

How to fill out VT-017 — Rebuilt/Salvage Title Application

Vermont - written against VT-017 (05/26), issued under 23 V.S.A. s. 2091 for the salvage certificate and its fifteen-day deadline, s. 2092 for issuance, and s. 2093(a) for the inspection and the REBUILT legend; affirmed under penalties of 23 V.S.A. s. 202 and s. 203

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One application does two opposite jobs, and a tick box near the middle of the page decides which. Salvaged takes a wrecked car out of service and prints a salvage certificate in the applicant's name alone. Rebuilt puts a repaired one back on the road, and the certificate that comes out carries the legend REBUILT for the rest of the vehicle's life. Between those two ticks sits the part that governs a sale: the damage description, the list of damaged components and up to nine national brand codes, all of which are printed or recorded against a car you will one day be trying to sell.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank VT-017 from the Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles, Agency of Transportation at https://dmv.vermont.gov/sites/dmv/files/documents/VT-017-Rebuilt_Salvage_Title.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	Decide which document you are asking for	Salvaged, or Rebuilt. One tick, near the middle of the page, and it changes what everything else means. Watch out: Salvage takes the car off the road and prints a certificate in your name alone. Rebuilt puts it back on and prints a certificate carrying the legend REBUILT to every future owner.
2	YOU	Name of Title Applicant and Co-Owner's Name	Who the new document is issued to. Watch out: On a salvage application there is no co-owner. The note at the foot of the page says the salvage title is issued in the applicant's name only, and it means it.
3	YOU	Owner/Co-Owner Relationship	One of the five Vermont legends, ticked, where two names are going onto the certificate. Watch out: This is where a rebuilt car acquires the survivorship rule it will be sold under years later. It is worth thirty seconds of thought rather than a tick in the first box.
4	YOU	Vehicle description and identification number	Make, model, year, body style and seventeen characters. Watch out: On a rebuilt car the department's representative reads the number off the vehicle. A transcription error here is found at the inspection, in person, with the car on a lift.
5	YOU	Public VIN Plate Is: ATTACHED, REMOVED or ALTERED	Three ticks, and the instruction on the back explains the consequence of the last two. Watch out: A removed plate means a VT-003 travels with this application and a number gets assigned before any title can issue. Answer honestly; the inspection will find it anyway.
6	YOU	Odometer reading and its certification	Whole numbers, one unit tick, and one of the three mileage certifications. Watch out: Where the instrument cluster was destroyed, the instructions accept a signed statement that the vehicle is not so equipped, provided it names the year, make and identification number.
7	YOU	Describe Damage And List Damaged Components	The free-text panel, and the part of the form a future buyer's inspector will read. Watch out: Write what was hit and what was replaced. A panel reading "front end" tells nobody anything and invites the question you least want asked at a sale.
8	YOU	Title Brands	Numbers only, up to nine, taken from the NMVTIS table printed on the back of the form. Watch out: Codes are not descriptions. 09 is rebuilt, 11 is salvage, 14 is collision, 51 is disclosed damage - and whatever goes here follows the vehicle through the national database for good.
9	YOU	Disposition of Vehicle Use	One of six outcomes ticked, with an explanation box for anything that does not fit. Watch out: Rebuilt for Use on Public Roads is the tick that commits the car to an inspection under s. 2093(a) before a title or registration can be issued. There is no way round that step and no fee that replaces it.

What gets this one rejected

- An incomplete sheet. The instruction at the top of page two is that the application will be returned if not completed in full and submitted with all required supporting documentation.
- A rebuilt car presented for a title before the inspection. Section 2093(a) forbids the Commissioner from issuing a title or registration until the vehicle has been inspected, with verification of the identification number and of bills of sale or titles for the major component parts used to rebuild it.
- A removed public VIN plate with no VT-003 behind it. The instructions require the assignment application to travel with this one, and a number to be assigned before any title can issue.
- A co-owner named on a salvage application. The salvage certificate is issued in the applicant's name only, and the previous owner's name is not recorded on it either.
- More than nine title brands. The box says max of 9 and the codes come from the table on the back, not from a description in words.
- An application filed late. Section 2091(a) gives fifteen days from the day the vehicle is acquired as salvage, scrapped, dismantled, destroyed or declared a total loss.

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

Read off VT-017 (05/26) and the Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles, Agency of Transportation's own pages, current as of 2026-08-24. Plain-language help with a form, not legal advice — where this and the agency differ, the agency governs.

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Name of Title Applicant Lemieux, Corwin T.			Co-Owner's Name		
Mailing Address (Street, Rd, Box Number) 271 Camp Brook Rd			Mailing Address (Street, Rd, Box Number)		
City/Town Bethel, VT	State VT	Zip 05032	City/Town	State	Zip
Phone (802) 555-0171		email c.lemieux@example.com			

Owner/Co-Owner Relationship (Check One)					
☐ Joint Tenants		☐ Tenants in Common		☒ Partners (Business)	
☐ Tenants by the Entirety		☐ Transfer on Death (Vehicles Only)			
Make HONDA	Model Civic LX	Model Year 2015	Body/Hull Style 4-Dr Sedan	Vessel Length ☒ Feet 14 INCHES	
☐ Trailer		Trailer Length		Trailer Width	

Vehicle/Vessel/ATV/Snowmobile Identification Number 2HGFG3B5XFH503184			Public Vin Plate Is (Check One) (See #9 On Back)		
			☒ ATTACHED ☐ REMOVED ☐ ALTERED		

Empty Weight 2,754	# of Axles 2	Fuel Type Gas	# of Cylinders 4	State Titled Vermont	Salvaged Or Rebuilt?
					☐ SALVAGED ☒ REBUILT

Current Odometer Reading (No Tenths) (Check One)			The Mileage Shown Is (Check One):		
118,455			☐ Actual Mileage ☐ Not Actual Mileage		
			☐ Mileage Exceeds Its Mechanical Limits		

Describe Damage And List Damaged Components (use additional page if needed)		Title Brands (enter numbers only, see back)
Front collision. Replaced bumper, both headlamps, bonnet, left wing, radiator, condenser, left lower arm.		
Realigned. No airbag deployment, no rail damage.		☒ Max of 9

Name & Address of FIRST Lienholder (If None, So State)	Date of 1st Lien	If Individual Enter DOB
NONE		

Name & Address of SECOND Lienholder (If None, So State)	Date of 2nd Lien

Vehicle Acquired From (Name And Address)	Date Acquired
Mad River Mutual Insurance Company, Waitsfield, VT	03/18/2026

Disposition of Vehicle Use – (Check One) The Vehicle Will Be:			
☐ Crushed	☐ Dismantled	☐ Used for Parts Only	☐ Sold at Auction as Salvage
☐ Other – Explain:		☐ Rebuilt for Use on Public Roads	

I hereby affirm, under penalty of perjury, that the information contained on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. This declaration is made under penalties of 23 V.S.A. § 202 & § 203

Signature of Owner	Date Signed	Signature of Co-Owner	Date Signed
X		X	