How to fill out TDMV 16 — Affidavit of Repossession

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The lienholder's sworn account of taking a vehicle back, and the document that lets a new certificate be issued without the previous owner's signature. It is on this site because the person who searches for it is often the person it was used against: if your car has been repossessed, this is what was filed, and reading it tells you exactly what the lender had to swear to.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank TDMV 16 from the New Hampshire Division of Motor Vehicles at **https://www.dmv.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt416/files/inline-documents/tdmv16.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	LENDER	**The lienholder identifies itself**	Name and address, inside the swearing sentence at the top. **Watch out:** This has to be the entity named on the certificate of title, which is not always the entity that services the loan.
2	LENDER	**The debtor**	Name and address of the person the debt was due from. **Watch out:** If that is you, check the address. A repossession affidavit carrying an address you left years ago tells its own story about what notice you were given.
3	LENDER	**The sum and the lien date**	The amount secured and the date of the valid lien. **Watch out:** The lien date should match the date recorded against the title, not the date of the last missed payment.
4	LENDER	**The vehicle**	Year, make, body type, identification number and colour. **Watch out:** The identification number is combed, one character per cell, so there is no room for an abbreviated entry.
5	LENDER	**Voluntary surrender, or seizure**	One of the two alternatives, with the date it happened. **Watch out:** These are not interchangeable. Voluntary surrender means the debtor handed the car over; seizure without process of law means the lender took it under the contract.
6	LENDER	**The certification and signature**	That the repossession was lawful and in accord with the statutes, signed by an officer, trustee or partner. **Watch out:** The form says SWEAR twice. It is an affidavit, and a lender that treats it as a routine form is making a sworn statement carelessly.

What gets this one rejected

- An affidavit signed by anybody other than the lienholder or an officer, trustee or partner able to bind it.
- Neither of the two alternatives completed. The form offers voluntary surrender or seizure without process of law and the Bureau needs to know which.
- A lien date left blank. The sworn statement is that a valid lien existed on a particular date, and the date is the thing being sworn to.
- A stamped signature on a document that begins 'DO HEREBY SWEAR'.

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

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AFFIDAVIT OF REPOSSESSION

I Mount Cabot Credit Union (NAME OF LIENHOLDER) 118 Bridge Street, Lancaster, NH 03584 (ADDRESS OF LIENHOLDER) 1

2 DO HEREBY SWEAR THAT THERE WAS DUE FROM: Darrell K. Ouellette (NAME OF DEBTOR)

9 Meadow Lane, Claremont, NH 03743 (ADDRESS OF DEBTOR)

3 THE SUM OF $8,412.55 , SECURED BY A VALID LIEN DATED June 3 YR. 2023 ON A MOTOR VEHICLE DESCRIBED

4 AS FOLLOWS: YEAR 2016 MAKE Ram BODY TYPE Pickup V.I.N. 1 C 6 R R 7 F T 3 G S 4 8 2 1 7 0

COLOR Silver AND, I FURTHER SWEAR THAT DEFAULT HAVING BEEN MADE IN THE PAYMENT BY SAID DATE, THAT THE DEBTOR VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED POSSESSION OF SAID VEHICLE TO THE UNDERSIGNED LIENHOLDER ON:

5 July 29 YR. 2026 (OR) I FURTHER SWEAR THAT DEFAULT HAVING BEEN MADE IN THE PAYMENT OF SAID DEBT, LIENHOLDER SEIZED SAID VEHICLE WITHOUT PROCESS OF LAW ON ____ YR. ____ UNDER AUTHORITY OF THE CONDITIONS OF THE LIEN CONTRACT ____ YR. ____

THE UNDERSIGNED LIENHOLDER HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT THE MOTOR VEHICLE DESCRIBED HEREIN WAS LAWFULLY REPOSSESSED UNDER THE TERMS OF A VALID AGREEMENT AND IN FULL ACCORD WITH THE PERTINENT SECTIONS OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED.

NAME OF LIENHOLDER ____________________ CORPORATION OFFICER, TRUSTEE, PARTNER ____________________