

How to fill out Form 1205 — Bonded Title Release Form

South Dakota · written against Form 1205 (no revision printed), issued under South Dakota Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle Division, releasing a bond filed under SDCL 32-3-64.1

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A bonded South Dakota title carries a disclaimer on its face saying that the vehicle may be subject to an undisclosed interest, and that disclaimer follows the car until somebody files this form. Two things end it and the form prints both as ticks: three years have expired since the bonded certificate was received and no claim has been made or is pending, or the most recent prior title has been found and is being surrendered. Selling a bonded-title vehicle with the disclaimer still on it is entirely legal - but it is a discount you are choosing to accept, and if the three years are already up the release costs a form and a title fee.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank Form 1205 from the South Dakota Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle Division at <https://sddor.seamlessdocs.com/f/1205?f=1205.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	Applicant details and county	The current holder of the bonded certificate, with the county whose treasurer will take the form. Watch out: The applicant has to be the holder of the certificate. Release the bond before you assign the title, not after.
2	YOU	Your name in the request sentence	Written into the form's own sentence requesting release of the bond and removal of the notices that the vehicle may be subject to an undisclosed interest. Watch out: That phrase is the disclaimer printed on the face of the title. Removing it is the entire purpose of the form.
3	YOU	The bond number	From the surety bond filed when the bonded title was issued. Watch out: If the bond paperwork is lost, the surety company that wrote it holds the number. The department is releasing a specific instrument and cannot do it from the VIN alone.
4	YOU	One of the two reasons	Either the prior title has been found and is being surrendered, or three years have passed with no claim made or pending. Watch out: The first route is faster and the second is automatic. Neither works if somebody has already made a claim on the bond.
5	YOU	The declaration, and what goes with it	Day, place, printed names and signatures - filed together with the Certificate of Bonded Title, a title application and the fees. Watch out: This form on its own changes nothing. The clean certificate comes from the title application it travels with.

What gets this one rejected

- Filing it before three years without the prior title. The two reasons are alternatives, and the first one requires the located certificate to be submitted with the form.
- Filing it without the bonded certificate. The declaration states that the form goes in along with the Certificate of Bonded Title and the applicable fees.
- A pending claim on the bond. The statute lets the department release the bond only if it has not been notified of the pendency of an action to recover on it.
- A missing bond number. The department is releasing a specific instrument, and the number is how it finds it.
- Sending it to Pierre. Unlike the request, the release goes to the county treasurer's office with the title application and fees.

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

Read off Form 1205 (no revision printed) and the South Dakota Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle Division's own pages, current as of 2026-08-23. Plain-language help with a form, not legal advice — where this and the agency differ, the agency governs.

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1 **A** **Applicant Information**

Name: Marlene D. Tschetter Address: 1408 Medary Ave

City: Brookings State: SD Zip Code: 57006

DL/SSN/FEIN: 04186273 County: Brookings

Contact Phone #: (605) 555-0148 Email Address: m.tschetter@example.com

2 **B** **Release Request**

I(We), Marlene D. Tschetter request to release the bond and remove the notices that the vehicle may be subject to an undisclosed interest, Bond Number: SD-2244178.

I(We) request the bond to be released for one of the following reasons (select one):

☐ Three years have **not expired** from the receipt of the bonded Certificate of Title, but the most recent prior title has been located and is being submitted with this form.

4 ☒ Three years **have expired** from the receipt of the bonded Certificate of Title and no claim has been on the bond and no claim is pending.

C **Unsworn Declaration**

I declare under penalty of perjury under the law of South Dakota that the foregoing is true and correct.

I am submitting this form, along with the Certificate of Bonded Title, and applicable fees to the county treasurer's office.

5 Executed on the 26 day of the August (Month), 2026 (Year) at Brookings, SD

Printed Name: Marlene D. Tschetter Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____