



Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
Policy 21.00 Acceptable Evidence of Disposal of Vehicle

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Definition:

- **Evidence** -- acceptable written proof that the vehicle was disposed of prior to or within 10 days of cancellation of liability security or prior to the notice of violation date.

General:

- **Vehicle Sold / Traded / Donated Acceptable Evidence**
 - Copy of a bill of sale or act of donation
 - Dealer invoice showing trade-in
 - A statement from the owner with a description of the vehicle (year/make and model including the VIN or plate number), the date that the vehicle was sold, the name and mailing address, if available, of the new owner.
- **Junked / Salvaged Vehicle Acceptable Evidence**
 - Evidence that the vehicle was junked or salvaged, (i.e., a receipt from a salvage yard or junk dealer showing a date junked or salvaged, a description of the vehicle, including the VIN or plate number).
 - A statement from the owner giving the description of the vehicle, including the VIN or plate number, the date that the vehicle was junked/salvaged, the name and address, if available, of the salvage yard or junk dealer.
- **Abandoned Vehicle Acceptable Evidence**
 - A statement from the owner with a description of the vehicle (year/make and model including the VIN or plate number) and the date that the vehicle was last seen.
- **Proof of Loss Acceptable Evidence** (regardless if owner retains vehicle or not)
 - A statement or document of similar content from the insurance company or owner, if no insurance company is involved, indicating the date of loss and a full description of the vehicle, including the VIN or plate number.
- **Repossessed/Voluntarily Surrendered Vehicle Acceptable Evidence**
 - A statement or document of similar content from the lienholder or owner if the lienholder refuses, with a description of the vehicle, including the VIN or plate number, and the date that the vehicle was repossessed or voluntarily surrendered.

- **Seized Vehicle Acceptable Evidence**
 - Evidence from a law enforcement agency, court records, etc., indicating the date that the vehicle was seized and statement vehicle has not been returned to owner or if vehicle was returned, the date returned. Evidence must include the year/make and model including the VIN or plate number.
- **Lease Terminated Vehicle Acceptable Evidence**
 - A statement or document of similar content with a description of the vehicle, including the VIN or plate number, and the date that the was lease terminated.
- **Rental Terminated Vehicle Acceptable Evidence**
 - A statement or document of similar content giving a description of the vehicle, including the VIN or plate number, and the date that the rental contract was terminated.
- **Rescinded or Canceled Sale Vehicle Acceptable Evidence**
 - Evidence that the sale of the vehicle was rescinded or canceled, such as a statement from the dealer with a description of the vehicle, including the VIN or plate number, and the date that the sale was rescinded or canceled.
- **Dismantled Vehicle Acceptable Evidence**
 - If the vehicle is disposed of more than 10 days after the cancellation date or after the notice of violation date, written evidence will serve only as current disposition of the vehicle. All sanctions and/or fees will still apply.
- **Property Settlement, Agreement, or Bankruptcy Acceptable Evidence**
 - A certified copy of court documents/minutes indicating disposition of the vehicle as a result of a property settlement, agreement, or bankruptcy. The document must include the date of disposition of the vehicle and a full vehicle description, including the VIN or plate number; or
 - If a property settlement is not available to determine ownership, accept a Judgment of Divorce and a statement explaining the situation including a renunciation of interest in the vehicle in question.