

How to fill out a Mississippi title

Mississippi Certificate of Title · 8 of 10 boxes are the seller's · rules as of 2026-08-23

This sheet is not the title. It is the checklist to keep beside one. Never accept or deliver a title that is incomplete or improperly assigned. Do not leave the buyer's name blank to complete later - this is a violation of Mississippi law. Printed in bold on the Department's own titles page. The Department publishes no numbered field guide for its certificate. The order below follows its own transfer instruction - assignment first, mileage certification inside it, signatures last - with each block's wording sourced from the form or FAQ answer that reproduces it.

Who has to sign

The seller, on every section	The Department's split is explicit: the seller must complete all sections on the title assignment except for the buyer's printed name and signature. The pen stays in your hand for the vehicle, the mileage, the date and your own name.
The buyer, twice and no more	Their printed name and their signature - the two lines the instruction reserves to them - and then their real signing happens at the counter, on the application the designated agent prepares.
A surviving co-owner, depending on one word	Names joined by OR: the survivor's signature alone moves the car. Joined by AND: the survivor needs a court-endorsed probated will. AND/OR: the survivor signs with the death certificate attached. The Department's FAQ states all three.
An attorney-in-fact, only with the sworn page attached	A 78-003 lets someone sell, transfer and assign in your name - notarised, stapled to the certificate, and dead the moment the owner dies.
Nobody in front of a notary	The transfer instruction contains no notary step. Mississippi saves its notaries for the documents around the sale - powers of attorney, heirship, corrections, ownership affidavits.
Not you, in the reassignment sections	The dealer reassignment spaces below the owner's assignment belong to licence holders - and to insurance companies, which the salvage regulation directs to use the First Reassignment by Licensed Dealer section on the back of the title.

Every box, in the order you meet it

#	WHO	BOX	WHAT GOES IN IT
1	YOU	Read the front before you touch the back	Nothing to write yet. Check three things on the face: the names and the conjunction between them, any lienholder not yet released, and any brand - the Department prints Salvage, Rebuilt, Flood damaged and Hail damaged on the front of the title. Watch out: A lien on the face has to be released - on the face by the lienholder, or electronically - before the assignment means anything. And the FAQ tells buyers to check the title for these brands and ask the seller about any present brand during the assignment of title, so expect the question.
2	YOU	Purchaser's name	The buyer's full legal name, in your handwriting - the Department's name-change FAQ calls this the Purchaser's name field, and its transfer instruction makes everything except the buyer's own two lines the seller's to complete. Watch out: Write it before the certificate leaves your hand. The titles page is blunt about the alternative: do not leave the buyer's name blank to complete later - this is a violation of Mississippi law.
3	YOU	Purchaser's address	The buyer's address, from their driver's licence rather than from memory. Watch out: Their county is riding on this line - a Mississippi vehicle registers in the county where it is domiciled or parked overnight, and that county's millage sets their ad valorem bill.
4	YOU	The mileage certification	The odometer reading in whole miles - the certification wording is the 78-015's: I state that the odometer now reads (no tenths) miles, and to the best of my knowledge it reflects the actual mileage unless one of the statements is checked. Watch out: This figure gets copied onto the buyer's application at the counter, and if the two ever disagree, the cure is the 78-023 - a notarised affidavit from every owner since the discrepancy occurred, at \$9.00 for the corrected title.
5	YOU	The two exception statements	Statement 1: the reading reflects mileage in excess of the odometer's mechanical limits. Statement 2: the reading is not the actual mileage - printed with WARNING - ODOMETER DISCREPANCY. Watch out: Checking neither is itself the certification that the number is true. Statement 2 is permanent paint: it follows the vehicle through every later title, so it is not a favour to tick over a flickering cluster.
6	YOU	Date of sale	The day the vehicle actually changes hands. The 78-008 confirms a purchase date lives in this block by refusing to correct one - a wrong date means replacement documents, not a strikeover. Watch out: The buyer's 30 business days to register run from the purchase date, so backdating to be kind shortens their window and invites the late-registration penalty ladder - 5% after the grace, climbing to 25%.

#	WHO	BOX	WHAT GOES IN IT
7	YOU	Your signature	Sign in the name the front of the certificate uses. Two owners joined by AND both sign; OR lets either; nobody signs in front of a notary. Watch out: Make it clean the first time. A strikeover in a signature is one of the 78-008's named reasons - Seller signed their name incorrectly - and that cure is a sworn, notarised affidavit attached to the buyer's application.
8	YOU	Your printed name	Printed beside or under the signature, matching the face of the certificate exactly. Watch out: The 78-033's lanes show how the Department reads this: signature and printed name are separate entries for each party, and its own forms ask for both every time.
9	BUYER	Buyer's printed name and signature	The two lines the instruction reserves for the buyer: they print their name and sign it, acknowledging the mileage you certified above. Watch out: This is the only part of the assignment that is theirs, and it must match the name going on the application at the counter - the counter copy is their driving permit until the title arrives, so a mismatch stalls them, not you.
10	DEALER	The dealer reassignment sections	Below the owner's assignment sit reassignment sections for licence holders. The salvage regulation names the first one - the First Reassignment by Licensed Dealer section on the back of the title - and assigns it to insurance companies transferring totalled vehicles. Watch out: A private seller writes nothing here at any price. The 78-008's strikeover list includes Assignment placed in dealer assignment in error, which tells you exactly how often people find this out afterwards - and the cure is a sworn affidavit.

Six habits for a Mississippi assignment

- **No strikeovers, no correction fluid** — A strikeover in the assignment needs a sworn 78-008 naming its cause, and anything blocked out by erasure or correction fluid is past saving - the form itself says replacement documents must be obtained.
- **Write the buyer's name in before the title leaves your hand** — An assignment with the purchaser blank is an open title, and the Department calls delivering one a violation of Mississippi law in bold on its own titles page.
- **Read the mileage off the dashboard, not the listing** — The number you certify is copied onto the application at the counter, and unwinding a wrong one takes a notarised affidavit from every owner since the error.
- **Photocopy the signed certificate, both faces** — The Department's own after-sale instruction: always make a copy of the front and back of the signed title and keep it with your records. It is the evidence behind every later dispute about tolls, tickets and dates.
- **Take the tag off before the buyer drives away** — It cannot go with the car and it cannot go on your next one - it goes to the county, and it is earning registration credit only from the day it lands on the counter.
- **Related buyer? Bring the relationship in writing** — Spouse, parent, child, grandparent, grandchild or sibling sales dodge the 5% casual sales tax, but the titles page expects an Affidavit of Relationship completed to prove it.

THE ASSIGNMENT ON A MISSISSIPPI CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

what the seller completes, mapped from the Department of Revenue's own words — the DOR publishes no picture of either face

THE SELLER MUST COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS ON THE TITLE ASSIGNMENT EXCEPT FOR THE BUYER'S PRINTED NAME AND SIGNATURE.

That sentence is the Department's own division of labour, from its Motor Vehicle Titles page. Two lines belong to the buyer; the pen stays in your hand for everything else below.

1 READ THE FRONT FIRST — BRANDS AND LIENS

Nothing to write on the face, but two things on it govern the back: a lienholder not yet released stops the sale, and the FAQ says brands are printed on the front of the title — Salvage, Rebuilt, Flood damaged, Hail damaged — and tells buyers to ask the seller about any present brand during the assignment of title.

2 PURCHASER'S NAME

YOU

Ottis J. Renfroe

The Department names this field in its own FAQ, and its titles page adds the bold warning: do not leave the buyer's name blank to complete later — this is a violation of Mississippi law.

3 PURCHASER'S ADDRESS

YOU

2117 Sweetgum Ln, Byram, MS 39272

From the buyer's licence. Their county is riding on it — a Mississippi vehicle registers where it is domiciled or parked overnight.

I STATE THAT THE ODOMETER NOW READS _____ (NO TENTHS) MILES AND TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE THAT IT REFLECTS THE ACTUAL MILEAGE OF THE VEHICLE UNLESS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS IS CHECKED:

4 ODOMETER READING

YOU

NO TENTHS

87214

The certification wording is the 78-015's, restated by the 78-033 for certificates that cannot be signed directly. Whole miles, read off the dashboard at handover — the buyer's application must carry the same figure exactly.

5 THE TWO EXCEPTION STATEMENTS

YOU

☐ (1) IN EXCESS OF THE ODOMETER'S MECHANICAL LIMITS ☐ (2) NOT THE ACTUAL MILEAGE — WARNING — ODOMETER DISCREPANCY

Checking neither is the affirmative answer that the number is true. Statement (2) follows the vehicle permanently, and a wrong reading on the record takes the sworn 78-023 from every later owner to unwind.

6 DATE OF SALE

YOU

08 / 12 / 2026

The 78-008 proves a purchase date lives in this block by refusing to correct one — a wrong date means replacement documents, not a strikeover. The buyer's 30 business days run from it.

HOW MANY OWNERS SIGN

Decided by the conjunction on the front. The Department's FAQ, on a deceased co-owner: OR — the survivor's signature alone; AND — the survivor plus a court-endorsed probated will; AND/OR — the survivor plus the death certificate.

7 SELLER'S SIGNATURE

YOU

Harmon Leflore

In the name the front of the certificate uses. The Department's transfer instruction has no notary step — and no strikeovers: a spoiled signature is a sworn 78-008, and erasure or correction fluid is past saving.

8 SELLER'S PRINTED NAME

YOU

Harmon T. Leflore

Signature and printed name are separate entries — the 78-033's lanes and the 78-015's signature block both ask for the pair.

9 BUYER'S PRINTED NAME AND SIGNATURE

The two lines the instruction reserves to the buyer, in their own hand — acknowledging the mileage you certified. Their real signing happens at the county Tax Collector's counter, where the 78-002 application is signed by the buyer and the designated agent.

10 FIRST REASSIGNMENT BY LICENSED DEALER

Named by the salvage regulation, 35.VII.6.05(304), as a section on the back of the title — and assigned there to insurance companies transferring totalled vehicles, alongside licensed dealers. The 78-008's strikeover list includes Assignment placed in dealer assignment in error, which is what happens when a private seller writes here. Nothing in these sections is yours.

 You write it, in pen Not yours to fill Numbered to the steps further down this page

The Department of Revenue publishes no picture of its certificate of title, so the arrangement above is ours and only the words are theirs: each printed phrase is transcribed from the Motor Vehicle Titles page, the Motor Vehicle FAQ, Form 78-015, Form 78-033, Form 78-008's list of what goes wrong in this block, or regulation 35.VII.6.05(304), which names the dealer reassignment section · searched for a specimen and found none: the dealer booklet, the dealer licence packet, the records-disclosure packet, Administrative Code Title 35 Part VII, and all 51 published motor vehicle forms · none of the certificate's colour, proportion, security tint or watermark is reproduced here

Form 78-033-17-8-1-000 Rev(10/17)

MISSISSIPPI AUTHORIZATION FOR TITLE ASSIGNMENT AND MILEAGE DISCLOSURE

Reset Form

Print Form

VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (VIN)	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	BODY
1N6AD0EV8HN760413	2017	Nissan	Frontier	PK

A. AUTHORIZATION

TO BE COMPLETED BY TRANSFEROR / SELLER

I Harmon T. Leflore authorize the Mississippi Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle Services to assign certificate of title number 20647318, reflecting the above described vehicle, to the transferee below and disclose the mileage of said vehicle exactly as I have stated in my disclosure below.

TO BE COMPLETED BY TRANSFEE / BUYER

I Ottis J. Renfroe authorize the Mississippi Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle Services to sign certificate of title number 20647318 where my signature is required, and sign the mileage disclosure on said certificate of title if the disclosure is exactly as the disclosure completed below.

TO BE COMPLETED BY DESIGNATED AGENT

I _____ authorize the Mississippi Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle Services to sign certificate of title number _____ where my signature is required, and sign the mileage disclosure on said certificate of title if the disclosure is exactly as the disclosure completed below.

B. ODOMETER DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (seller states odometer reading)

I state that the odometer now reads 87214 miles and to the best of my knowledge that it reflects the actual mileage UNLESS one of the following statements is checked:

- ☐ (1) I certify that to the best of my knowledge the odometer reading reflects the mileage **IN EXCESS OF ITS MECHANICAL LIMITS.**
- ☐ (2) I certify that the odometer reading is not actual mileage. **WARNING - ODOMETER DISCREPANCY.**

seller's/designated agent's signature

Harmon T. Leflore

seller's/designated agent's printed name

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seller's/designated agent's address

Florence MS 39073

seller's/designated agent's city, state, zip

buyer's signature

Ottis J. Renfroe

buyer's printed name

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