMILAR TYPE CERTIFICATE TO ISSUE: (PAINTING, REPLACED GLASS, ETC.)**

List the original manufacturer's public VIN \_\_\_\_\_ Said Plate ☐ (DOES) or ☐ (DOES NOT) remain properly attached in location and that said plate number ☐ (HAS) or ☐ (HAS NOT) been altered or mutilated in any way. Owner/rebuilder further states that: (1) Owner/rebuilder rebuilt the vehicle or supervised its rebuilders. (2) Owner/rebuilder personally inspected the completed vehicle and it complies with all safety requirements set forth by the State of Mississippi and any regulations promulgated thereunder. (3) The identification numbers of the restored vehicle and its parts have not, to the knowledge of the owner, been removed, destroyed, falsified, altered or defaced. (4) The salvage certificate document or out of state title certificate attached to the application has not to the knowledge of the owner/rebuilder been forged, falsified, altered or counterfeited. (5) All information contained on the application and its attachments is true and correct to the knowledge of the owner. I affirm under penalties of perjury, that all information contained in this affirmation and its attachments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

**DISTRIBUTION: Original form & original bills of sale with application for title. Make two (2) copies for the Department of Public Safety Inspector and retain a copy for owner records. COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION WITH THE VEHICLE COMPLETELY RESTORED AND READY FOR INSPECTION.**

Harmon T. Leflore 08/18/2026  
 TYPE OR PRINT NAME SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT DATE

ENTER "N" FOR NEW OR "U" FOR USED

ENTER "N" FOR NEW OR "U" FOR USED

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