



South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles

APPLICATION FOR SALVAGE/BRAINED CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

400-S
(Rev. 07/2025)

South Carolina and federal law dictate that motor vehicle and driver's license records maintained by the SCDMV may be disclosed in certain situations. For further details on the disclosure of personal information and the types of information disclosed, go to the SCDMV website dmv.sc.gov/privacy.

This application may be processed at the following branch offices: Columbia – Shop Road, Greer, or Sumter.

Applications may also be mailed to: SCDMV, Salvage Title Processing, 10311 Wilson Blvd., Building C., Blythewood, SC 29016-0044.

Individual completing this form				
☒ Owner Retaining Vehicle	☐ Insurance Company Agent	☐ Salvage Pool Operator		
SECTION A – VEHICLE INFORMATION (Please print or type in black ink only)				
Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) 1FMCU9J91FUA37610	Make Ford	Year 2015	Model Escape SE	
SECTION B – OWNER INFORMATION				
New Primary Owner complete legal name (last, first, middle) RAVENEL, DELPHINE R		SC Customer No., Driver License No., SSN, or FEIN 108243756		Date of Birth 11/22/1968
New Co-Owner complete legal name (last, first, middle)		SC Customer No., Driver License No., SSN, or FEIN		Date of Birth
Primary Owner's residence address (apt. no. if applicable) 214 Meeting House Rd		City Summerville	State SC	Zip code 29483
Primary Owner's mailing address (if different from above)		City	State	Zip code
Update Voter Registration	Unless you indicate otherwise, the addresses above will be used by the state election commission to update your voter registration: ☐ Do not update my residence address ☐ Do not update my mailing address			
Mail title to: Company's name	Address	City	State	Zip code
SECTION C – ODOMETER MILEAGE (Not required if the owner is retaining the vehicle)				
FEDERAL AND STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT YOU 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 THE ODOMETER NOW READS _____ (NO TENTHS) MILES AND TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE THAT IT REFLECTS THE ACTUAL MILEAGE OF THE VEHICLE DESCRIBED HEREIN, UNLESS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS IS CHECKED:				
	DO NOT check one of the following unless it applies.			
	☐ EXEMPT			
	☐ I CERTIFY THAT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE THE ODOMETER READING REFLECTS THE AMOUNT OF MILEAGE IN EXCESS OF ITS MECHANICAL LIMITS (started back at zero)			
	☐ I CERTIFY THAT THE ODOMETER READING IS NOT THE ACTUAL MILEAGE			
SECTION D – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION				
DATE OF TRANSFER 10/21/2026	PRIOR TITLE NUMBER 745210338490216	PRIOR TITLE STATE SC	* HOUSE BILL PRESENTED Check: ☐ YES ☐ NO	
*Only for insurance companies who have received the two certified letters back from the vehicle owner(s). Once received, these letters should be sent to SCDMV along with form 400-S.				
THE VEHICLE DESCRIBED ON THIS APPLICATION IS:		☒ SALVAGE ☐ JUNK		
THE VEHICLE SUSTAINED THE FOLLOWING DAMAGE:		☐ COLLISION ☐ FIRE ☒ FLOOD ☐ STOLEN (RECOVERED) ☐ STOLEN (UNRECOVERED)		
Calculate the Salvage Percentage:		Predamaged Value \$ 9,400.00		
		Estimate for Repairs \$ 8,150.00		
		Percentage 87%		
☐ CHECK HERE IF THE LIEN ON THE CURRENT TITLE IS TO BE MAINTAINED ON THE SALVAGE TITLE.				
☒ CHECK HERE IF THE INSURANCE COMPANY AUTHORIZES THE OWNER TO RETAIN THE VEHICLE				
SECTION E – SIGNATURE OF OWNER – ATTACH POWER OF ATTORNEY, IF APPLICABLE				
UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I AM THE OWNER OR AUTHORIZED AGENT OF THE VEHICLE DESCRIBED ABOVE AND REQUEST THAT A SALVAGE SOUTH CAROLINA CERTIFICATE OF TITLE BE ISSUED. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION ON THIS APPLICATION IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.				
Delphine R. Ravenel		10/21/2026		
SIGNATURE OF OWNER(S) OR AUTHORIZED AGENT		DATE		
Submit the following with this completed application				
- Title Fee of \$15.00 - Power of attorney for an authorized agent - Previous title or manufacturer's certificate or origin properly assigned to insurance company (assignment no required, if owner-retained)				
If no title or MCO, please provide:				
- Proof of accepted and fulfilled settlement with date of acceptance - Copies of two or more written attempts to obtain Certificate of Title from claimant (Insurance Company) - Evidence a notice was sent to the motor vehicle owner and any lien holder (Salvage Pool Operator)				



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South Carolina Code of Laws Section 56-19-480 (B) allows an insurance company or its agent to submit an application to SCDMV for a salvage certificate of title, if:

1. It has been thirty days after the claimant accepted an offer in settlement of total loss, and;
2. The insurance company has made two or more written attempts to obtain the certificate of title from the claimant.

South Carolina Code of Laws Section 56-5-5710 allows a salvage pool operator or an authorized agent to submit an application for a salvage title if, on request of an insurance company, the salvage pool operator takes possession of a motor vehicle that is the subject of an insurance claim and the insurance company subsequently:

- denies coverage concerning the motor vehicle; or
- does not otherwise take ownership of the motor vehicle.

The individual completing the 400-S must be one of the following:

- ✓ An individual whose motor vehicle has been declared salvage and the individual will be retaining the vehicle.
- ✓ An insurance company who has declared a motor vehicle salvage and is requesting a salvage title.
- ✓ A salvage pool operator who has possession of a salvaged motor vehicle and is requesting a salvage title.

The Update Voter Registration opt-out check boxes do not apply to business customers.

This form may be mailed to SCDMV, Salvage Title Processing, 10311 Wilson Blvd., Building C, Blythewood, SC 29016-0044, or processed at the following branch offices:

- Columbia - Shop Road;
- Greer; or
- Sumter.

The salvage pool operator may obtain a salvage or junk vehicle title for a salvage or junk vehicle, if:

1. The salvage pool operator has mailed a registered or certified letter to the vehicle's owner and any lienholder, and;
2. The motor vehicle is not removed from the salvage pool operator's possession before the thirty-first day **after** the date the notice was mailed, and;
3. The salvage pool operator has evidence that the notice was sent to the motor vehicle owner and any lienholder.

The following must be submitted to request a salvage certificate of title:

- ✓ A completed Application for Salvage/Branded Certificate of Title (Form 400-S)
- ✓ Title fee of \$15.00
- ✓ Power of attorney for authorized agent, if applicable
- ✓ Agent Authorization for Title Pick Up (Form MV-80), if applicable (agent may have a form on file at the SCDMV)
- ✓ Previous title or MCO assigned to the insurance company (assignment not required if owner-retained)

If no title or MCO is available, please provide:

- ✓ Proof of accepted and fulfilled settlement with date of acceptance
- ✓ Insurance companies must provide two or more written attempts to obtain a certificate of title from claimant
- ✓ Salvage pool operators must provide evidence that a notice was sent to the motor vehicle owner and any lien holder.

If all of the above requirements have been met and Form 400-S is completed in its entirety, the SCDMV will issue the appropriate title to a person authorized to apply for the title.

How to fill out 400-S — Application for Salvage/Branded Certificate of Title

South Carolina · written against 400-S (Rev 07/2025), issued under S.C. Code Ann. 56-19-480 and 56-19-485

[sellmycarhub.com](https://sellmycarhub.com/forms/south-carolina/400s-application-for-salvage-branded-title/)
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What turns a wrecked South Carolina car into a branded one. It is usually the insurer's form, but the first tick box at the top is Owner Retaining Vehicle - so a seller who keeps a totalled car rather than surrendering it fills this in themselves, and the brand it produces is permanent.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank 400-S from the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles at https://dmv.sc.gov/sites/scdmv/files/2026-02/400-S_0.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	Which of the three boxes at the top	Owner Retaining Vehicle, Insurance Company Agent, or Salvage Pool Operator. Watch out: The first one is yours if the insurer settled and let you keep the wreck. Everything the form asks for afterwards depends on which of the three is ticked.
2	YOU	Section A, in black ink only	VIN, make, year and model. Watch out: The instruction about black ink is printed in the section heading rather than at the top of the page, which is why it is missed. A salvage application is scanned and archived, and blue does not survive it well.
3	YOU	Section B, whose name the branded title goes in	Your full legal name, identification number, date of birth, addresses with county, and a mail-title-to company if the certificate is going elsewhere. Watch out: On the owner-retained route this is your own name. On the insurer route it is the insurance company's, and the difference is the whole point of the box at the head.
4	YOU	Section C, usually skipped	The odometer reading and its four options - and the note that it is not required if the owner is retaining the vehicle. Watch out: It is not required, but it is not forbidden either. On a car you intend to rebuild and sell later, an honest reading here saves an argument about mileage on the far side of the rebuild.
5	YOU	Salvage or junk, and what happened to it	Two rows of boxes: the brand being applied for, then collision, fire, flood, stolen recovered or stolen unrecovered. Watch out: Flood and fire generate their own brands in South Carolina - salvage flood and salvage fire - and each of those has a rebuilt version. Collision produces plain salvage. The box you tick decides which words are printed on the certificate.
6	YOU	Calculate the salvage percentage	Predamaged value, estimate for repairs, and the percentage. Watch out: Seventy-five per cent is the statutory line above which a vehicle must be declared a total loss. The arithmetic is the evidence for the brand, so use the insurer's own figures rather than your own estimate.
7	YOU	The two conditional boxes	Whether the existing lien is to stay on the salvage title, and whether the insurance company authorised you to retain the vehicle. Watch out: The second one is the box the owner-retained route lives or dies on. The SCDMV also wants a letter from the insurer saying the vehicle was declared a total loss and remained with the owner.
8	YOU	Sign, and send it to the right box	One signature under the perjury declaration, with the \$15.00 title fee and the previous certificate. Watch out: Salvage Title Processing has its own suffix - 29016-0044 - and its own three branches. A salvage application in the ordinary titles queue is a delay nobody will explain to you.

What gets this one rejected

- Filed at the wrong branch. The form names three that process it: Columbia on Shop Road, Greer, and Sumter. Everywhere else it is a posting to the Salvage Title Processing box at 29016-0044.
- A junk vehicle taken to a counter. Where the vehicle cannot be rebuilt, the SCDMV's instruction is that the documents must be mailed in.
- Section D left incomplete. It has to say whether the vehicle can be rebuilt and how it was damaged, and the branch cannot infer either.
- A salvage percentage with no arithmetic behind it. The three cells are predamaged value, estimate for repairs and the percentage, and the third follows from the first two.
- Blue or black biro on a form asking for black ink only. Section A says so in its own heading.
- An agent signing with no power of attorney attached. Section E's heading is a reminder to attach one.

☒ Amber is what you write ☐ Grey is a block somebody else completes The filled-in example is at the start of this sheet.