

Form 1545 — Odometer Statement of Explanation: a filled-in example. Amber is what you write; grey is a block somebody else completes. The line-by-line notes follow. [Back to the walkthrough](#)

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MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
MOTOR VEHICLE BUREAU
ODOMETER STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION

FORM
1545
(REV. 08-2013)

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vehicle described below now reads 118,400 miles/kilometers.

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MAKE	MODEL	BODY TYPE	
Jeep	Cherokee	4D UTILITY	
VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER		YEAR	DEALER NUMBER
1 J 4 F F 4 8 S 5 X L 5 8 3 9 1 7		1 9 9 9	

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How to fill out Form 1545 — Odometer Statement of Explanation

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The statement that has to travel with a title whenever the mileage box is not simply true. RSMo 407.536 requires a seller who knows the true mileage differs from the odometer, or does not know it at all, to send a statement containing all facts known concerning the true mileage - and this is the Department's version of that statement, with five pre-written explanations to choose between.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank Form 1545 from the Missouri Department of Revenue at <https://dor.mo.gov/forms/1545.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	Your name and the reading	The opening sentence, with your printed name on the first rule and the current odometer reading on the second. Watch out: The label under the second rule reads odometer reading (excluding tenths). Whatever the odometer is doing, this is the number it is showing today.
2	YOU	The vehicle	Make, model, body type, vehicle identification number, year and a dealer number a private seller leaves empty. Watch out: The identification number sits in a seventeen-cell comb, one character each. It is the only thing tying this statement to the title it will be filed with.
3	YOU	Read all five before ticking one	No odometer; altered for repair with the same reading carried across; a replacement that could not register the same mileage; a replacement reset to zero; or a reading that is simply not actual. Watch out: They describe five different histories and only one can be true. The instruction is printed in capitals and it is CHECK ONE BOX ONLY.
4	YOU	Fill in the figures inside the statement	Statements 1, 3 and 4 each have a mileage figure to write into the sentence itself. Watch out: Statement 3 wants two: what the replacement odometer read when it went in, and what the original read before it came out. Guessing at either is the thing this form exists to avoid.
5	YOU	Statement 5 and its three lines	The true mileage is unknown because - followed by three ruled lines. Watch out: Write what you actually know: when you bought the car, what it read then, what has been replaced since. The statute asks for all facts known by the transferor, not for an apology.
6	BUYER	The buyer's block	Transferee's name and signature, street address, city, state and ZIP. Watch out: The buyer signing is their acknowledgement that they were told. A car sold with a discrepancy and no signature here is the version that turns into an argument later.
7	YOU	Your signature and address	Transferor's signature, street address, city, state and ZIP at the foot. Watch out: No notary. This is a sworn statement in substance but not in form, and it goes in with the title rather than to a separate address.

What gets this one rejected

- More than one box. Printed in capitals above them: CHECK ONE BOX ONLY.
- A box ticked with its figures left blank. Three of the five statements have numbers to write into them, and they are the substance of the explanation.
- Statement 5 with no reason given. The three ruled lines after because are the point of that option.
- A statement that contradicts the title assignment. The reading here and the reading on the back of the certificate are read together, and where they differ neither is believed.
- Sending it instead of ticking the box on the title. The certificate's own MILEAGE READING IS NOT ACTUAL box still has to be marked; this explains it rather than replacing it.

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Read off Form 1545 (Rev 08-2013) and the Missouri Department of Revenue's own pages, current as of 2026-08-23. Plain-language help with a form, sellmycarhub.com not legal advice — where this and the agency differ, the agency governs.