

National Motor Vehicle Title Information System Report

New Information

Effective July 1, 2012, licensed dealers must obtain a National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS) report from an approved provider before a used vehicle is offered or displayed for sale. Additional information on NMVTIS, including a list of approved providers, is available online at www.vehiclehistory.gov.

Procedures

Before a used vehicle is offered or displayed for sale, a dealer must:

- Obtain an NMVTIS report. (The dealer must provide the retail purchaser with a copy, upon request, prior to sale.)
- Post a disclosure statement on the vehicle while it is displayed for sale if the NMVTIS used vehicle history report indicates the vehicle is **or** has been a junk or a salvage vehicle, or the certificate of title contains a brand. The statement is required to:
 - Have the word “Warning” in at least 18-point, bold, black type.
 - Have the disclosure in at least 14-point, bold, black type.
 - Be at least 4” x 5½” and on a red background.
 - Have specific language. Refer to *California Vehicle Code* (CVC) §11713.26 for the specific language and requirements.
- Retain a copy of the NMVTIS report in their files. Do not submit a copy of the NMVTIS report to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) with the vehicle ownership transfer application.

The NMVTIS report requirement applies to all used vehicles sold by licensed dealers except when:

- A dealer attempts to obtain an NMVTIS report, but NMVTIS does not have a record for the vehicle.
- The vehicle is a motorcycle, recreation vehicle, or off-highway vehicle subject to identification under *California Vehicle Code* (CVC) §38010.

Background

Legislation prohibits dealers from selling a used vehicle unless the dealer obtains a NMVTIS vehicle history report.

The NMVTIS report protects consumers from fraud, and from purchasing unsafe or stolen vehicles. The NMVTIS report also assists state motor vehicle agencies and law enforcement in preventing title fraud and other crimes.

DMV cannot assist dealers with obtaining an NMVTIS report.

References

California Vehicle Code §§11713.26 and 38010

Distribution

Notification that this memo is available online at www.dmv.ca.gov/pubs/olin/olin.htm was made via California DMV's Automated E-mail Alert System in May 2012 to the following:

- Dealers
- Registration Services

Contact

If you have questions regarding this memo, contact the Occupational Licensing Compliance Unit at (916) 229-3154.

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