

Title 13
Article 3.0 Vehicle Registration and Titling
TOTAL LOSS SALVAGE AND NONREPAIRABLE VEHICLES
Sections 155.05 and 155.07

Instructions: Add title before Section 155.00 in Article 3.0

§155.05. Application for Salvage ~~or Nonrepairable Vehicle~~ Certificates.

(a) In addition to the requirements specified in Sections ~~11515 and 11515.2~~ 11515.1(a) of the Vehicle Code to obtain a salvage certificate for a ~~constructive~~ total loss vehicle, an Application for Salvage Certificate or Nonrepairable Vehicle Certificate, form {REG 488C (REV. ~~10/2003~~ 8/2008)} shall be submitted to the department and shall contain the following information entered in Section 1 on the form:

(1) The vehicle description, including the vehicle license plate number, make, year, vehicle identification number, the state of last known vehicle registration, and the date registration expires.

(2) The insurance claim number, if available.

(3) The cost/value of the vehicle as determined either by the insurance company's payoff or the purchase price from the previous owner.

(A) The cost/value shall not be required when the application is for a duplicate salvage certificate.

(4) The date the vehicle was wrecked or destroyed, when applicable.

(5) The date the vehicle was stolen, when applicable.

(6) The date the vehicle was recovered, if stolen.

(7) ~~A statement signed and dated by the~~ The applicant or authorized agent shall sign and date the form in Section 1 to certify that the described vehicle is a total loss salvage, that a properly endorsed certificate of ownership document or documents ~~are~~ is attached, and to a request the department issue for a salvage certificate.

(A) If the properly endorsed certificate of ownership or other appropriate evidence of ownership document(s) cannot be secured, the following applies:

(i) Vehicles valued under five thousand dollars (\$5,000) shall require a Statement of Facts, form {REG- 256 (REV. ~~1/2003~~ 1/2007)} with Section G completed to explaining why the title cannot be obtained must be submitted and Section H signed and dated to certify or declare under penalty of perjury that the described vehicle identified in Section G is a total loss salvage and to request that the department issue a salvage certificate.

(ii) ~~(B)When a certificate of ownership or other evidence of ownership is not attached, then~~ Vehicles valued at five thousand dollars (\$5,000) and above shall require a surety bond pursuant to Section 4157 of the Vehicle Code ~~in the amount of~~

~~the cost/value of the vehicle shall be required if the insurance payoff plus the salvage value is \$5,000 or more. A surety bond is also required when settlement is made to the legal owner of a vehicle without the release of the registered owner unless repossession documentation is attached.~~

(iii) EXCEPTION: Following a total loss settlement, an insurance company, an occupational licensee of the department authorized by an insurance company or a salvage pool authorized by an insurance company, that has completed the requirements of Section 11515 of the Vehicle Code and completed the Unobtainable Title Certification for Issuance of a Salvage or Nonrepairable Certificate, form REG 492 (REV 1/2007 2/2009), which is hereby incorporated by reference, shall submit the REG 492 form, along with the REG 488C form to request that the department issue a salvage certificate without a certificate of ownership or other appropriate evidence of ownership document(s).

(8) The name ~~and address~~ of the insurance company or applicant.

(9) The California Driver License or Identification Card number, if the applicant is an individual and not a business or an agent.

(10) The street address which shall include, but not be limited to, the following: the street number and name, city, state and zip code.

(A) The street address of the insurance company or applicant depending on who is completing the REG 488C form.

(11) If applicable, the authorized agent's printed name and occupational license number when the agent is licensed by the department.

~~(b) In addition to the requirements specified in Section 11515.2 of the Vehicle Code to obtain a nonrepairable vehicle certificate for a vehicle, an Application for Salvage Certificate or Nonrepairable Vehicle Certificate form [REG 488C (REV 10/2003)] shall be submitted to the department and shall contain the following:~~

~~(1) The vehicle description, including the vehicle license number, make, year, vehicle identification number, the state of last known registration, and the date registration expires.~~

~~(2) The insurance claim number, if available.~~

~~(3) The cost/value of the vehicle as determined either by the insurance company's payoff or the purchase price from the previous owner.~~

~~(A) The cost/value shall not be required when the application is for a duplicate nonrepairable certificate only.~~

~~(4) The date the vehicle was wrecked or destroyed.~~

~~(5) The date the vehicle was stolen.~~

~~(6) The date the vehicle was recovered if stolen.~~

~~(7) An indication of whether the nonrepairable condition pursuant to Vehicle Code section 431 was due to a surgical strip, a complete burn, or declared nonrepairable by the owner.~~

~~(8) A statement signed and dated by the applicant or authorized agent certifying that the described vehicle is a nonrepairable vehicle, that properly endorsed ownership documents are attached, and requesting a nonrepairable vehicle certificate to be issued.~~

~~(9) The name and address of the insurance company or applicant.~~

~~(10) The California Driver License or Identification Card number, if the applicant is an individual and not a business or an agent.~~

~~(11) If applicable, the agent's name and occupational license number when the agent is licensed by the department.~~

~~(e) (b)~~ The License Plate Disposition Certification, Section 3 on the REG 488C form shall be completed with Section 1 that requests a salvage and nonrepairable vehicles certificates and shall contain the following:

(1) An indication by the applicant ~~or an authorized agent certifying~~ that the license plates assigned to the vehicle ~~either~~ are being surrendered, have been lost, have been destroyed by an occupational licensee, or are special plates retained by the owner.

~~(2A)~~ If When the license plates are surrendered, the applicant shall indicate the number of plates surrendered.

~~(3B)~~ If When the license plates were destroyed by an occupational licensee, the occupational license number of the occupational licensee shall be indicated.

~~(d) (c)~~ A statement signed and dated by the applicant ~~or authorized agent certifying~~ that certifies or declares under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information provided on the application is true and correct.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 1651 Vehicle Code; and 10902, Revenue and Taxation Code. Reference: Section 2015.5, Code of Civil Procedure; Sections 9868, 11515, 11515.1 and 11515.2, Vehicle Code and Section 10902, Revenue and Taxation Code.

§155.07. Application for Nonrepairable Vehicle Certificate.

(a) In addition to the requirements specified in Sections 11515, 11515.1(b) and 11515.2 of the Vehicle Code to obtain a nonrepairable vehicle certificate for a vehicle, an Application for Salvage Certificate or Nonrepairable Vehicle Certificate, form REG 488C (REV. 8/2008) shall be submitted to the department and shall contain the following information entered in Section 2 on the form:

(1) The vehicle description, including the vehicle license plate number, make, year, vehicle identification number, the state of last known vehicle registration, and the date registration expires.

- (2) The insurance claim number, if available.
- (3) The cost/value of the vehicle as determined either by the insurance company's payoff or the purchase price from the previous owner.
 - (A) The cost/value shall not be required when the application is for a duplicate nonrepairable vehicle certificate.
- (4) The date the vehicle was wrecked or destroyed, when applicable.
- (5) The date the vehicle was stolen, when applicable.
- (6) The date the vehicle was recovered, if stolen.
- (7) An indication of whether the nonrepairable condition pursuant to Vehicle Code section 431 was due to a surgical strip, a burned hulk, or declared nonrepairable by the owner.
- (8) The applicant or authorized agent shall sign and date the form in Section 2 to certify that the described vehicle is a nonrepairable vehicle, that a properly endorsed certificate of ownership document or document(s) is attached, and to request the department issue a nonrepairable vehicle certificate.
 - (A) If the properly endorsed certificate of ownership document or documents cannot be secured, the following applies:
 - (i) Vehicles valued under five thousand dollars \$5,000 shall require a Statement of Facts, form REG 256 (REV. 1/2007) with Section G completed to explain why the title cannot be obtained and Section H signed and dated to certify or declare under penalty of perjury that the described vehicle identified in Section G is a nonrepairable vehicle and request the department issue a nonrepairable vehicle certificate.
 - (ii) Vehicles valued at five thousand dollars \$5,000 and above shall require a surety bond pursuant to Section 4157 of the Vehicle Code. A surety bond is also required when settlement is made to the legal owner of a vehicle without the release of the registered owner unless repossession documentation is attached.
 - (iii) EXCEPTION: Following a total loss settlement, an insurance company, an occupational licensee of the department authorized by an insurance company or a salvage pool authorized by an insurance company, that has completed the requirements of Section 11515.2 of the Vehicle Code and completed the Unobtainable Title Certification for Issuance of a Salvage or Nonrepairable Certificate, Form REG 492 (Rev. 2/2009), which is hereby incorporated by reference, shall submit the REG 492 form, along with the REG 488C form to request that the department issue a nonrepairable vehicle certificate without a certificate of ownership or other appropriate evidence of ownership document(s).
- (9) The name of the insurance company or applicant.

(10) The California Driver License or Identification Card number, if the applicant is an individual and not a business or an authorized agent.

(11) The street address which shall include, but not be limited to, the following: the street number and name, city, state and zip code.

(A) The street address of the insurance company or applicant depending on who is completing the REG 488C form.

(12) If applicable, the authorized agent's printed name and occupational license number when the agent is licensed by the department.

(b) The License Plate Disposition Certification, Section 3 on the REG 488C form shall be completed with Section 2 that requests a nonrepairable vehicle certificate and shall contain the following:

(1) An indication by the applicant or an authorized agent that the license plates assigned to the vehicle are being surrendered, have been lost, have been destroyed by an occupational licensee, or are special plates retained by the owner.

(A) When the license plates are surrendered, the applicant shall indicate the number of plates surrendered.

(B) When the license plates were destroyed by an occupational licensee, the occupational license number of the occupational licensee shall be indicated.

(c) A statement signed and dated by the applicant or authorized agent that certifies or declares under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information provided on the application is true and correct.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 1651 Vehicle Code; and 10902, Revenue and Taxation Code. Reference: Section 2015.5, Code of Civil Procedure; Sections 9868, 11515 and 11515.2, Vehicle Code and Section 10902, Revenue and Taxation Code.