

How to fill out 78-031 — Certification to Cancel Title for Scrapped, Dismantled or Destroyed Vehicle

Mississippi · written against 78-031 (11/19), issued under Miss. Code Ann. Section 63-21-39, which the form cites for both the surrender and the penalty [/forms/mississippi/78-031-cancel-title-scrapped-vehicle/](#)

The one-way door: the certification that sends a vehicle to a licensed used motor vehicle parts dealer or scrap metal processor for parts or scrap. The seller certifies ownership, that the vehicle is at least ten model years old and free of liens, and - the sentence that makes it final - that the vehicle shall never be titled again; it must be dismantled or scrapped. The business completes the bottom half and mails the form to the Department within seventy-two hours.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank 78-031 from the Mississippi Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle Services at <https://www.dor.ms.gov/sites/default/files/tax-forms/motor-vehicle/78031198.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	The true ownership box	Never titled in my name, title lost or stolen, or title already surrendered for cancellation - one tick. Watch out: Lost-title scrapping is this form's quiet gift: no replacement certificate needed to scrap a ten-plus-year-old vehicle, because the certification stands in for the paper.
2	YOU	Read the never-again sentence aloud	The vehicle is ten model years old at least, lien-free, and shall never be titled again. Watch out: This is the last decision anyone makes about this VIN. If any part of you is unsure, the salvage route keeps a rebuilt future open and this line closes it.
3	YOU	Vehicle and mileage	VIN, make, model, year, and the odometer reading with its caution-flanked exception statements. Watch out: Yes, even the crusher gets a mileage disclosure - the reading dies on this record, so read it off the dash like any sale.
4	YOU	Your identity, licence number included	Name, driver's license number, address, signature, date. Watch out: The DL number is non-negotiable by the form's own privacy notice - it is how the state knows the person scrapping the car is the person entitled to.
5	OTHER	The business's half and your copy	The licensed dealer or processor completes its block - name, NMVTIS ID, acquisition date, agent's signature and title - and owns the seventy-two-hour mailing. Watch out: Photograph or copy the completed form before the truck leaves. The tag is already off and headed for the Tax Collector; this sheet is the car's death certificate, and you want a copy of it.

What gets this one rejected

- A vehicle younger than ten model years. The certification's age floor is absolute on this form - a newer wreck goes through the salvage title machinery instead.
- A lien anywhere on the record. Not subject to any secured interest or lien is certified, not hoped; an old forgotten lien surfaces here, and the eight-year automatic satisfaction rule is the honest fix, not a false certification.
- Selling to an unlicensed buyer. The banner limits the form to licensed parts dealers and scrap metal processors - the NMVTIS ID line in the acquirer's half is how the Department checks.
- A driver's license number left blank. The privacy notice is unusually direct: failure to provide the information will result in the denial of a certificate of title - the number is the anti-fraud anchor of the whole certification.
- Using it on a car somebody might want to drive. Never titled again means never - a running classic sold for parts money through this form is legally scrap forever, whatever the buyer does next.

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

Form 78-031-19-8-1-000 Rev(11/19)

Mississippi CERTIFICATION TO CANCEL TITLE FOR SCRAPPED, DISMANTLED OR DESTROYED VEHICLE

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THIS FORM MUST BE TYPED OR COMPUTER PRINTED AND CAN ONLY BE USED TO TRANSFER A VEHICLE FOR PARTS OR SCRAP TO A LICENSED, USED MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS DEALER OR SCRAP METAL PROCESSOR.

I, the undersigned, certify that I am the owner of the below described vehicle and one of the following applies:

- 1.) I never obtained a title to the vehicle in my name, or
- 2.) I was issued a title for the above described vehicle, but the title has been lost or stolen, or
- 3.) I have surrendered the title to MS Department of Revenue for cancellation per Miss. Code Ann. Section 63-21-39 (1).

I, the undersigned, further certify that the below described vehicle is at least ten (10) model years old and is not subject to any secured interest or lien and the vehicle shall never be titled again; it must be dismantled or scrapped. Falsification of this form and any information provided would result in a misdemeanor and/or felony per Miss. Code Ann. Section 63-21-39 (1)(J)(i) and (ii).

VIN Number:

1FAHP3FN4BW152873

Make: **Ford** Model: **Focus** Year: **2011**

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.

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ODOMETER READING (No Tenths)

CAUTION: READ
CAREFULLY BEFORE
YOU CHECK A BLOCK

- ☐ 1. The mileage stated is in excess of its mechanical limits.
☐ 2. The odometer reading is not the actual mileage.
WARNING - ODOMETER DISCREPANCY

Seller's Name: **Harmon T. Leflore** Driver's License Number: **800417734**

Street Address: **483 Shiloh Creek Rd**

City: **Florence** State: **MS** ZIP: **39073**

Harmon Leflore **08/14/2026**

Seller's Signature

Date

I, the undersigned, certify that the above described vehicle has been acquired as junk, parts only, or scrap.

Acquiring Business's Name: **Chunky River Auto Parts & Metals**

Street Address: **4410 Old Highway 80 W**

City: **Meridian** State: **MS** ZIP: **39307**

NMVTIS ID Number: **MS8412907** Date of Acquisition **08/14/2026**

Business Agent's Signature, Printed Name, and Title

This form must be mailed by the used motor vehicle parts dealers or scrap metal processor to the Department of Revenue within seventy-two (72) hours of the completed transaction. Forms must be completed by the Business Agent. Incomplete forms will be rejected.

Disclosure Statement and Privacy Act Notice

Driver's License Numbers are required by State Law and will be used in the administration of State Motor Vehicle Laws. The Department is authorized to collect the information pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 405 (c)(2)(C) and Miss. Code Ann. Section 63-21-15. Titles and Registration records may be released only pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Sections 2721-2725. Failure to provide the information will result in the denial of a certificate of title.

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