

The last resort, with an age gate on it. Where the seller's certificate and the statement of ownership cannot both be obtained - the seller has died, cannot be traced, or will not sign - this single affidavit stands in for them, and the department restricts it to vehicles more than 40 years old. It asks the applicant to explain not only how they came into possession but why a bill of sale, manufacturer's statement of origin or title cannot be produced, and it carries the department's strongest wording: the undersigned acknowledges it is a felony to make a false statement in this affidavit.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank SFN 62624 from the North Dakota Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicle Division at <https://dot.nd.gov/forms/sfn62624.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 vehicle description rows	Year and make, the model and body style, and beneath them the identification number, the colour, the fuel type and the weight. Watch out: Check the model year against the 40-year scope line before you go any further. Under it, this form is the wrong document and the application will be returned.
2	YOU	Vehicle Identification Number	The number as it appears on the vehicle, which the inspection will verify. Watch out: Photograph the plate in place. The department's list asks for a photo of the VIN plate as well as the inspector's certificate.
3	YOU	Purchased From, Purchase Price, Date Purchased	Who it came from, what was paid, and when. Watch out: The price is asked for here even though the tax will be worked on fair market value - and the department may request a dealer appraisal to establish that value.
4	YOU	The explanation block	Both halves of the question: how you came into possession, and why a bill of sale, manufacturer's statement of origin or title cannot be produced. Watch out: Say what you actually tried. An explanation that names the dates, the people and the attachments is the difference between a title and a letter asking for more.
5	YOU	Applicant's Legal Name and address	Legal name, driver's licence or FEIN, telephone, and full mailing address. Watch out: Proof of North Dakota residency is part of the package - a North Dakota driver's licence or state identification number for an individual, a Secretary of State filing for a business.
6	YOU	Name printed and Legal Signature of Owner	Printed and signed before a Notary Public or Authorized Officer, under the felony acknowledgement and the indemnity. Watch out: Read the paragraph above the line before signing. It commits you to warranting the title, defending the department and paying damages to anyone harmed by the title being issued.
7	OTHER	The Acknowledgement block	Where the affidavit was sworn and on what date, plus the officer's printed name, the stamp, the signature and any commission expiry. Watch out: The officer's block, and the last thing to happen before the whole package goes to Bismarck with original signatures on everything.

What gets this one rejected

- A vehicle under the age limit. The 40-year threshold is printed in the form's own scope line, and the department's alternative for anything newer is the two notarised statements it replaces.
- Reaching for it without trying the other route first. The manual's condition is that all attempts to obtain the seller's certificate and the statement of ownership have been unsuccessful - so the explanation should say what those attempts were.
- An explanation that answers only half the question. The block asks both how you came into possession and why the paperwork cannot be produced, and a reviewer needs both.
- Leaving the purchase price out. It is on this form even though its sibling omits it, and the excise tax on an untitled vehicle is worked on fair market value rather than on what was paid.
- Treating the undertaking as boilerplate. It is a warranty, an indemnity and an acknowledgement of felony exposure in one paragraph, and it is what the department is accepting instead of a chain of title.

☒ Amber is what you write

☐ Grey is a block somebody else completes

The completed example follows overleaf.

AFFIDAVIT OF OWNERSHIP

North Dakota Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicle
SFN 62624 (4-2026)

MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
ND DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION
608 E BOULEVARD AVE
BISMARCK ND 58505-0780
Telephone (701)328-2725
Website: <https://dot.nd.gov>

This form shall be used only for proof of ownership for vehicles more than 40 years old for when a Manufacturer's Statement of Origin, Bill of Sale, or Title cannot be produced and is submitted with the application. The subscriber herein, subject to the penalties of law, is the owner of the following described vehicle.

1	Year 1978	Make Chevrolet	Model C10 Custom Deluxe	Body Style Pickup
2	Vehicle Identification Number CCL148F326104		Color Green	Fuel Type Gas
3	Purchased From Vernon L. Haugtvad		Purchase Price 1,800.00	Date Purchased 05/09/2026

Explain how you came into possession of this vehicle and why a bill of sale, MCO, or title cannot be produced:

Neither SFN 2888 nor SFN 2903 could be obtained. Mr Haugtvad died on 2 July 2026, six weeks after the sale and before either form was signed. The truck is 48 model years old. Attached: the handwritten receipt he wrote on 9 May 2026, his obituary, and the NMVTIS check showing no record.

5	Applicant's Legal Name Marlys J. Thorsrud	Select One: ☒ DLN ☐ FEIN 4180263	Telephone Number (701) 555-0146
	Mailing Address 1427 Chestnut St	City Grand Forks	State ND
			ZIP Code 58201

Liens and Encumbrances (title will be mailed to lienholder)

Mailing Address	City	State	ZIP Code

I, the undersigned, acknowledge it is a felony to make a false statement in this affidavit (NDCC Title 39). I certify that the above-described vehicle is as stated above and that it is free from all liens and encumbrances, except as set forth in my application for North Dakota Certificate of Title. This affidavit is attached to, and made a part of, my application for North Dakota Certificate of Title to the above-described vehicle. I do hereby agree to warrant and defend said Title, and to not only save harmless and defend, regardless of outcome, the North Dakota Department of Transportation from the expenses of and against all suits, actions, claims, losses, or assertion of claims including costs, expenses, and attorney fees to which the department may be subjected on account of any defect in my Title to the vehicle in question, but also to pay any and all damages suffered by any person or entity resulting from the issuance of this title by the North Dakota Department of Transportation.

6	Name (Type or Print) Marlys J. Thorsrud	Legal Signature of Owner (sign before a Notary Public or Authorized Officer) Marlys J. Thorsrud
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Acknowledgement

7	State of
	County of
Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this day	
(month, day, year)	
Name of Notary Public or other Authorized Officer (Type or Print)	Affix Notary Stamp
Signature of Notary Public or other Authorized Officer	
Commission Expiration Date (if not listed on stamp)	

PENALTY: ANY PERSON MAKING ANY FALSE STATEMENT OF THE WARRANTY OF TITLE FOR WHICH ANOTHER PENALTY IS NOT SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED IS GUILTY OF A CLASS B MISDEMEANOR.