

19A NCAC 03C .0202 TITLING AND REGISTRATION OF BRANDED VEHICLES

Upon application for title and registration of a motor vehicle as defined in G.S. 20-4.01(33), the following rules apply:

- (1) Flood vehicles shall be branded "Water/Flood Damage Vehicle" on the title and "WATR-FLD" on the registration card.
- (2) Non-USA vehicles shall be titled and registered with an inspector's report to verify the vehicle meets Environmental Protection Agency standards and that the vehicle is operable. The title shall reflect the brand Non-USA vehicle.
- (3) If a NC Salvage Certificate of Title MVR-40 is being transferred to an individual or dealer and the vehicle is six model years old or newer, then the title and registration records shall notate a Total Loss Claim and it must be accompanied by:
 - (a) LT-275 Report of Initial Examination of Salvage Vehicle;
 - (b) LT-276 Affidavit of Rebuilder or Owner; and
 - (c) LT-277 Report of Final Examination of Rebuilt or Reconstructed Vehicle.If the three Documents referenced in this Rule are not submitted with the title, then a LT-270 Report of Examination Vehicle is required, and the title shall be branded as Reconstructed with Total Loss Claim noted. The registration records shall reflect Reconstructed and Total Loss Claim.
- (4) If a branded out of state title is transferred from an insurance company's name to an individual or dealer and the vehicle is six model years old or newer, then the title brand on the previous title will be included on the new NC Certificate of Title, and it shall be accompanied by:
 - (a) LT-275 Report of Initial Examination of Salvage Vehicle;
 - (b) LT-276 Affidavit of Rebuilder or Owner; and
 - (c) LT-277 Report of Final Examination of Rebuilt or Reconstructed Vehicle.If the three documents above are not submitted with the title, a LT-270 Report of Examination of Motor Vehicle, shall be required and the title shall be branded as Reconstructed.
- (5) If a NC Salvage Certificate of Title MVR-40 is being transferred to an individual or dealer and the vehicle is older than six model years, the previous title's brand be included on the new NC Salvage Certificate of Title MVR-40 and the inspector's report shall not be required.
- (6) If a branded out-of-state title is transferred from an insurance company's name to an individual or dealer, and the vehicle is older than six model years, it must be accompanied by a LT-270 Report of Examination of Motor Vehicle. The previous title's brand shall be included on the new NC Certificate of Title.
- (7) If a branded out-of-state title is submitted to the Division and in an individual's name or is assigned to an individual or dealer, the previous title's brand shall be included on the new NC Certificate of Title and an inspector's report shall not be required, regardless of the year.
- (8) If a branded out-of-state title is submitted to the Division in a dealer's name or is assigned to an individual or dealer, regardless of the year, it must be accompanied by a LT-20 Report of Examination of Motor Vehicle. The previous title's brand shall be included on the new NC Certificate of Title.
- (9) Salvage rebuilt vehicles will be branded if a NC Salvage Certificate of Title, MVR-40, is being transferred to an individual or dealer and is six model years old or newer, then the title and registration records shall notate Total Loss Claim and must be accompanied by:
 - (a) LT-275 Report of Initial Examination of Salvage Vehicle;
 - (b) LT-276 Affidavit of Rebuilder or Owner; and
 - (c) LT-277 Report of Final Examination of Rebuilt or Reconstructed Vehicle.If the three documents above are not submitted with the title, a LT-270 Report of Examination of Motor Vehicle is required, and the title will be branded as Reconstructed with Total Loss Claim noted. The registration records shall reflect Reconstructed and Total Loss Claim. For vehicles more than six model years old, the current brand shall be included on the new NC Certificate of Title.
- (10) If a NC Salvage Certificate of Title, MVR-40, is being transferred to an individual or dealer and is more than six model years old, the current brand shall be included on the new NC Salvage Certificate of Title, MVR-40, and an inspector's report shall not be required.
- (11) If an out-of-state title in the name of an insurance company without a brand is transferred to an individual or dealer and the vehicle is six model years old or newer, it shall be accompanied by the

LT-270 Report of Examination of Motor Vehicle and the new title shall be branded in accordance with the applicable rules and G.S. 20-39, 20-71.3, and 20-109.1.

- (12) If an out-of-state title or a NC Certificate of Title is being transferred to an insurance company's name and is more than six model years old, a NC Salvage Certificate of Title, MVR-40, will notate Total Loss Claim and shall be branded Salvage Rebuilt.
- (13) Junk vehicles are marked "Junked" on the registration records only. The title must be submitted indicating the vehicle is incapable of operation or use upon the highways and has no resale value except as a source of parts or scraps.

History Note: Authority G.S. 20-1; 20-4.01(33); 20-39; 20-71.3; 20-109.1;
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