

810-5-75-.55 **Motor Vehicle Inspection Requirements for Certificates of Title and Continuation of Brands**

(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 VIN and description of the vehicle. In such a case, the signature of the designated agent on the application is his certification that the VIN and description shown on the new application are identical to the VIN and description 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 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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