

How to fill out MV203 — Montana Salvage Receipt

The other half of the salvage paperwork: where the MV206 is an application for the certificate, this is the receipt that records the insurer selling, transferring and delivering the wreck to whoever is taking it - with an odometer certification and, where the car moved through a Montana auction, a stamp block for the auction. It carries the same \$5.15 fee. It is also the form in this set that still prints Montana's superseded odometer rule, which is worth knowing before you copy anything off it.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank MV203 from the Montana Department of Justice, Motor Vehicle Division, Vehicle Services Bureau at <https://mvdmt.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/MV203-Salvage-Receipt-0323.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 applicant, and the county	Legal name, driver licence number, both addresses, and the county of residence in field 4. Watch out: County is its own numbered field for a reason - it routes the transaction. It is the field people skip because it is out on the right-hand edge.
2	YOU	The vehicle, by VIN	The identification number, then year, make, model, body style and colour. Watch out: One of the three bullets you sign under is that you compared this number with the number on the vehicle. On a hail car that is a two-minute check; on a wreck it can be the only identification left.
3	YOU	The odometer certification	Digit count, reading with no tenths, and the date read. Watch out: Read the vehicle rather than the file. The two exception boxes brand the record permanently, and the form's printed nine-year rule beside them is out of date.
4	YOU	The applicant signs - once	One legal signature and a printed name, adopting the certification, the odometer statement and the VIN comparison. Watch out: Only one signature is required even where two people are taking the car. What is not optional is agreeing to all three bullets above it.
5	AGENT	The insurance company's half	The representative's signature and printed name, with the Dated this day line, and an auction stamp where a Montana auction was involved. Watch out: The transfer sentence - I hereby do sell, transfer, and deliver - is the insurer's. Without their signature under it, nothing on this page has actually moved the vehicle.

What gets this one rejected

- An applicant signature with no insurer signature where the insurer is transferring the vehicle. The transfer sentence is the insurer's, and it needs the representative's signature under it.
- A missing county of residence. It is field 4 on the form and it decides which county treasurer handles the transaction.
- An odometer reading with tenths. The form says no tenths, exactly as the MV90A does.
- An auction sale with no stamp. Where the vehicle was sold through a Montana auction, the panel exists to be stamped, and the manual requires an auction to stamp its name and licence number in an assignment section to show its involvement.
- A form used for a vehicle fifteen years old or older. The salvage certificate route is for vehicles 14 years old or newer; older total losses are handled by the insurer transferring ownership instead.

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



Montana Salvage Receipt

Fee: \$5.15

Fees include 3% administration fee per MCA 61-3-111
Make checks payable to State of Montana

Office Use Only

Vehicle Services Bureau

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Application for Salvage Certificate 1. I am the applicant making claim of ownership on the following motor vehicle to obtain a Salvage Certificate for that vehicle pursuant to Montana law.

Business Name if Applicable			DL/FEIN/Tribal ID/Corp ID*		
Legal Name of Applicant if Individual <i>Delphine R. Kowalchuk</i>			Driver License Number <i>0417329865</i>		
2. Residential or Business Address <i>612 W Broadway St</i>	City <i>Lewistown</i>	State <i>MT</i>	Zip Code <i>59457</i>	4. County of Residence <i>Fergus</i>	
3. Mailing Address <i>612 W Broadway St</i>	City <i>Lewistown</i>	State <i>MT</i>	Zip Code <i>59457</i>		
Email Address <i>d.kowalchuk@example.com</i>		Phone Number <i>(406) 555-0138</i>			

Vehicle Description	5. Vehicle Identification Number 9K5HCA7RXJM806341				
6. Year <i>2016</i>	7. Make <i>Subaru</i>	8. Model <i>Forester</i>	9. Body Style <i>Wagon</i>	10. Color <i>Blue</i>	

When OUT-OF-STATE title info is available, complete fields 11-14:	11. Out-of-State Title No.	12. Title Date	13. Issuing State
14. Out-of-State Registered Owner's Name and Address			

Certification of Salvage Vehicle by INSURER

- I certify that the vehicle described above meets the definition of a salvage vehicle.
- I hereby do sell, transfer, and deliver the above-referenced vehicle to the applicant listed above
- If a certificate of ownership (i.e., title) is not surrendered with this application, I further certify that I have made two attempts to obtain the certificate of ownership from the current titled and registered owner.
- The security interest release (if applicable) and the conforming odometer statement (9 years and newer) must be submitted.

Certification of Salvage Vehicle by APPLICANT

- I certify that the vehicle described above has been deemed a salvage vehicle by the insurer.
- I have purchased the above-referenced vehicle and I am named as applicant above.

Odometer Certification

Federal law requires you to state the mileage in connection with the transfer of ownership. Failure to complete or providing a false statement may result in fines and/or imprisonment.

I state that this ☐ 5 or ☒ 6 digit odometer now reads 71,402 (no tenths) miles, date read 07/28/2026 and to the best of my knowledge that it reflects the actual mileage **UNLESS one of the following statements is checked:**

STOP! DO NOT check one of the following unless it applies.

- ☐ I hereby certify that the odometer reading reflects the amount of mileage **IN EXCESS OF ITS MECHANICAL LIMITS.**
- ☐ I hereby certify that the odometer reading is not the actual mileage. **WARNING - ODOMETER DISCREPANCY.**

Signature Certification

- I certify that I agree to the applicable certification section above (Insurer or Applicant).
- I certify that I have read and agree to the odometer certification.
- I have compared the vehicle identification number shown on this application with the vehicle identification number affixed to the vehicle and they agree.
- Under penalty of law (§ 45-7-203, MCA), 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 in section one of this form; and, if signing for a business entity or trust, I have full authority to do so.

Auction Stamp

If the vehicle was sold through a Montana auction, place the auction stamp here:

Applicant's Legal Signature (Only one signature is required)

Delphine R. Kowalchuk

Printed Name of Applicant

Signature of Insurance Company Representative

Marguerite O. Delzell

Printed Name of Insurance Company Representative

Dated this 28th day of July, 2026

Insurance Company Use Only - Check if COPY: ☐

*DL=Driver License No.; FEIN=Federal Employer Identification No.; Tribal ID=Tribal Identification Card No.; Corp ID=Corporate Identification No.