

# FACT SHEET

## Reconstructed Vehicle Titling Procedure

### PURPOSE

This fact sheet explains the requirements for titling and registering Reconstructed (previously salvaged) Vehicles. This includes vehicles for which a Pennsylvania Certificate of Salvage has been issued, as well as out-of-state vehicles that were previously reconstructed and are now entering Pennsylvania.

### DEFINITIONS

**Reconstructed Vehicle** - A vehicle, other than an antique or classic vehicle, for which a certificate of salvage was issued and is thereafter restored to operating condition to meet the vehicle equipment and inspection standards.

**Salvage Vehicle** - A vehicle which is inoperable or unable to meet the vehicle equipment and inspection standards to the extent that the cost of repairs would exceed the value of the repaired vehicle. The term does not include a vehicle which would qualify as an antique or classic vehicle except for its lack of restoration or maintenance.

### PROCEDURE AND DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

- ❖ Reconstructed vehicles must be restored to their original operating condition as designed by the vehicle manufacturer and must conform to the original manufacturer's specifications and appearance. This includes (but is not limited to) air bags, seat belt/restraint systems, emissions components, etc.
- ❖ All reconstructed vehicles must undergo an enhanced vehicle safety inspection to ensure the vehicle is in compliance with all equipment and inspection requirements. This inspection must be performed at an enhanced vehicle safety inspection station. A list of these stations can be found at [www.pa.gov/dmv](http://www.pa.gov/dmv). Click on the link for Business Partner under the Information Centers heading, and then select Station Owners/Mechanics under the Resources heading.
- ❖ Once the vehicle has successfully passed the enhanced inspection, the enhanced inspector or certified document reviewer will photograph the vehicle and examine the documentation presented by the vehicle owner to support titling the vehicle. Required documentation includes, but is not limited to:
  - ★ [Form MV-426B, "Application for Reconstructed, Specially Constructed, Collectible, Modified, Flood, Recovered Theft Vehicles and Street Rods,"](#) with all applicable signatures. **NOTE:** Obsolete version of [MV-426B](#) with a revision date of July 2023 (7-23) or earlier will not be accepted.
  - ★ Proof of ownership in the form of:
    - Pennsylvania Certificate of Salvage
    - Certificate of salvage issued by another state or jurisdiction
    - Certificate of title issued by another state or jurisdiction and indicating the vehicle was reconstructed in another state or jurisdiction



- The following documents are not accepted by Pennsylvania as proof of ownership:
  - Form 907A issued by the state of New York; and,
  - Any title, certificate of origin, statement of origin or certificate of salvage that indicates the vehicle is to be used for parts only; is not suitable to be rebuilt or titled; or is not designed, constructed or intended for use on public roadways.
- ★ Form MV-1 (Application for Certificate of Title) if the applicant's name does not appear on the face of the certificate of title or salvage.
- ★ Proof of insurance

[Form MV-426B](#) applications for a reconstructed vehicle title accompanied by a Pennsylvania Certificate of Salvage are processed by Online Business Partners. A list of On-line Business Partners can be found at [www.pa.gov/dmv](http://www.pa.gov/dmv). Click on the link for Business Partner under the Information Centers heading, and then select the Locations Information Center link under the Online Messengers tab.

The following [MV-426B](#) applications for a Reconstructed Vehicle Title must be submitted to PennDOT for:

- Vehicles coming from another state (or jurisdiction) with a branded title
- Vehicles coming from another state (or jurisdiction) with a certificate of salvage (or similar designation)
- Vehicles requiring a replacement Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)
- Any application requesting a change in the vehicle's Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR)

Any application submitted for a Reconstructed Vehicle Title may be delayed should it warrant further review by PennDOT and/or the Pennsylvania State Police.

## **PENNSYLVANIA INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS**

After the vehicle is titled and registered, reconstructed vehicles are subject to periodic safety inspections as well as emission inspections (where required). Periodic inspections can be performed at any inspection station throughout Pennsylvania. A vehicle is only required to be inspected at an enhanced vehicle safety inspection station for initial titling.

*Please Note: Authorized agents are under contract to PennDOT and may charge a market driven service (delivery) fee; these are in addition to any PennDOT statutory fees for temporary, or in some cases, permanent motor vehicle registration plates and cards or other related products and services offered by the agent. The agent's service (delivery) fees are market driven, and vary by agent. To compare service (delivery) fees, you are encouraged to contact the authorized agents in your area for the applicable service (delivery) fees charged.*