

# What To Do With the Tennessee Title When You Buy a Vehicle

**#1--** Verify the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) on the title matches the VIN on the vehicle. The VIN can often be found on the lower-left corner of the dashboard, in front of the steering wheel, as you look in the windshield from the outside.

STATE OF TENNESSEE  
THE DOCUMENT BACKGROUND AREA CHANGES COLOR GRADUALLY FROM TOP TO BOTTOM.  
**CERTIFICATE OF TITLE**

VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	BODY TYPE	TITLE NUMBER
1ABCD111A11111111	2004	ACUR	RSX	2H	12345678
NEW USED DEMO X	PREVIOUS TITLE NO 12345678	PREV STATE TN TN	SALES OR USE TAX	CO 54	ODOMETER 93000
DATE TITLE ISSUED 08-03-2013	REMARKS				
DATE VEHICLE ACQUIRED 08-01-2013	ACTUAL MILEAGE				
JOHN W DOE 12345 SOMEPLCE AVE CHATTANOOGA TN 37412					

SATISFACTORY PROOF OF OWNERSHIP HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED UNDER TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED, 55-3-101, TITLE TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE DESCRIBED ABOVE IS VESTED IN THE OWNER'S NAME HEREIN THIS OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE IS ISSUED FOR SAID MOTOR VEHICLE.

FIRST LIEN RELEASED BY  
*Bill L. Jones* 12-13-13  
SIGNATURE RELEASE DATE

DATE OF FIRST SECURITY INTEREST 02-15-2011

TN RIDGE CREDIT UNION  
12345 MAIN ST  
CHATTANOOGA TN 37433

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**#2--** Confirm that seller's ID is same as name on title. If two names are on the title, both sellers must sign on reverse side.

**#4--** You only need this step if there is a lien indicated. If so, make sure there is also a signature and date from the financial institution releasing the lien. And it's essential that there are no alterations on the date.

**#3--** If the seller owes money to a financial institution for the vehicle, lien information about the institution will be listed on the title. Otherwise this area will be blank.



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LIEN SATISFACTION

Only eight places to write. Everything else remains untouched. Use ink.

Any alteration voids the title, so make sure to leave date, sales price, buyer's signature and buyer's hand-printed name until it's final.

STATE OF TENNESSEE  
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE  
VEHICLE SERVICES DIVISION  
44 VANTAGE WAY, SUITE 160  
NASHVILLE, TN 37243-8050

UPON SATISFACTION OF A LIEN, THE SPACE PROVIDED ON THE CERTIFICATE THIS FORM. DETACH THE COMPLETED LIEN ADDRESS INDICATED BELOW. IF THERE ARE THE TITLE TO THE SECOND LIENHOLDER. YOU WILL FORWARD THE TITLE TO THE

FORM IS AS FOLLOWS:

#1-- Write in vehicle mileage. Take your time when entering mileage. There can be no mistakes or alterations.

#2-- Usually no box is checked. This section is to state that something is incorrect with the odometer.

#3-- Signature(s) and printed address of seller(s). These do not have to be signed in buyer's presence.

#4-- Hand Printed name of Seller(s)

#5-- Signature of Buyer(s)

#6-- Hand printed name of Buyer(s)

#7-- Date of Sale

#8-- Sales price

ANY ALTERATION OR ERASURE VOIDS THIS TITLE

ASSIGNMENT OF TITLE BY REGISTERED OWNER

This is to be filed in by the seller and delivered to the purchaser with the vehicle. Purchaser must make application for a new Certificate of Title with the County Clerk. The undersigned hereby certifies that the vehicle described in this title has been transferred to the following printed name and address:

I certify to the best of my knowledge that the odometer reading is the actual mileage of the vehicle unless one of the following statements is checked:  
Odometer Reading (No Tenths)  1. I hereby certify that the mileage stated is in excess of the mechanical limits of the odometer.  
 2. The odometer reading is not the actual mileage. WARNING - ODOMETER DISCREPANCY

SIGNATURE AND ADDRESS OF SELLER(S)

SELLER(S) NAME (Hand Printed)

DATE OF SALE

SIGNATURE OF BUYER(S)

SALES PRICE

BUYER(S) NAME (Hand Printed)

Make, VIN, Value of trade-in

LIENHOLDER TO BE RECORDED AND SHOWN ON NEW TITLE:  
1ST LIEN IN FAVOR OF  
NAME & ADDRESS

FIRST RE-ASSIGNMENT BY LICENSED DEALER

The undersigned hereby certifies that the vehicle described in this title has been transferred to the following printed name and address: (Record lien in space below)

I certify to the best of my knowledge that the odometer reading is the actual mileage of the vehicle unless one of the following statements is checked:  
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SIGNATURE AND ADDRESS OF SELLER(S)

SELLER(S) NAME (Hand Printed)

DATE OF SALE

SIGNATURE OF BUYER(S)

SALES PRICE

BUYER(S) NAME (Hand Printed)

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Local Option Tax

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NAME & ADDRESS

SECOND RE-ASSIGNMENT BY LICENSED DEALER

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