



Bonded Title Procedure

If you do not have acceptable evidence of ownership for a vehicle you own, you may have the option of applying for a bonded title.

Step 1: Determine your eligibility

- In order to qualify, you must be a Texas resident or military personnel stationed in Texas; or
- Have a vehicle that was last titled in Texas, and
- The vehicle must be in your possession and cannot be considered abandoned, junked, stolen, or in any other pending lawsuits. Although not required to be operational, it must be a complete vehicle including a frame, body and motor or if motorcycle, a frame and motor.

If you meet the above eligibility requirements, you may take or mail the following documents to your nearest TxDMV Regional Service Center:

- A Statement of Fact for Bonded Title (VTR-130-SOF);
- A Statement of Physical Inspection (VTR-270);
- All supporting evidence of ownership (Bill of Sale, Invoice, Cancelled Check, etc.);
- \$15.00 Bonded Title Application Fee; and
- Acceptable Photo ID which must include a photograph, unique identification number, birth date, and expiration date.

If your documents are approved, you will be issued a letter stating the amount of the required bond, equal to 1½ times the value of the vehicle. The department will determine the value of the vehicle using one of the sources below:

For vehicles newer than 25 years old in order of preference:

- The Standard Presumptive Value (SPV) from our web site (www.TxDMV.gov) as the primary source;
- If a SPV is not available, the National Auto Dealers Association (NADA) reference guide will be used; or may appraise the vehicle on a form provided by VTR;
- If a value is not available either through SPV or NADA, a licensed motor vehicle dealer or insurance adjuster may appraise the vehicle on a form provided by VTR;
- For vehicles 25 years old or older, TxDMV staff will use the greater of:
- A set value of \$4,000 multiplied by 1.5 will be assigned to the vehicle;
- If the applicant has a bill of sale over \$4,000.00, the amount will be multiplied by 1.5 and assigned to the vehicle;
- The applicant must sign a certification attesting the vehicle value does not exceed the amount of the bond.

Step 2: Purchase a surety bond

Take the letter and other documents given to you by the TxDMV Regional Service Center to an auto insurance agency or any agency that is licensed to see vehicle Surety Bonds in Texas. The letter from the TxDMV Regional Service Center is valid for only one year based on the vehicle value.

Step 3: Apply for a bonded title

Within 30 days of obtaining the bond, take the original letter given to you by the TxDMV Regional Service Center and the documents listed above, to your county tax office, in addition to:

- A completed Form 130-U including any additional documents required by this form;
- Acceptable Photo ID which includes a photograph, unique identification number, birth date, and expiration date;
- Weight certificate (if a commercial vehicle or a truck);
- A Vehicle Identification Certificate (Form VI-30), completed by an authorized Safety Inspection Station (if previously title out-of-state); and An (HS 7) Customs Document or other U.S. Customs declarations (if the vehicle is imported from another country).



Texas Department
of Motor Vehicles

Bonded Title Application or Tax Collector Hearing Statement of Fact

| Vehicle Information | | | | |
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| Vehicle Identification Number | Year | Make | Body Style | Model |
| Vehicle Purchased or Obtained From (Name of Individual or Entity) | Odometer Reading (no tenths) | Purchase Date | Purchase Price \$ | |

| Applicant(s) Information – Print name as it appears on photo identification | | | |
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| First Name (or Entity Name) | Middle Name | Last Name | Suffix (if any) |
| Additional Applicant First Name (if applicable) | Middle Name | Last Name | Suffix (if any) |
| Address | City | State | Zip |
| Email (required if submitting this form by mail) | | Phone Number (required if submitting this form by mail) | |

| Application Explanation |
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| Provide an explanation for requesting a bonded title or tax assessor-collector hearing. |

| Application Questions – An answer must be provided to ALL questions | Yes | No |
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| 1. Do you live in Texas? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Are you military personnel stationed in Texas? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Was the vehicle last titled in Texas? If no, a <i>Law Enforcement Identification Number Inspection (Form VTR-68-A)</i> is required. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Is the vehicle you are attempting to title an abandoned vehicle? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Is the vehicle subject to storage or mechanic's charges? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Is the vehicle subject to any type of foreclosure lien? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Is the vehicle you are attempting to title a nonrepairable vehicle? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Is the vehicle you are attempting to title a salvage vehicle? If yes, a <i>Rebuilt Vehicle Statement (Form VTR-61)</i> is required. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. Is the vehicle involved in any pending lawsuits or disputes of ownership? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. Are you in legal possession of the vehicle? If no, provide the physical location of the vehicle and short explanation. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. Are you in legal control of the vehicle? If no, provide the physical location of the vehicle and short explanation. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. Was the vehicle manufactured for sale or distribution in the United States by a motor vehicle manufacturer? If no, proof of compliance with U.S. Department of Transportation safety requirements is required or evidence the vehicle is an assembled vehicle. If newly assembled, "Yes" is required for question 13. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13. Is the vehicle an assembled vehicle from new or used part(s) or a kit that has not been previously titled? If yes, a <i>Rebuilt Vehicle Statement (Form VTR-61)</i> and an ASE Inspection on Form VTR-64 or VTR-852 are required. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 14. Is the vehicle complete? A motor vehicle (such as a passenger car or pickup truck) must have a motor, body, and frame. A motorcycle must have a motor and frame. A trailer must have a bed, frame, and axle assembly. An incomplete motor vehicle will not be titled. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15. Is the vehicle 25 or more years old? If yes, what is the current value of the vehicle? \$ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| Certification – State law makes falsifying information a third degree felony | | |
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| I, the above listed applicant(s), certify physical inspection of the vehicle identification number (VIN) was made and corresponds to the VIN provided above, and all other information provided on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. | | |
| Signature of Applicant | Printed Name (Same as Signature) | Date |
| Signature of Additional Applicant (if any) | Printed Name (Same as Signature) | Date |

Bonded Title Application or Tax Collector Hearing Statement of Fact

Part 1: Requirements for Obtaining a Bonded Title Rejection Letter

Complete page 1 of this form and submit the following to a TxDMV Regional Service Center:

1. Both pages of this form, *Bonded Title Application or Tax Collector Hearing Statement of Fact* (VTR-130-SOF).
2. The \$15.00 non-refundable processing fee in the form of cash, check, or money order. **Do not mail cash.**
3. Any evidence of ownership (such as a title, bill of sale, or canceled check) and any other available documentation.
4. The following additional documents, if applicable:
 - *Rebuilt Vehicle Statement* (Form VTR-61) if the vehicle is a salvage vehicle that has been repaired, rebuilt, or reconstructed or if the vehicle is newly assembled.
 - ASE inspection on Form VTR-64 or VTR-852 if the vehicle is newly assembled.
5. If the vehicle does not have a current Texas record, a vehicle identification number inspection completed by law enforcement on Form VTR-68-A is required.
6. If mailing this application to a TxDMV Regional Service Center, an email or phone number must be provided.

Each person signing this form must provide a copy of current government issued photo identification (ID). An ID that is expired not more than 12 months is considered current. An agent of the applicant must provide 1) a letter of signature authority on letterhead, printed business card, or an employee identification (all may be copies) and 2) a copy of their current government issued photo ID.

You may be required to leave this application and any additional documentation for processing.

Determining the Value of a Vehicle

Vehicle value is determined by the department using the Standard Presumptive Value (SPV) calculator found on the department's website at www.TxDmv.gov. If the SPV calculator does not return a value, the department will use a value from a national reference guide. If the department is unable to determine a value, you must obtain an appraisal from a licensed dealer or licensed insurance adjuster on a *Motor Vehicle Appraisal for Tax Collector Hearing / Bonded Title* (Form VTR-125). The appraisal must be legible, include the appraiser's business name, address, and license number; and must have the appraiser's original signature. **Contact your local TxDMV Regional Service Center or visit our website at www.TxDmv.gov for additional information.**

Part 2: Filing an Application for Texas Title and/or Registration

After this form is processed by a TxDMV Regional Service Center, the following must be submitted to your county tax assessor-collector's office for the bonded title to be processed or for the tax assessor-collector hearing to be held:

1. *Application for Texas Title and/or Registration* (Form 130-U).
2. Both pages of this form, *Bonded Title Application or Tax Collector Hearing Statement of Fact* (VTR-130-SOF).
3. TxDMV Rejection Letter issued by the TxDMV Regional Service Center with all enclosures attached (all documentation submitted to the TxDMV Regional Service Center in Part 1).
4. If proceeding with a bonded title, the original bond (VTR-130-SB) purchased from the surety company (and the accompanying power of attorney, if applicable).
5. Any evidence of ownership (such as a title, bill of sale, or canceled check) and any other available documentation.
6. If applying for registration:
 - Vehicle Inspection Report issued by a Texas vehicle safety inspection station or
 - *Vehicle Identification Number Certification* (Form VTR-270) if a certification option on the form applies.
7. Proof of financial responsibility (liability insurance) in the applicant's name if applying for registration.
8. Acceptable government issued photo ID (such as a driver license, ID card, or U.S. or foreign passport).
9. A certified weight certificate for any out of state commercial vehicle or any vehicle whose weight cannot be determined.

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| TxDmv Representative | Date | MVDI checked? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Texas record found? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | If no Texas record, STOLEN checked? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| If no Texas record, ISO Claim Search (VIN decoding) checked? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | If no Texas record, was VTR-68-A provided? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | Is there a lien less than 10 years old? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| NMVTIS checked? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | NMVTIS brands found? <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Salvage <input type="checkbox"/> Junk <input type="checkbox"/> Flood Damage <input type="checkbox"/> Replica <input type="checkbox"/> Rebuilt Salvage <input type="checkbox"/> Reconstructed <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturer's Buyback <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | | | |
| TxDmv \$15 receipt for administrative processing fee provided? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | TxDmv Rejection Letter with surety responsibility statements? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | |
| Vehicle Value Established by: <input type="checkbox"/> SPV <input type="checkbox"/> Guide <input type="checkbox"/> Appraisal <input type="checkbox"/> 25+ years old | | Vehicle Value \$ | Bond Amount (vehicle value x 1.5) \$ | |