Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
Policy 33.00 Permit to Dismantle Vehicle

Section: 4. Motor Vehicle Registration Requirements

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Definitions:

- **Dismantle** - To render the vehicle in such a state that it cannot be used or rebuilt for use as a motor vehicle
- **Dismantler/Auto Parts Recycler –** Person or business licensed by the Louisiana Used Motor Vehicle Commission to dismantle and/or resale usable parts of a motor vehicle
- **Permit to Dismantle** – A certificate used as evidence of a vehicle that has been dismantled for parts

General:

- Any person who chooses to dismantle a motor vehicle must:
  - Have the vehicle titled in their name
  - Make application to the Office of Motor Vehicles for a permit to dismantle
- Once a *Permit to Dismantle* is issued:
  - The Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) is no longer valid
  - The motor vehicle cannot be titled or registered for use on any road or highway of any state.
  - Parts from the vehicle are allowed to be removed and reused or sold
- The owner must retain the original *Permit to Dismantle* until the frame is either sold, crushed, or used to assemble another vehicle
- If the frame is sold, the original *Permit to Dismantle* and a notarized bill of sale must be given to the purchaser.
- A copy of the Permit, along with a notarized bill of sale, shall be provided to the purchaser of any other major component part as evidence that the vehicle was properly dismantled

Requirements:

- To obtain a *Permit to Dismantle*, the following must be submitted:
  - The original *Certificate of Title* or *Permit to Sell*, with properly completed assignments, if applicable.
    - The surrender of a *Certificate of Title* is not required for vehicles that are more than fifteen (15) years old and have not been registered in this state or any other

state for a period of three (3) years immediately prior to the application for a Permit to Dismantle.
    - Lien release, if applicable.
    - *Application for Permit to Dismantle Vehicle* (DPSMV 1633), completed in its entirety
- *Application for a Permit to Dismantle* (DPSMV 1633) shall be forwarded to the Specialized Vehicle Unit at the following address:
    - Office of Motor Vehicles
      Specialized Vehicle Unit
      P.O. Box 64886
      Baton Rouge, La 70896.
- In accordance with R.S. 32:707.5, if the only major component changed on a pickup truck is the cab the vehicle shall be branded as reconstructed therefore the VIN would remain valid.

Related Policies:

Section 4, Policy 28.00 Glider Kits

Section 4, Policy 42.01 Rebuilt Salvaged Vehicles