

How to fill out MV206 — Application for Salvage Certificate of a Vehicle

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Montana · written against MV206 (2/26), issued under MCA 61-3-210 and 61-3-211, surrender of certificate of title and issuance of a salvage certificate

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When a Montana vehicle less than fifteen years old is totalled, the title is surrendered and a salvage certificate takes its place. Usually the insurer files this, but the form carries a second certification block headed by owner - because a Montana owner who keeps the wreck after settling with the insurer, or who buys somebody else's owner-retained wreck, applies on the same page. The fee is \$5.15, and the document that comes back is what the car is sold on until somebody rebuilds it and gets it inspected back onto the road.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank MV206 from the Montana Department of Justice, Motor Vehicle Division, Vehicle Services Bureau at <https://mvdmt.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/MV206-Application-for-Salvage-Certificate-of-a-Vehicle.Feb26-Fillable.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	Name or business name with an identification number, business and mailing addresses with counties, email and phone. Watch out: An owner-retained applicant puts their own name here. The block is headed business name because the insurer is the usual filer, not because a private owner cannot use it.
2	YOU	The vehicle, VIN first	Identification number, year, make, model, body style and colour. Watch out: Compare the number against the car before writing it. The certification you sign says you did, and on a wrecked vehicle the dash plate is sometimes the only one left readable.
3	YOU	The title number, date and issuing state	Completed where the insurer does not surrender the certificate of ownership, along with the out-of-state owner's details. Watch out: If you are the owner and you have the title, attach it and tick Title Attached - these fields exist for the case where nobody can produce one.
4	YOU	Title Attached, or Two Attempts	One tick. The second certifies two documented attempts to obtain the certificate from the titled and registered owner. Watch out: Two Attempts is an insurer's certification about somebody else's paperwork. An owner applying about their own car has the title or does not, and the honest answer is the first box.
5	YOU	Sign the certification that is true	The owner block or the insurer block, then the signature certification, date, legal signature and printed name. Watch out: Signing both certifications says two contradictory things about who deemed the vehicle salvage and who retained it. Pick the one that describes what actually happened.

What gets this one rejected

- A vehicle fifteen years old or older. The header says less than 15 years, and the manual routes an older total loss down a different path - the insurer transfers ownership on a dealer assignment or takes a title only.
- The owner block and the insurer block both completed. They are alternative certifications; the form asks you to choose one and sign the certification that is true.
- No conforming odometer statement on a 2011-or-later vehicle. Both certification blocks list it among the documents that must be submitted.
- A Two Attempts tick with no attempts made. It certifies two attempts to obtain a certificate of ownership from the current titled and registered owner under MCA 61-3-211(3) - it is a statement of fact under MCA 45-7-203, not a convenience.
- A VIN copied from the title without checking the car. The certification says the VIN on the face of the application has been compared with the VIN affixed to the vehicle and they agree.

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

Read off MV206 (2/26) and the Montana Department of Justice, Motor Vehicle Division, Vehicle Services Bureau's own pages, current as of 2026-08-24. Plain-language help with a form, not legal advice — where this and the agency differ, the agency governs. sellmycarhub.com



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Street Legal Motor Vehicles Less Than 15 yrs old
Fee \$5.15

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Applicant Section		1. I am/we are the applicant(s) making claim of ownership on the following motor vehicle to obtain a Salvage Certificate for that vehicle pursuant to Montana law.			
Applicant Business Name:		DL/FEIN/Tribal ID/Corp. ID*			
Delphine R. Kowalchuk		0417329865			
2. Business Address:	City:	State:	Zip Code:	County:	
612 W Broadway St	Lewistown	MT	59457	Fergus	
3. Mailing Address:	City:	State:	Zip Code:	County:	
612 W Broadway St	Lewistown	MT	59457	Fergus	
Email Address:		Phone Number:			
d.kowalchuk@example.com		(406) 555-0138			
4. Title mailing address if different than above (e.g., mail to auction, etc.)					
Name associated with this address:					
Street/P.O. Box: City: State: Zip:					
Vehicle Description	5. Vehicle/ Identification Number				
	9K5HCA7RXJM806341				
6. Year	7. Make	8. Model	9. Body Style	10. Color	
2016	Subaru	Forester	Wagon	Blue	
When insurer does not surrender the Certificate of Ownership, complete fields 11-14:		11. Title No.	12. Title Date	13. Issuing State	
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14. Out-of-State Registered Owner's Name and Address:					
Ownership Date Date insurer acquired ownership (date on which title is signed over to insurer):					
Certification of Salvage Vehicle by INSURER Under penalty of law (§ 45-7-203, MCA), I certify that:					
- The vehicle described above meets the definition of a salvage vehicle pursuant to § 61-3-210, MCA. - I have compared the vehicle identification number shown on the face of this application with the vehicle identification number affixed to the vehicle and they agree.					
Choose one:					
☒ Title Attached					
☐ Two Attempts					
- 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 a certificate of ownership from the current titles and registered owner pursuant to § 61-3-211(3), MCA. - The security interest release (if applicable) and the conforming odometer statement (2011 model vehicle or later) must be submitted.					
Certification of Salvage Vehicle by OWNER Under penalty of law (§ 45-7-203, MCA), I certify that:					
- The vehicle described above has been deemed a salvage vehicle by the insurer. - I have retained ownership of the vehicle after an agreed settlement with the insurer (i.e., owner-retained) or I have purchased an owner-retained vehicle and I am named as the applicant above. - I have compared the vehicle identification number shown on the face of this application with the vehicle identification number affixed to the vehicle and they agree. - The certification of ownership (i.e., title), security interest release (if applicable), and the conforming odometer statement (2011 model vehicle or later) must be submitted.					
Signature Certification					
☒ 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 on this form; and, if signing for a business entity or trust, I have full authority to do so.					
Date:		Signature – this is my legal signature			
07/28/2026		Delphine R. Kowalchuk			
If applicant is a Business Entity, give full name		Printed Name of Applicant			

*DL-Driver License Number; FEIN – Federal Employer Identification Number; Tribal ID – Tribal Identification Card; Corp. ID – Corporate Identification; CID – Customer Identification Number