

How to fill out MV147 — Wyoming Affidavit of Vehicle Ownership

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Wyoming · written against MV147 (8/12), issued under WYDOT Motor Vehicle Services under W.S. 31-2-105(c) and (d), sworn before a notarial officer and filed with the county clerk where the title application is made

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This is the document at the centre of a Wyoming bonded title, and it prints the whole route on its own reverse: nine numbered steps with the form and the fee for each one beside it. The front is a sworn statement that you own a vehicle you cannot produce a title for, describing the vehicle, naming who you got it from, giving the prior title number and state if you know them, naming any lienholder, stating a current value, and explaining in your own words why no title or lien information could be obtained. Two printed questions at the foot decide whether a bond will be needed at all, because a vehicle bought inoperable and being restored for personal use can have the bond waived by the county clerk - at the price of a title that says NON-TRANSFERABLE FOR 180 DAYS FROM THE DATE TITLE ISSUED across its face.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank MV147 from the Wyoming Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicle Services at <https://www.dot.state.wy.us/files/live/sites/wydot/files/shared/Motor%20Vehicle%20Services/MV-147%20WY%20AFFIDAVIT%20OF%20OWNERSHIP.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	Ring the county clerk before you write anything	Step one on the reverse asks you to verify that this is the proper procedure for your specific situation. Watch out: Describe what you have rather than what you want. An unsigned title, a signed title with the wrong name on it and no title at all are three different routes, and only one of them ends here.
2	OTHER	Get the identification number inspected	A Wyoming law enforcement officer verifies the number and checks whether the vehicle has been reported stolen. The reverse prices it at \$10.00. Watch out: This is also the moment the whole plan can end. A number that comes back stolen stops everything, and it is far better to find out in your own yard than at a counter.
3	YOU	Order the record search	The department's search identifies the previous owner of record and any liens, with a copy of the inspection and a colour picture of the vehicle attached to the request. Watch out: Take the photograph while the deputy is there. The same picture is wanted twice and the light in a Wyoming yard in February does not last.
4	YOU	Write the certified letters	One to any lienholder the search names, asking for a release; one to the previous owner of record, asking that a title be established and properly executed to you. Copies and the return receipt information are attachments. Watch out: Keep the unopened envelope if it comes back. Returned mail is better evidence of a previous owner who cannot be found than any sentence you can write in the explanation box.
5	YOU	Establish a value you can document	A national appraisal guide, a current or past registration showing a value, or a written certified statement from a licensed Wyoming dealer - with the documentation attached. Watch out: The figure is not cosmetic: the bond is written against it. Under two and a half thousand dollars there is no bond at all, so an honestly low value on an honestly rough vehicle can end the process here.
6	YOU	Fill in the affidavit and answer the two questions	The vehicle block, where you got it, the value, the explanation of why no title or lien information could be obtained, and the two yes-or-no questions at the foot. Watch out: Write the explanation as a chronology - bought on this date, from this person, at this address, letter sent on this date, returned on this date. A clerk reading a sequence can follow it; a clerk reading a paragraph of regret cannot.
7	YOU	Swear it in front of an officer	Printed name, signature and date, then the acknowledgement taken by a notary public, county clerk or deputy. Watch out: The clerk's own office can take it, which saves a trip - and it means the person who will assess the file is watching you sign it.
8	OTHER	Buy the bond, unless it is waived	A surety bond for twice the retail value, issued by an insurance provider, with the bond form submitted alongside this affidavit. Watch out: Nothing is due below \$2,500.00. Above it, ring a surety broker with the documented value in your hand - they price off the figure you have proved, not the figure you hope for.
9	YOU	File the lot with the county clerk	All paperwork goes to the office of the county clerk where the title application is being made. Watch out: Take the whole file in one envelope in the printed order. A bonded application arriving in instalments over three weeks is the one that gets set aside.

What gets this one rejected

- Starting here. Step one on the reverse is to verify with your local county clerk's office that this is the proper procedure for your specific situation, and clerks turn away more of these for being the wrong route than for being wrongly filled in.
- Guessing a value. The reverse allows three sources - a current national appraisal guide, a current or past registration where the value is present, or a written certified statement from a licensed Wyoming vehicle dealer - and asks for the documentation to be submitted with the affidavit. The bond is calculated off this figure.
- Skipping the certified letters. One goes to any lienholder identified, asking for the lien to be released; another goes to the previous owner of record, asking that a title be established and properly executed. The copy and the return receipt information are both listed as attachments.
- Answering the two questions at the foot to fit the outcome you want. They decide whether a clerk may waive the bond, and the waiver's price is a title that cannot be transferred for 180 days - which is a poor trade if you intended to sell.
- Swearing that the liens noted are the only ones before the record search has come back. You cannot know that yet, and the sentence you are signing is not hedged.

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

Read off MV147 (8/12) and the Wyoming Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicle Services'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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WYOMING AFFIDAVIT OF VEHICLE OWNERSHIP

STATE OF WYOMING}

COUNTY OF Sheridan }

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT I/WE, Verlene A. Tiegen

am/are the owner(s) of the following described vehicle/watercraft, to wit:

Vehicle/Hull Identification Number		Color	Odometer Reading / Vessel Length	Fuel Type / Vessel Type
1FMEU63E6YUB40915		<i>Green</i>	214,806	<i>Gasoline</i>
Year	Make	Model	Trim Level / Hull Material	Factory Cost
2000	<i>Ford</i>	<i>Explorer</i>	<i>XLT</i>	<i>31,105</i>

and my/our address is, 1418 Cottonwood Loop, Sheridan, WY 82801

and that I/we acquired ownership and possession of the above vehicle/watercraft from:

Prior Owner's Name		Address	Telephone Number
<i>Nordahl G. Sipes</i>		<i>118 Fifth St, Ranchester, WY 82839</i>	<i>(307) 555-0126</i>
Prior Title Number	State	Name of Current Lien Holder/Lien Type/Amount	Current Value
			4,300

on: 06/27/2026

Date

located at: 118 Fifth St, Ranchester, Wyoming

Address

Explain why you are/were unable to obtain any title or lien information on this vehicle/watercraft (Attach additional pages if needed): Bought at an estate clean-out sale. The seller could not find the

certificate, said it had been lost years earlier, and has since

moved with no forwarding address. A certified letter sent to the

last known address was returned unclaimed on 08/19/2026.

Is this vehicle being restored for personal use?

YES NO

At the time of purchase, was the vehicle inoperable and needing substantial repairs to one or more of the mechanical systems?

YES NO

I do hereby certify under penalty of perjury, that all information on this Affidavit of Vehicle Ownership is true and correct, I am the true and lawful owner of the vehicle/watercraft described herein, and I further attest that the liens and encumbrances noted hereon are the only liens and encumbrances against the vehicle described herein.

Verlene A. Tiegen

Applicant's Printed Name

Verlene A. Tiegen

Applicant's Signature

09/03/2026

Date

NOTARY PUBLIC

State of _____)

County of _____)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by

_____ ,

This ____ day of _____, 20____.

Witness my hand and official seal.

Notary Public / County Clerk / Deputy

My commission expires: _____

(NOTARY SEAL)

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MV147 (8/12)

STEP	INSTRUCTIONS	MV-FORM/FEE
1	Verify with your local County Clerk's office that this is the proper procedure for your specific situation.	N/A
2	Have the vehicle/Hull identification number inspected by a Wyoming Law Enforcement Officer to verify the VIN/HIN and determine if the vehicle has been reported stolen.	MV300A - \$10.00
3	Request a Title Search from the Wyoming Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicle Services to identify the previous owner of record and any liens or encumbrances on the vehicle/watercraft. You must attach copies of the VIN Inspection Form (MV300A), the Vehicle Record and Privacy Disclosure Release Form (MV220) and a color picture of the vehicle.	MV220 - \$5.00
4	Provide a color picture of the vehicle.	N/A
5	Contact any lien holders identified via certified letter to request liens be released. If there is an active lien on the vehicle/watercraft, it must be released.	Lien release on Bank/Company letterhead. Must include Make, Model, Year, and VIN/HIN
6	Contact the Previous Owner via certified letter to request that a title be established and properly executed, transferring ownership to you.	A copy of the certified letter, including return receipt information, must be submitted with the affidavit of ownership
7	Establish the retail value of the vehicle/watercraft by either of the following: ➤ From a current national appraisal guide (<i>ie. Kelley Blue Book or N.A.D.A</i>) ➤ From a current or past registration if the value is present ➤ Submitted and certified by a licensed Wyoming vehicle dealer in a written format	Documentation of the value of the vehicle/watercraft must be submitted with the Affidavit of Vehicle Ownership
8	Complete this Affidavit of Ownership form, under penalty of perjury, indicating: ➤ Vehicle/watercraft Information - Applicant Information ➤ How you came into possession of the vehicle/watercraft, ➤ Efforts made to establish title, ➤ Circumstances prohibiting you from obtaining a title, ➤ The information provided on and with the form is true and correct, ➤ That you are the true and lawful owner of the vehicle/watercraft.	MV147- No Fee
9	Purchase a surety bond for twice the retail value as shown by documentation from step 6. A surety bond is not required for vehicles/watercraft valued at less than \$2,500.00 PLEASE NOTE: If the vehicle was not operational and could not have been rendered operational without substantial repairs to one or more of the vehicle's mechanical systems at the time of purchase, and the vehicle will be restored for the owner's personal use; the County Clerk may choose to waive the bond requirement. A title issued in these circumstances will show the following on the face of the title: "NON-TRANSFERABLE FOR 180 DAYS FROM THE DATE TITLE ISSUED." Please contact your local County Clerk for more information.	MV FORM - No Fee The cost of the surety bond will be established by and paid to your insurance provider. The bond form must be submitted with the Affidavit of Vehicle Ownership

***All Paperwork shall be submitted to the office of the County Clerk where application for title is being made.**