

# Section 1: Vehicle Identification Numbers (VIN)

## 1. Does your jurisdiction issue its own VIN?

### Yes

Alabama	Maine	Ohio
Alaska	Manitoba	Oklahoma
Arizona	Maryland	Ontario
Arkansas	Massachusetts	Oregon
British Columbia	Michigan	Pennsylvania
California	Minnesota	Prince Edward Island
Colorado	Mississippi	Quebec
Connecticut	Missouri	Rhode Island
Delaware	Montana	Saskatchewan
District of Columbia	Nebraska	South Carolina
Florida	Nevada	South Dakota
Georgia	New Brunswick	Tennessee
Hawaii	New Hampshire	Texas
Idaho	New Jersey	Vermont
Illinois	New York	Virginia
Indiana	North Carolina	Washington
Iowa	North Dakota	Wisconsin
Kansas	Northwest Territories	Wyoming
Kentucky	Nova Scotia	Yukon Territory

### No

Newfoundland

### Comments

California	DMV assigns a VIN plate, when the VIN has been removed, destroyed, or obliterated for the following: trailers less than 6,000 lbs, trailer coaches, special mobile equipment, implements of husbandry, motorcycles, snowmobiles.
Florida	When original number not known and for homemade vehicles and trailers.
Georgia	When original number not known and for homemade vehicles and trailers.
Michigan	For assembled and reconstructed vehicles.
Nova Scotia	For homemade trailers, rebuilt vehicles or vehicles that have had the VIN defaced or removed.
Prince Edward Island	Trailers only.

## 2. Does your jurisdiction require a VIN inspection on:

### *a. Rebuilt vehicles before a rebuilt title is issued?*

All jurisdictions responding require a VIN inspection of rebuilt vehicles before a rebuilt title is issued with the following exceptions:

Arkansas	New Jersey	Rhode Island
British Columbia	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory
Hawaii	Ontario	
New Brunswick	Quebec	

***b. All vehicles entering from another jurisdiction prior to issuance of a new title?***

All jurisdictions responding require a VIN inspection on all vehicles entering from another jurisdiction prior to issuance of a new title with the following exceptions:

Alaska	Minnesota	Ontario
Georgia	Mississippi	Quebec
Hawaii – 1980 & older models	Montana	South Carolina
Illinois	New Brunswick	South Dakota
Iowa	New Hampshire	Tennessee
Kentucky—motor vehicles; not trailers	New Jersey	Virginia
Louisiana	New York	Washington
Maine	North Carolina	West Virginia
Manitoba	North Dakota	Wisconsin
Maryland	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory
Massachusetts	Nova Scotia	
Michigan	Oklahoma	

***c. Title only transactions?***

The following jurisdictions require a VIN inspection for title only transactions:

Arkansas	When an Arkansas title or MCO is not surrendered.
California	If a non-resident vehicle or records are unavailable.
Connecticut	If titled in another jurisdiction.
District of Columbia	Prior to issuing a title only.
Florida	On all used motor vehicles, including trailers with a weight of 2,000 lbs. or more, which are not titled in Florida.
Kentucky	If titled in another jurisdiction.
Idaho	If titled or registered in another jurisdiction.
Missouri	If titled in another jurisdiction.
Nevada	If not previously titled and/or registered in Nevada.
New Mexico	If titled in another jurisdiction; any first-time transactions with the exception of MCO documents.
Ohio	If titled in another jurisdiction.
Oregon	If titled in another jurisdiction.
Pennsylvania	If titled in another jurisdiction or reconstructed, specially constructed or modified.
Washington	If titled or registered in another jurisdiction.

***d. Other? (specify)***

The following jurisdictions require VIN inspections at other times as is specified beside each jurisdiction's name:

Alabama	Initial title in Alabama.
Alaska	Reconstructed, specially constructed, homemade, bonded titles, some corrected titles where vehicle description is changed.
Arizona	Restored salvage, reconstructed, specially constructed, homemade, bonded titles, some corrected titles where vehicle description is changed, certain fuel type changes.

British Columbia	Vehicles constructed from several other vehicles; whenever VIN does not match documentation (indicated by police check or insurance claim).
California	Specially constructed motor vehicles and trailers; any other vehicle for which there is no record by the Department, except new vehicles sold by California dealers; when the Department assigns an identifying number; when an engine change, motorcycle engine case change or change from engine number to VIN is to be recorded; when the VIN shown on certificate is different from the number shown on file; vehicles assembled from kits, revived junks, revived salvage.
Colorado	Bonds, road worthy from salvage, abandoned vehicles, discrepancies in VIN.
Connecticut	Composite (reconstructed) vehicles; salvage vehicles; VIN discrepancies among various documents and bonded titles.
Florida	Rebuilt, assembled from parts, replacement VINs.
Georgia	Restored salvage, reconstructed, specially constructed, homemade, prior salvage, flood damage, fire or any similar type brands requires inspection by MVD Inspection Unit; vehicles originating from a non-title jurisdiction requires form to be completed by law enforcement officer before title is issued.
Hawaii	Registration of a previously junked vehicle; homemade vehicle.
Idaho	New vehicles, corrections to VIN on titles; glider kit vehicles; reassignment of VIN; salvage vehicles; lien sales; abandoned vehicles; sheriff sales; impounded vehicle sales; conditional titles.
Illinois	Rebuilt vehicles that are eight model years or newer are inspected for all essential parts' VINs by the Secretary of State Police; specially constructed vehicles are inspected and VINs are affixed.
Kansas	Assembled vehicles on which major component parts are used; non-highway title to highway title.
Kentucky	Road worthy from salvage; VIN discrepancies.
Maine	Upon entering Maine from another country, including Canada.
Manitoba	Vehicles constructed from two or more other vehicles; homemade vehicles.
Maryland	Stolen, abandoned, reconstructed, kit vehicles, salvage vehicles, homemade trailers 10,000 lbs. and over.
Massachusetts	Salvage vehicles; when a vehicle has a questionable VIN.
Michigan	Required with surety bond applications; VIN edit errors; gray market vehicles; assembled vehicles, over six years old/worth \$25,00.00 or less applications; glider kit vehicles; camper trailers (trailer coaches) not previously titled.
Minnesota	Reconstructed, specially constructed.
Mississippi	All title transactions require a VIN inspection by title agent; rebuilt salvage requires an inspection by Department of Public Safety Investigator and Title Agent.
Montana	Entering from foreign country; motor homes for chassis numbers; rebuilt salvage homemade bonded titles.
Nebraska	Prior to titling an assembled motor vehicle.
New Hampshire	Foreign and salvage vehicles.
New Jersey	Any vehicle with altered/missing VINs; vehicles that have been salvaged and repaired.
New Mexico	VIN inspection also required on any first-time transactions, with the exception of MCO documents.
New York	Salvage vehicles; custom built vehicles; VIN verifications for other jurisdictions; VIN corrections.
Ohio	When there is a VIN discrepancy between the vehicle and the title.
Ontario	VIN is reported on NVIS or assigned by the Driver and Vehicle License Office.
Oregon	Any vehicle DMV has reason to believe was not certified by the manufacturer as conforming to federal vehicle standards; assembled, reconstructed and replica vehicles.
South Carolina	Rebuilt vehicles requiring a department assigned serial number must be checked by law enforcement prior to titling and registration.
South Dakota	The DMV or Auto Theft Unit may order an inspection of a vehicle.

Tennessee	All rebuilt vehicles are not required to be inspected.
Virginia	Reconstructed, specially constructed, homemade, glider kit vehicles, salvage vehicles; when the Department assigns an identifying number; when the VIN shown on certificate is different from the number shown on file; VIN edit errors; when the original VIN is lost or mutilated.
Washington	Any vehicle when ownership is in doubt; rebuilt vehicles; homemade vehicles; when no record can be found.
West Virginia	Out-of-state vehicles, trailers, etc. without title or registration; before any type of correction is done unless it is a departmental error.
Wisconsin	When it is necessary to establish the proper description of the vehicle.

### 3. Is an inspection sticker required before the VIN is issued?

#### Yes

Alabama	Kentucky	Northwest Territories
Alaska	Maine	Ohio
Arizona	Maryland	Oklahoma
Arkansas	Massachusetts	Oregon
British Columbia	Minnesota	Pennsylvania
Colorado	Missouri	Quebec
Connecticut	Montana	Rhode Island
Delaware	Nebraska	Saskatchewan
Georgia	Nevada	South Dakota
Hawaii	New Brunswick	Tennessee
Idaho	New Hampshire	Texas
Illinois	New Jersey	Virginia
Indiana	New York	Washington
Iowa	North Carolina	Wyoming
Kansas	North Dakota	

#### No

California	Nova Scotia	South Carolina
Florida	Ontario	Vermont
Michigan	Oregon	Wisconsin
Newfoundland	Pennsylvania	Yukon Territory

#### Comments

California	Except snowmobiles, special mobile equipment, implements of husbandry and new motorcycles.
Manitoba	Vehicles constructed from two or more other motor vehicles, homemade vehicles.
New York	Except for homemade light trailers.
Pennsylvania	An inspection sticker is not required before the VIN is issued.
Saskatchewan	Reconstructed vehicles.

**4. With many additional major parts having identification numbers, what does your jurisdiction require if the identification number is changed or removed on these major parts (doors, hood, trunk, fenders, etc.)?**

Alabama	Issue an Alabama assigned VIN when the inspecting officer cannot ascertain the identity of the vehicle due to conflicting VINs on major component parts.
Alaska	No requirements at this time.
Alberta	Police inspection if the identification numbers have been tampered with.
Arizona	Require title dismantle permit for frame and body; if the public and/or confidential VIN is missing, altered, etc., the vehicle may be referred for a level II inspection by MVD enforcement, who in turn may check VINs on various parts; as long as the vehicle and/or parts are not identified as stolen, primary concern is with having a good public VIN; a number will be reassigned if the public and/or confidential VIN is missing; if the vehicle is not determined stolen, MVD may assign numbers to major component parts.
British Columbia	Assigned VIN required if engine replaced on pre-1957 vehicles and any dashboard replacement where original VIN was attached; all vehicles must have two original public VINs or assigned VIN required.
California	If the public VIN (dash), the Federal Certification label (door), or the alternate VIN (NHTSA sticker) is changed, tampered, or removed, the vehicle is referred to the California Highway Patrol (CHP) for inspection; CHP will assign a VIN label to the vehicle when appropriate.
Colorado	If public or confidential VINs have been altered or do not match, Colorado assigned VIN required.
Connecticut	If it is the only number, then inspection and a number is reassigned; if two other numbers, then it is okay.
Delaware	The vehicle is required to go through the Delaware State Police Auto Theft Unit; a Delaware assigned serial number is issued for the vehicle and affixed to the vehicle.
Florida	No action required. However, if the public VIN is removed, vehicle must be inspected by law enforcement to verify CVIN.
Georgia	If the public VIN is removed, a VIN will be issued for the vehicle and inspected by a law enforcement officer.
Hawaii	No action required. However, if the public VIN is removed, vehicle must be inspected by auto theft police officers to verify CVIN.
Idaho	If a public VIN or federal standards decal is altered or removed, a motor vehicle investigator inspection is required, and a VIN will be assigned as appropriate.
Illinois	The same number, or state-assigned number, will be affixed to the part if the owner can prove ownership. If the owner cannot prove ownership, the part is confiscated.
Indiana	Nothing at present; if salvage/wrecked vehicle going to a rebuilt title, notification of parts replaced and numbers of such kept in manual files.
Iowa	Do not renumber major parts; if an VIN is changed or removed, the major part is seized by law enforcement.
Kansas	Highway patrol inspection if the part has identification of vehicle stamped on it.
Kentucky	Must supply receipts for parts stating serial number; also when required apply through VIN removal.
Louisiana	Require title/permit to dismantle for frame and body; if vehicle is a 1956 or earlier year model (but not a 1932 or later Ford), need title/permit to dismantle for motor.
Maine	Misdemeanor to sell, exchange, offer to sell or exchange, give away or use a manufacturers' vehicle ID or serial number plate that has been removed from the original vehicle.
Manitoba	A provincial government assigned VIN is required only when a major component such as the cab, frame, chassis has been replaced.

Maryland	Must bring vehicle into MVA garage for inspection for hidden VIN by police department and MVA; after vehicle is inspected, title is corrected or a Maryland VIN is assigned.
Massachusetts	A state-assigned number will be affixed to the part if the owner can prove ownership.
Michigan	Nothing is required.
Minnesota	Handled on a case-by-case basis; if it appears to be tampered with, may require replacement of the part, receipt, explanation, etc.
Mississippi	Except in salvage situation. Nothing is recorded on replacing door or other part with ID number.
Missouri	If the number on the door is considered the public VIN, a replacement VIN must be issued.
Montana	Inspection and receipt for parts required. If the public VIN on a door has been altered or removed and cannot trace ownership, may confiscate part. If ownership is traced, will make notation on the title.
Nebraska	New title Changing make to assembled and year to year of assembly and assigned VIN.
Nevada	The main identifying number is the frame number. If frame number is missing or tampered with, the Department issues a unique number.
New Hampshire	If public VIN changed or removed, physical inspection by highway enforcement officer required prior to issuing state-issued VIN decal. No current procedures in place relative to component parts number change.
New York	Proof of ownership is required for all major and minor component parts. If manufacturer's required markings are missing, we investigate the source of ownership. Unmarked parts may be seized and/or marked with replacement identification numbers and/or disposed of pursuant to law. Federal anti-theft prevention standards are followed as guidelines.
North Carolina	Door- if the public VIN is on the door pillar, a NCS number must be issued.
Northwest Territories	Identification numbers of parts are not recorded.
Nova Scotia	Reconstructed vehicle forms plus certification.
Ohio	If a part had a sticker number and was removed due to salvage or theft, and proof of ownership can be determined on the new part, the state via the Ohio Highway Patrol, will provide a new sticker number. However, if the sticker was removed to conceal identity, the OHP will confiscate that part as contraband.
Oklahoma	Major component (frame, body) number assigned by Department of Public Safety.
Oregon	We do not check for VINs on all major parts. If the public VIN is missing, altered, etc., the vehicle may be referred to police, who in turn may check VINs on various parts. As long as the vehicle and/or parts are not identified as stolen, we are primarily concerned with having a good public VIN. A number may be reassigned if the public VIN is missing, and police do not determine the vehicle to be stolen. Police may assign numbers to component parts but this is rarely done.
Pennsylvania	No specific rules on the use of replacement parts that have unique VIN's. Each situation would be treated on a case-by-case basis.
Prince Edward Island	Only Check VIN.
Puerto Rico	If the identification number is changed or removed, the vehicle must be inspected by the police auto theft bureau and reassigned the original identification number if everything is in order.
Quebec	Only check VIN of the vehicle.
Saskatchewan	No requirement.
South Carolina	Special serial number is assigned by this department for vehicles registered or titled in South Carolina.
South Dakota	If an ID number has been changed or removed, an inspection is made by a member of the South Dakota Highway Patrol Auto Theft Unit. The confidential

	VIN is verified and either a new ID number or a duplicate number is installed depending upon what is found during the inspection.
Texas	Motor Vehicle Theft Investigator will have part destroyed if identification number has been removed.
Utah	No requirements at this time.
Virginia	These are parts labels used to deter theft. If removed, these are considered the same as removing a vehicle identification number and is considered a felony to remove, if not done through the salvage process. Salvage dealers retain the bill of sale to account for parts used during repair.
Washington	Must be assigned number by state patrol. May require bond or three-year registration only if ownership in question.
West Virginia	Police certification and an affidavit asking for replacement.
Wisconsin	Law enforcement inspection to verify primary VIN.
Wyoming	VIN inspection. State assigned VIN.
Yukon Territory	We are concerned only with the original VIN issued by the manufacturer. If removed, we issue a VIN upon verification that the vehicle is not stolen.

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