

How to fill out VTR-275 — Request for Texas Motor Vehicle Information

Texas · written against VTR-275 (Rev. 8/2018), issued under 18 U.S.C. 2721 (Driver Privacy Protection Act) and Texas Transportation Code 730.007

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Buys the state's own record of a vehicle. A Texas title history costs \$5.75 and comes from TxDMV rather than from a commercial vehicle history site - which makes this the cheapest authoritative answer to what the title on your own car has actually done.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank VTR-275 from the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles at https://www.txdmv.gov/sites/default/files/form_files/VTR-275.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 information	Your name, address, email and phone, plus a business name if you are requesting as one. Watch out: Use the name that matches the photo ID you are about to copy. A mismatch stops the request.
2	YOU	Photo ID details	The issuing entity and type, the number and the expiry date - and a photocopy in the envelope. Watch out: Current means unexpired. An out-of-date licence fails on the expiry box you just filled in.
3	YOU	Which vehicle	Plate, year, make, VIN and title document number. Watch out: The VIN does the work. The plate alone can be ambiguous once a plate has moved between vehicles, which in Texas it often has.
4	YOU	Which record	One of six tick boxes, each with its price printed beside it. Watch out: Certified costs a dollar more and is only worth it if somebody official is going to want the certification - a court, usually.
5	YOU	Sign and date	Signature, printed name and date, certifying the statements are true for the described vehicle. Watch out: If the car is not yours, stop and read page 2 before you sign - the permitted use you initial there is the legal basis for the whole request.

What gets this one rejected

- No photocopy of your ID. The form requires your signature and a copy of your current government issued photo ID together - one without the other is not a request.
- Cash in the envelope. Personal check, money order or cashier's check made payable to TxDMV. Do not mail cash, and fees are not refundable.
- Not initialling a permitted use when you are a stranger to the vehicle. If you are not the owner or lienholder and have no written authorisation, page 2 has to be initialled.
- Ticking Other without attaching anything. The form asks you to attach documentation explaining the request, and says you will be contacted with the fee total.

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

Read off VTR-275 (Rev. 8/2018) and the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles'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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Request for Texas Motor Vehicle Information

Information and Instructions

The Driver Privacy Protection Act restricts access to personal information on vehicle title and registration records. Your signature and a copy of your current government issued photo ID are required with this application to certify the statements are true and correct for the described vehicle.

Submit completed and signed form with copy of your government issued photo ID, written authorization and required documentation, if applicable, to the following address or visit a Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) Regional Service Center for assistance.

Include payment in the form of a personal check, money order, or cashier's check made payable to TxDMV. **Do not mail cash.** Fees are not refundable.

Texas Department of Motor Vehicles
Vehicle Titles and Registration Division
Austin, TX 78779-0001

Applicant Information

First Name <i>Dale</i>	Middle Name <i>W.</i>	Last Name <i>Fontenot</i>	Suffix
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Business Name (if applicable)

Address <i>1418 Blanco Rd</i>	City <i>San Antonio</i>	State <i>TX</i>	ZIP <i>78212</i>
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Email <i>d.fontenot@example.com</i>	Phone Number <i>(210) 555-0139</i>
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Government Issued Photo Identification – Submit Photocopy

Entity Issuing ID and Type (e.g., TX Driver License, US Passport, etc.) <i>TX Driver License</i>	Government Photo ID Number <i>24815907</i>	Expires <i>04/2029</i>
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Search Information

Texas License Plate <i>PXR-4482</i>	Year <i>2016</i>	Make <i>Ford</i>
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Vehicle Identification Number <i>1FTEW1EF9GFA47215</i>	Title Document Number
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Records Request

If you are not the owner/lienholder, initial a **Permitted Use** on page 2 - unless you have written authorization. Select from the following:

- ☒ Title history \$5.75
- ☐ Certified title history \$6.75
- ☐ Title and registration verification of a vehicle record (current or expired) \$2.30
- ☐ Certified title and registration verification of a vehicle record - for court use \$3.30
- ☐ Duplicate registration receipt for current registration period \$2.00
- ☐ Other - Please attach documentation explaining the request. You will be contacted with the fee total, which is based on the effort to fill the request.

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

I certify that the statements on this application are true and correct and request the TxDMV provide me with the requested information contained in the motor vehicle record for the vehicle indicated. In making this request, I also certify that the:

- Information requested is for a lawful and legitimate purpose and will be used only in accordance with 18 U.S. Code §§2721-2725 and Texas Transportation Code, Chapter 730 (Driver Privacy Protection Acts);
- Personal information obtained pursuant to this request **will not** be used for marketing, solicitation or survey purposes; and
- I have not been convicted of a violation of either of the Driver Privacy Protection Acts, or violated a rule adopted by the department relating to the terms and conditions for release of personal information from vehicle records.

Dale W. Fontenot *Dale W. Fontenot* Date *08/03/2026*

Signature of Applicant

Violators can be prosecuted under Texas Transportation Code, Section 730.013 and Penal Code, Section 37.10.