

How to fill out Form 1012 — Motor Vehicle Affidavit

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South Dakota · written against Form 1012 (no revision printed), issued under South Dakota Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle Division, general-purpose affidavit accepted with a title application /forms/south-dakota/motor-vehicle-affidavit/

Three forms in one, and only the first is a private seller's. The General Purpose statement is South Dakota's blank affidavit - a printed instruction rather than a form, reading that the following statement of fact is to be used to disclose any information for which an affidavit is required. It is what covers the gaps: the same-person statement a duplicate application needs after a name change, the explanation of how a vehicle was acquired that SDCL 32-3-64 requires for an eleven-year-old car with no record, and any other fact a county treasurer asks to have written down. The Repossession block belongs to lienholders and the Interstate block to people registering an out-of-state-titled vehicle here.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank Form 1012 from the South Dakota Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle Division at <https://sddor.seamlessdocs.com/f/1012?f=1012.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	Affiant information	The person making the statement - name, email and full address. Watch out: The affiant is whoever knows the facts, not necessarily the person named on the title. If those differ, say so inside the statement block.
2	YOU	The vehicle the statement is about	Year, make, model, title number and VIN, so the affidavit attaches to one record. Watch out: Where the affidavit exists because there is no record, the VIN off the vehicle itself is the only identifier - and a title number box left empty is correct rather than incomplete.
3	YOU	Tick General Purpose, and write the facts	One tick and a block of free text. The form asks for a statement of fact disclosing the information for which an affidavit is required. Watch out: Dates, names and amounts. An affidavit that says the vehicle was acquired legitimately tells a county treasurer nothing; one that says who sold it, when and for how much answers the question.
4	YOU	Leave the other two blocks alone	The repossession paragraph is a lienholder's and the interstate block is for registering a vehicle titled in another state. Watch out: They are alternatives, not additions. Ticking a second one turns a straightforward supporting document into a transaction the county has to unpick.
5	YOU	The declaration, date and place	Day, month, year and place of signing, then the printed name and signature under penalty of perjury. Watch out: You are also signing an indemnity. The paragraph above the signature has you agree to defend the department, at your expense, against claims arising from the title it issues on the strength of this.

What gets this one rejected

- Ticking two of the three statements. They are alternatives; a repossession affidavit and an interstate registration are different transactions with different attachments.
- A general-purpose block that states a conclusion instead of facts. The instruction asks for a statement of fact disclosing the information the county needs, not an assertion that everything is in order.
- Using it to replace an assignment. Nothing on this form transfers ownership, and the manual will not accept anything in place of a required assignment on the certificate.
- A repossession affidavit from someone who is not the noted lienholder. The manual requires the lender noted on the title to be the applicant for a repossession title.
- An interstate claim with no out-of-state title behind it. The printed paragraph has the affiant confirm that the vehicle is properly titled or registered under the laws of a named state and that a copy has been given to the county treasurer.

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

Read off Form 1012 (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. sellmycarhub.com



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Unsworn Declaration

I (We) hereby request that the Department of Revenue issues title covering this vehicle/boat in my(our) name(s), and that I(we) agree to protect and indemnify the South Dakota Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle Division, against any and all liabilities and claims which may arise as a result of this title issuance and agree at my expense to defend any suit that may be brought against the Secretary or any person acting for him as a result of issuing such certificate.

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

Signed on the 26 day of _____, _____ at Brookings, SD.

Printed Name: Marlene D. Tschetter Signature: _____