

# How to fill out MV11 — Application for Repossession of a Vehicle

Not your form, and worth knowing whose it is. This is how a secured party that has already taken a vehicle back gets a Montana title in its own name so it can sell the car - the paperwork behind the repossession, not the repossession itself. It is here because sellers search for it: people who have fallen behind on a loan want to know what is coming, and people buying a repossessed car want to know what the seller is holding. The one number in it that matters to an owner is five: once the department receives repossession documents, the titled owner is notified and has five days from the date of notification to contact the secured party before the repossession title issues.

**This sheet is not the form.** Download the blank MV11 from the Montana Department of Justice, Motor Vehicle Division, Vehicle Services Bureau at <https://mvdmt.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/MV11-Application-for-Repossession-of-a-Vehicle.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

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|---|--------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | LENDER | The applicant                               | The person, firm, company or corporation making the application, and where it resides. <b>Watch out:</b> This is the party that will end up on the new Montana title. If the name here is a servicer rather than the lender on your loan, the security agreement it names should explain why.                                           |
| 2 | LENDER | The security agreement and the debtor       | Who the agreement was entered into with, and their address. <b>Watch out:</b> That name is the titled owner the department will notify. An address the lender has not updated is how a five-day notice reaches nobody.                                                                                                                  |
| 3 | LENDER | The vehicle, including the title number     | Year, make, style, ton, plate, colour, VIN and title number. <b>Watch out:</b> The plate is listed because it is still assigned to the registered owner. A repossession does not transfer plates any more than a sale does.                                                                                                             |
| 4 | LENDER | The date of lawful repossession             | The day, month and year the vehicle was taken, followed by the certification of continuous and undisputed possession since. <b>Watch out:</b> This date is the anchor for everything that follows. If it is wrong, the possession certification signed underneath it is wrong too.                                                      |
| 5 | LENDER | The signature, and the indemnity beneath it | Printed name, legal signature, identification number, email and phone, under MCA 45-7-203. <b>Watch out:</b> The signature also adopts the indemnity of the Chief of the Vehicle Services Bureau and an agreement to defend any resulting suit at the applicant's own expense. That is the price of a title issued on one party's word. |

**What gets this one rejected**

- An owner filing it. Only the party holding the security agreement can make this application - it establishes the secured party's ownership, not anybody else's.
- A gap in possession. The certification is continuous and undisputed possession from the date of repossession to the present, and a vehicle handed back and taken again is a different set of facts.
- The two dates confused. One is the day of the repossession; the other is the day the application is signed. Filling both with today's date says the car was taken this morning.
- A missing title number where one exists. The department is transferring an existing record, and the title number is how it finds it.
- An unsigned indemnity. The signature adopts the indemnity of the Bureau Chief along with everything else on the page; there is no version of this form without it.

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



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## Vehicle Services Bureau

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For purposes of this document "vehicle" includes a motor vehicle, trailer, semi-trailer, pole trailer, camper, motorboat, personal watercraft, sailboat, and snowmobile. The appropriate title fee (U.S. funds only) must be submitted with this application:

- o \$12.36 for automobiles, vans, SUVs, trucks, buses, and logging trucks - all weighing one ton or less
- o \$10.30 for all other vehicles
- o Temporary Registration Permit fee, if applicable, \$20.09 in-state purchaser
- o Fees include 3% administration fee per MCA 61-3-111
- o Make checks payable to: State of Montana

### I certify that:

- 1 I (or the firm, company or corporation I represent) Big Sky Timberline Credit Union  
residing at 905 First Ave N, Great Falls, MT 59401
- 2 entered into a security agreement with Wendell A. Hochstetler  
residing at 1470 Valley Dr, Miles City, MT 59301  
on the following vehicle:
- 3 Year 2013 Make Toyota 4Runner SR5 Style Sport Utility  
Ton 1/2 License Plate Number 5-27341A Color Slate Grey  
Identification No. 4R8KUZ5B6DL418206 Title No. 3M1749206
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  - On the 9th day of February, 2027 I lawfully repossessed the vehicle;
  - I (or the firm, company, or corporation I represent) have been in **continuous and undisputed possession** of said vehicle from the date of repossession stated above to the present time;
  - I make this application for the purpose of establishing ownership to said vehicle in order to obtain a certificate of title under MCA 61-3-221, and to release the security interest that has been filed against this vehicle;
  - I indemnify the Chief of the Vehicle Services Bureau and all persons acting for him/her from any and all liability that may be incurred by transferring the certificate of title and agree to defend, at my own expense, any suit brought against the Chief or any person acting for him/her as a result of issuing this title;
  - Under penalty of law (MCA 45-7-203), I certify that the statements made and information contained on this form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief; I am the person named on this form; and, if signing for a business entity or trust, I have full authority to do so.

Dated this 12th day of February, 2027 DL/FEIN/Tribal ID/Corp ID\* ELT 4412

Email Address: liens@example.com Phone Number: (406) 555-0190

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name: Ardith J. Pomeroy

This is my legal signature

\*DL=Drivers License number; FEIN=Federal Employer Identification Number; Tribal ID=Tribal Identification card; Corp ID=Corporate Identification number.

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