



Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
Policy 120.00 Auto Hulk

Section: 4. Motor Vehicle Registration Requirements

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[R.S. 32:702\(3\)](#)

[R.S. 32:718](#)

To view Louisiana Statutes: <http://www.legis.state.la.us/>

Definitions:

- **Auto Hulk** - Any material that is or that may have been a motor vehicle, with or without all component parts, which is not self-propelled, nor capable of carrying persons or property upon a public highway and which material is in such condition that its highest or primary value is its sale or transfer as parts or scrap metal.¹
- **Scrap Metal Processor (Secondary Metal Processor)** - Any person or entity engaged in the business of obtaining and storing scrap metal, as defined by R.S. 37:1962, whose origin included abandoned, wrecked, or junked motor vehicles for recycling.
- **Licensed Automotive Dismantler** - A person, firm, or corporation engaged in whole or in part in the business of acquiring and dismantling, disassembling, or repairing wrecked, abandoned, or repairable motor vehicles or selling the usable parts thereof, or selling such wrecked, abandoned, or repairable motor vehicles as a unit of wholesale, or selling such repaired motor vehicles as a unit at wholesale.

Requirements:

- A secondary metal processor or licensed automotive dismantler and parts recycler shall:
 - Obtain the following from the vehicle owner at the time the auto hulk is purchased:
 - Either a certificate of title for the auto hulk or a signed and dated [Auto Hulk Affidavit \(DPSMV1801\)](#) stating that he is the owner of the vehicle or part or has the right to sell or transfer the vehicle or part.
 - If a title with a complete assignment is provided to the secondary metal processor or licensed automotive dismantler and parts recycler, it shall take the place of the signed and dated affidavit.
 - A photographic or electronic copy of the seller's valid driver's license or a valid identification card issued by the seller's current state of residence
 - License plate number and state of issue of the vehicle delivering the auto hulk
 - The vehicle identification number (VIN) of the auto hulk
 - Maintain the information collected from the owner for a period of two years at the secondary metal processor's or the licensed automotive dismantler and parts recycler's place of business.
 - Make records available for inspection by any Peace Officer, law enforcement official, or Office of Motor Vehicles official at any time during customary business hours.

- Prior to dismantling, crushing, or other destruction of the auto hulk, report the VIN of each auto hulk received from a seller to the office of motor vehicles' auto hulk database.
- Maintain the auto hulk until the Office of Motor Vehicles returns a message that the auto hulk has been successfully entered into the database.
 - If the response received indicates that the auto hulk has been reported stolen, the secondary metal processor or licensed automotive dismantler and parts recycler:
 - Shall not dismantle, crush, or otherwise destroy the auto hulk
 - Shall notify local law enforcement of the location of the auto hulk
- It is not necessary to obtain a Permit to Dismantle prior to dismantling and selling parts from auto hulk.
 - Entry of a vehicle into the Auto Hulk Database will take the place of a Permit to Dismantle being issued and will serve as the facilities intent to dismantle a vehicle.
 - Upon selling any part from a vehicle entered into the auto hulk database, the secondary metal processor or licensed automotive dismantler and parts recycler shall provide the purchaser with a receipt. The receipt for purchase of the part shall include a statement certifying that the vehicle from which the part was removed was reported to the Office of Motor Vehicles in accordance with [R.S. 32:718](#).
- Once the vehicle information is entered into the Auto Hulk Database and a successful return submission is received, the VIN is no longer valid and the vehicle **cannot** be titled or registered for use on any road or highway of any state or foreign country.
- Secondary metal processor or licensed automotive dismantler and parts recycler that do not have access to the Auto Hulk Database or who cannot log in may contact the Office of Motor Vehicles, Specialized Vehicle Unit at (225)925-7641.

Related Policies:

Section 4, Policy [20.05, Disposal of Junk Vehicles](#)

Section 4, Policy [20.06, Procedure for Disposal of Abandoned Vehicles](#)

References:

¹ – Louisiana State Legislature. *Definitions* (R.S. 32:702), retrieved from <https://legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?d=88513>.

² – Louisiana State Legislature. *Sale of an Auto Hulk as Scrap to a Scrap Metal Processor or a Licensed Automotive Dismantler and Parts Recycler* (R.S. 32:718), retrieved from <https://legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?d=88534>.