

How to fill out VTR-125 — Motor Vehicle Appraisal for Tax Collector Hearing / Bonded Title

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Puts a value on a vehicle when the state cannot work one out for itself. It is the second half of the bonded-title process: the bond Texas asks for is set against the vehicle's appraised value, and where the standard presumptive value and the national guides come up empty, this appraisal is where the number comes from.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank VTR-125 from the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles at https://www.txdmv.gov/sites/default/files/form_files/Form_VTR-125.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	Vehicle information	VIN, year, make, body style and model of the vehicle to be appraised. Watch out: It has to match the vehicle on the bonded title application exactly, including the VIN.
2	YOU	Applicant information	Your name and address, and a second applicant if the title will name two people. Watch out: The applicant is whoever is trying to get the title - not the appraiser and not a previous owner.
3	DEALER	Appraiser information	Licensed dealer or insurance adjuster, licence number, company, name, address and contact details. Watch out: Check the licence number is filled in before you leave. A blank one is the commonest reason this comes back.
4	DEALER	Date of appraisal	The date the appraiser physically inspected the vehicle. Watch out: This starts the thirty-day clock for getting the form to the department.
5	DEALER	Appraised value	The fair market appraised value, plus a tick for complete or incomplete vehicle and any comments. Watch out: This number sets your bond. It is worth being there for the inspection so the comments reflect the car's real condition.
6	DEALER	Appraiser certification	The appraiser signs, prints and dates, certifying a personal inspection. Watch out: The certification carries the same third-degree felony warning as the rest of the Texas set - it is the appraiser's signature that carries it, not yours.

What gets this one rejected

- Using it when the department can value the car anyway. The form limits itself: it may only be used where the department is unable to establish value from the standard presumptive value or a national reference guide.
- Using it for anything else. Strictly limited to establishing value for a bonded title or a tax assessor-collector hearing, in the form's own words.
- An appraisal done from photographs or a description. The appraiser must inspect the motor vehicle in person.
- Filing it too late. It must reach the department within 30 calendar days from the date of the appraisal - so a valuation you got months ago is no good.
- An appraiser who is neither. Two tick boxes and no third option: licensed dealer, or insurance adjuster. A friend in the trade without a licence number cannot sign it.

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

Read off VTR-125 (Rev 06/26) and the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles's own pages, current as of 2026-08-23. Plain-language help with a form, sellmycarhub.com not legal advice — where this and the agency differ, the agency governs.



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Information

This form may only be used to establish the value of a motor vehicle if the department is unable to establish the value by using the Standard Presumptive Value or from a national reference guide. Use of this form is strictly limited to establishing the value of a motor vehicle for use in a bonded title or tax assessor-collector hearing.

The appraiser must inspect the motor vehicle in person and provide all information requested in the "Appraiser Information" and "Appraisal Information" sections. This form must be submitted to the department within 30 calendar days from the date of the appraisal.

Vehicle Information

Vehicle Identification Number 1FTEW1EF9GFA47215	Year 2016	Make Ford	Body Style PK	Model F-150
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Applicant Information

First Name (or Entity Name) Dale W. Fontenot	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix (if any)
Additional Applicant First Name (if applicable)	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix (if any)
Address 1418 Blanco Rd, San Antonio, TX 78212	City	State	Zip
Email (optional) d.fontenot@example.com	Phone Number (optional) (210) 555-0139		

Appraiser Information

Appraiser Type: ☒ Licensed Dealer ☐ Insurance Adjuster		Licensed Dealer or Insurance License Number P41208	
Licensed Dealer or Insurance Company Name <i>Rio Vista Motors</i>			
Appraiser's First Name <i>Hector L. Salinas</i>		Middle Name	Last Name Suffix (if any)
Address <i>2900 SE Military Dr, San Antonio, TX 78223</i>		City	State Zip
Email <i>appraisals@example.com</i>		Phone Number <i>(210) 555-0188</i>	

Appraisal Information

Date of Appraisal 08/11/2026	Vehicle Condition: ☒ Complete Vehicle ☐ Incomplete Vehicle	Appraised Value \$ 13,400.00
Comments Inspected in person at applicant address. Runs and drives; hail damage to hood and roof.		

Appraiser Certification – State law makes falsifying information a third degree felony

I, the above listed appraiser, certify I have personally inspected the above described vehicle, have provided a fair market appraised value for the vehicle, and all statements contained herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Hector L. Salinas	Hector L. Salinas	08/11/2026
Signature of Appraiser	Printed Name (Same as Signature)	Date