

How to fill out DMV-SV-1 — Salvage Certificate Application

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West Virginia · written against DMV-SV-1 (Rev 11/2022), issued under W. Va. Code 17A-4-10

The form that retires a wrecked car's ordinary title. Owner or insurer applies, describes the vehicle, and picks the certificate's flavour from the fee row: flood damage, fire damage or salvage at \$22.50 each, or a non-repairable certificate - over 75% damaged and not to be reconstructed - for which no fee is due. Below that, a damage checklist of twenty-seven parts from front bumper to engine, ticked to record where the harm is. For a private owner this is the honest path when the insurer totals the car and you keep it, or when nobody was insured and the wreck is yours to dispose of.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank DMV-SV-1 from the West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles at https://webapps.transportation.wv.gov/TWS/WVDOTDocumentStorageMigration/PDF/Transportation/DMV/DMVFormSearch/DMV-SV-1_Salvage%20Certificate%20Application-WF.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 block	Your name, phone and address - or the insurer's, when the company took the car with the payout. Watch out: Whoever will hold the salvage certificate applies. Keep the car after a total loss and that is you, not the adjuster.
2	YOU	Vehicle information	Make, year and VIN into their combs, body style, weight and the odometer reading. Watch out: One character per box, and the reading still matters - mileage follows the vehicle onto whatever certificate comes next.
3	YOU	Choose the certificate	Non-repairable with no fee, or flood, fire or salvage with the \$22.50. Watch out: This tick writes the brand. Flood is not a synonym for salvage - it is a more specific warning, and the examiner will expect the checklist to agree with it.
4	YOU	The damage checklist	Tick every part that took harm; overflow goes under other. Watch out: Honesty here is cheap - the inspection that precedes any rebuild will find what the boxes missed, with your certification underneath.
5	LENDER	Lienholder, if any	The lender's name, address, amount, date and code, where money is still owed on the wreck. Watch out: A payoff mid-claim does not erase the record - if the state still shows the lien, the release paperwork needs to travel with this application.
6	YOU	Certification	Printed name, original signature, date. Watch out: No copies or stamps is printed on the line itself. Sign the sheet you post, not a scan of it.

What gets this one rejected

- A stamped or photocopied signature. The signature line's own label bars copies and stamps - an original hand, every time.
- Non-repairable ticked to save the fee. That certificate ends the vehicle's road life permanently - not to be reconstructed is the condition, and it cannot be undone by paying later.
- No damage boxes ticked. The checklist is the application's evidence; a salvage request with an unmarked diagram asks the examiner to imagine the wreck.
- The lien quietly omitted. A financed wreck still owes its lender - the lienholder block exists because the security interest transfers onto the salvage certificate.
- Alterations on the sheet. The foot voids the form for erasures, the same absolute rule the state applies to its titles.

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

Read off DMV-SV-1 (Rev 11/2022) and the West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles's own pages, current as of 2026-08-23. Plain-language help with a sellmycarhub.com form, not legal advice — where this and the agency differ, the agency governs.

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West Virginia Department of Transportation

Division of Motor Vehicles

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STREET ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP

Vehicle Information

2 Make Nissan Year 2018 VIN No. K N M A T 2 M V 0 J P 5 3 1 6 4 2

Style of Body SUV Weight 3,545 or Odometer Reading 58,204

PASSENGER VEHICLE TRUCKS GVW

3 **COMPLETE THIS SECTION IF APPLICABLE**

☐ Requesting NON-REPAIRABLE Certificate (Over 75% damaged & not to be reconstructed.) **NO FEE IS DUE**

☒ Flood Damage **\$22.50 FEE**

☐ Fire Damage **\$22.50 FEE**

☐ Salvage **\$22.50 FEE**

INDICATE DAMAGE BY CHECKING THE APPROPRIATE BOX, OR LIST PART UNDER "OTHER".

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☐ Front Bumper	☐ Windshield	☐ Rear Bumper	Other Includes: Boats, Campers, Cycles, and misc.
☐ Grill Assembly	☐ Side Glass - Left	☐ Frame	
☐ Hood	☐ Side Glass - Right	☐ Suspension	
☐ Fender - Left	☐ Rear Glass	☒ Seats	
☐ Fender - Right	☐ Roof Panel	☐ Radio Unit	
☐ Door Front - Left	☐ Qtr. Panel - Left	☐ Battery	
☐ Door Front - Right	☐ Qtr. Panel - Right	☒ Dash Panel	
☐ Door Rear - Left	☐ Deck Lid	☒ Engine	
☐ Door Rear - Right	☐ Rear Door S/W	☐ Other →	

Lienholder Information (if required)

Name Amount Date Lender Code

LIENHOLDER

Address

STREET ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP

Applicant Certification

I hereby certify under penalty of fines and/or imprisonment, that the statements made herein are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

6 Merritt A. Goff

PRINTED NAME OF INSURANCE COMPANY OR OWNER

(X) / /

ORIGINAL SIGNATURE OF INSURANCE COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE OR OWNER (NO COPIES OR STAMPS) DATE

***ANY ALTERATIONS OR ERASURES WILL VOID THIS FORM.**