

**Application for Certificate of Title – Certification of Physical Inspection of a Motor Vehicle on Application for Certificate of Title. Reference: Sections 32-8-1 through 32-8-87, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended. Motor Vehicle Inspection Requirements for Certificates of Title and Continuation of Brands.**

~~(1) The application for certificate of title, Form MVT 5-1E, is a multi-purpose form required for various transactions. A new application is necessary for each transaction which requires that a new title be issued. A new title with a new number revokes any previous title.~~

**(2) (1) First Certificate of Title. In accordance with § 32-8-35, Code of Ala. 1975, Aa** physical inspection of a motor vehicle and verification of the vehicle identification number **(VIN)** and the descriptive data shown on the **certificate of title** application is required only for first certificates of title, including certificates of title for the following:

- (a) New Vehicles - Application for first title.
- (b) Out-of-State Vehicles - Brought into Alabama requiring registration and titling in this State and surrendering of out-of-state title.
- (c) Other Vehicles - Not currently titled in Alabama and subject to registration and titling in this State.

**(2) Licensing officials may appoint a government official or a law enforcement officer as a deputy for the purpose of inspecting a motor vehicle. The government official, or law enforcement officer, must verify the VIN, make, year, model, and color of the vehicle by completing and signing Vehicle Inspection Form MVT 5-9.**

(3) **Transfer of Certificate of Title.** Where a currently valid Alabama certificate of title to a motor vehicle is assigned to a new owner, the designated agent processing an application for title for the new owner is not required to physically verify the ~~motor vehicle identification number~~ **VIN** and description of the vehicle. In such a case, the signature of the designated agent on the application is his certification that the ~~motor vehicle identification number~~ **VIN** and description shown on the new application are identical to the ~~motor vehicle identification number~~ **VIN** and description **in on** the **Alabama** certificate of title assigned to the new owner and that he has positively identified the new owner and witnessed his signature on the application for the new title.

~~(4) The application for a certificate of title, Form MVT 20-1, may only be used a notice of security interest to record a lien on a vehicle previously titled in Alabama. This form is designed for use by a lienholder not qualified as a designated agent and it cannot be used in a transfer of ownership. The~~

**application for first Alabama certificate of title and application for certificate of title involving a transfer must be processed by a designated agent of the department or an authorized title service provider of the designated agent.**

**(5) Continuation of Brands. Any and all brands which appear on certificates of title issued by other jurisdictions to disclose a pertinent fact about a vehicle or its ownership and surrendered to this state may be continued on certificates of title issued in this state.**

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**Authority:** §§ 32-6-56, 32-8-3, 32-8-5, 32-8-32 and , 40-2A-7(a)(5), ~~and 32-8-3(a)(2)~~, Code of Ala.1975. **49 CFR Part 565.**

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