

How to Read the Michigan Vehicle Record

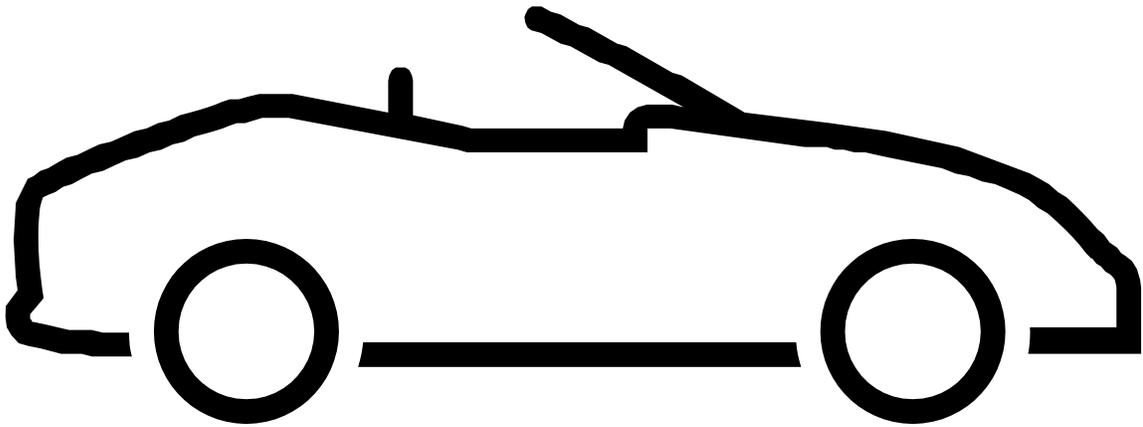


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Introduction

The following records and their definitions are provided as a service from the Michigan Department of State (MDOS) for you, the record requestor, to better understand vehicle, mobile home, watercraft, snowmobile, and moped records.

Each line of the record is numbered. A corresponding line number with an explanation is listed under the LINE-BY-LINE EXPLANATION PAGES detailing what each item in the record means.

Any questions regarding the record can be answered by calling the Department of State Information Center at 1-888-SOS-MICH (1-888-767-6424).

Vehicle Title and Registration Record

Every motor vehicle, trailer coach, and trailer when driven or moved upon public roads is subject to registration and titling requirements under the Michigan Vehicle Code unless otherwise exempt. For information on exemptions, check online for the Michigan Vehicle Code at <http://www.michiganlegislature.org> (Chapter 257 of the Michigan Compiled Laws) or contact the Department of State Information Center at 1-888-SOS-MICH (1-888-767-6424).

Sample Vehicle and Title Record



STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
LANSING

1

Date Processed: 03-08-2021

Title Information

2	Year/Make/Model 2011 KIA	Body Style Station Wagon	Vehicle Type Passenger	VIN KNAFE222395699898
3	Transaction Type Correction	Issued Date 03-08-2021	Title Number MI0008433273	
4	Odometer Code Actual Mileage	Odometer 125,125	Brands	

Owner Information

5	Name MICHIGAN TEST RECORD	Address 7064 CROWNER DR LANSING MI 48980-0001 INGHAM COUNTY	DLN R-263-603-789-002
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Secured Party

6	First Secured Party Name BANK AND LOAN	Address PO BOX 8118 ROCKEYSVILLE MD 21038	Date Posted 01-03-2021
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Registration Information

7	Plate Number VEG79	Plate Type Passenger Standard White	Use Type Regular/Non-Commercial	
8	Transaction Type Correction	Original Issue Date 03-08-2021	Expiration Date 10-10-2021	Transaction Number 37189177
9	Recreation Passport Yes	County INGHAM	Transaction Date 03-08-2021	
10	Months 12	Registration Fee \$150.00	Fee Category MSRP Based	Fee Category Amount 32,561
11	Electronic Insurance Verification No			

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Sample Vehicle Record Key

1. The date record was generated.
2. Detailed vehicle information including the year, make, model (if applicable), body style, vehicle type, and vehicle identification number (VIN).
3. The last transaction type processed against the vehicle title. The date of title issuance. The title number assigned.
4. The odometer brand and odometer reading. Any brands associated to the vehicle will be listed under the Brands heading. The list of possible brands is listed below.
5. Owner information includes the current vehicle owner(s), address, and driver's license number.
6. The secured interest name and address and date the loan was filed. If no secured interest is on record, this area will state "NO SECURED INTEREST ON RECORD."
7. License plate number registered to this vehicle and the plate's characteristics.
8. Transaction type is the last activity processed against the registration. Original issue date is the date the plate was issued. The expiration date is when the registration will expire. Transaction number is a system-generated number associated to the transaction type.
9. Recreation passport indicates if a recreation passport was purchased. The county where the vehicle is registered. The transaction date is the date of the last activity processed against the registration.
10. Months indicates the number of months purchased when the vehicle was last registered. Registration fee is the fee charged based on the last registration activity. Fee category is either the Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) based or the vehicle empty weight.
11. Electronic Insurance Verification (EIV) indicates if Michigan No Fault Insurance is stored on the Departments of State's system.

Title Brands

- Flood - vehicle acquired by an insurance company as part of the settlement of a water damage claim.
- Municipal - vehicle used by a unit of government (city, county, township, public college, or university, etc.).
- Police - vehicle used by law enforcement.
- Rebuilt - a vehicle previously salvaged but has been recertified for road use.
- Salvage - a vehicle suffers damage between 75% and 90% of its pre-damaged cash value.
- Scrap - vehicle that has one or more major component parts that have been wrecked, destroyed, damaged, stolen, or missing to the extent that the total estimated cost of repair (parts and labor) for the vehicle is 91% or more of its pre-damaged value.
- Taxi - vehicle used as a taxicab.

Salvage and Scrap Vehicle Title Records

When a vehicle with a salvage title has been repaired or rebuilt, it cannot be used on-road or titled and plated as a regular rebuilt vehicle until it is recertified by a specially trained law enforcement officer.

A title that has been recertified for road use will show the following legend:

****REBUILT SALVAGE ****

Beginning July 1, 1994, a scrap title is issued to a vehicle that has one or more major component parts that have been wrecked, destroyed, damaged, stolen, or missing to the extent that the total estimated cost of repair (parts and labor) for the vehicle is 91% or more of its pre-damaged value.

A title that is issued under the scrap law will show the following legend.

****SCRAP****

Salvage vehicle titles are **ORANGE** in color.

Scrap vehicle titles are **RED** in color.

Regular vehicle titles are **GREEN** in color.

Sample Scrap Record



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Date Processed: 03-09-2021

Title Information

Year/Make/Model
2011 KIA

Body Style
Station Wagon

Vehicle Type
Passenger

VIN
KNAFE222395699898

Transaction Type
Transfer

Issued Date
03-09-2021

Title Number
MI0008408602

Odometer
0

Odometer Code
Actual Mileage

Brands
Scrap

Owner Information

Name
MICHIGAN TEST RECORD

Address
7064 CROWNER DR
LANSING MI 48980-0001 INGHAM COUNTY

DLN
R-263-603-789-002

Secured Party

No Secured Party

Abandoned Vehicle Record

If a vehicle is abandoned on public property (18-48 hours), law enforcement or their designee may tag the vehicle for removal and/or arrange for the vehicle to be towed. If the vehicle is abandoned on private property, the property owner may arrange for immediate removal of the vehicle. Effective October 1, 2005, law enforcement and towing agencies have partnered with the Michigan Department of State (MDOS) to expedite the abandoned vehicle removal and notification process.

The abandoned vehicle indicator, who reported the vehicle abandoned and when the vehicle was reported abandoned, displays at the top of the record.

Sample Abandoned Vehicle Record



STATE OF MICHIGAN
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LANSING

Date Processed: 03-08-2021

Title Information

3/1/2021 - ABANDONED - CONFIRM WITH ENTERING JURISDICTION MI5080600 WARREN POLICE DEPARTMENT 29900 CIVIC CENTER DR WARREN, MI 48093

Year/Make/Model 2011 KIA	Body Style Station Wagon	Vehicle Type Passenger	VIN KNAFE222395699898
Transaction Type Correction	Issued Date 03-08-2021	Title Number MI0008449657	
Odometer Code Actual Mileage	Odometer 125,125	Brands	

Abandoned Vehicle Search

To see if a vehicle was reported abandoned, you can go to https://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1640_14837-380898--,00.html.

1. Select Vehicle Services button.
2. Under Vehicle Searches, select Abandoned Vehicle Search.
3. Select the proper vehicle type.
4. Enter the VIN or plate number. The VIN can be found on the vehicle's title, registration, or certificate of insurance.
5. Select Search.

Sample Abandoned Vehicle Record

 Search results for VIN **KNAFE222395699898**

1  **Vehicle Found At:** [REDACTED]

2  **Date Taken Into Custody:** 01-Mar-2021

3  **Car/Truck/SUV Information**

Year: 2011

Make: KIA

4  **Custodian Information**

Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

5  **Disposition Information**

Disposition: N/A

6  **Law Enforcement Agency Information**

Name: WARREN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Address: 29900 CIVIC CENTER DR WARREN, MI 48093



Sample Abandoned Vehicle Record Key

1. Street address or cross streets where the abandoned vehicle was found.
2. Date the vehicle was towed.
3. The year and make of the vehicle.
4. The person or business/legal entity responsible for storing an abandoned vehicle taken into custody. Usually, this is the towing agency.
5. How the vehicle was disposed. There are four dispositions.
 - Redeemed by Owner/Secured Party
 - Sold at Auction
 - Transferred Ownership without Sale
 - Vehicle Scrapped
6. The law enforcement agency contacted concerning the abandoned vehicle.

Repeat Offender

Vehicle holds, messages, and indicators resulting from alcohol-related offenses will appear on the title and registration record.

Additional information on how alcohol-related offenses may impact titling or registering of vehicle.

- Repeat Offender Laws
http://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,1607,7-127-1627_8665_9070-21501--,00.html
- Repeat Offender Inquiry
<http://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,1607,7-127--32563--,00.html>

Sample Repeat Offender Record



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1				Date Processed: 03-09-2021
Title Information				
2	*3/9/2021 - 904C HOLD - NO TITLE TRANSFER EXCEPT TO NON-IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER OR BY COURT ORDER*			
Year/Make/Model				
3	2011 KIA	Body Style Station Wagon	Vehicle Type Passenger	VIN KNAFE222395699898
Transaction Type				
4	Correction	Issued Date 03-08-2021	Title Number MI0008449657	
Odometer Code				
5	Actual Mileage	Odometer 125,125	Brands	
Owner Information				
Name				
6	MICHIGAN TEST RECORD	Address 7064 CROWNER DR LANSING MI 48980-0001 INGHAM COUNTY	DLN R-263-603-789-002	
Secured Party				
First Secured Party Name				
7	BANK AND LOAN	Address 1 E 1ST ST FLINT MI 48502-1944 GENESEE COUNTY	Date Posted 03-08-2021	
Registration Information				
3/9/2021 - 904C HOLD - NOT ELIGIBLE FOR METAL PLATE M8281700 FROM OFFENSE OF 01-MAR-2021				
Plate Number				
9	VEG79	Plate Type 904C Paper Plate	Use Type Regular/Non-Commercial	
Transaction Type				
10	Paper Plate Replacement	Original Issue Date 03-01-2021	Expiration Date 10-10-2021	Transaction Number 37256524
Recreation Passport				
11	Yes	County INGHAM	Transaction Date 03-09-2021	
Months				
12	12	Registration Fee \$0.00	Fee Category	Fee Category Amount 0
Electronic Insurance Verification				
13	No			

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Sample Repeat Offender Record Key

1. The date record was generated.
2. The Repeat Offender indicator includes the date the indicator was added, and the vehicle title cannot be transferred to an immediate family member.
3. Detailed vehicle information including the year, make, model (if applicable), body style, vehicle type, and vehicle identification number (VIN).
4. The last transaction type processed against the vehicle title. The date of title issuance. The title number assigned.
5. The odometer brand and odometer reading. Any brands associated to the vehicle will be listed under the Brands heading. The list of possible is listed on page 5.
6. Owner information includes the current vehicle owner, address, and driver's license number.
7. The secured interest name and address and date the loan was filed. If no secured interest is on record, this area will state "NO SECURED INTEREST ON RECORD."
8. The Repeat Offender indicator includes the date the indicator was added, vehicle is not eligible for a metal plate, and the offense date.
9. License plate number registered to this vehicle and the plate's characteristics.
10. Transaction type is the last activity processed against the registration. Original issue date is the date the plate was issued. The expiration date is when the registration will expire. Transaction number is a system-generated number associated to the transaction type.
11. Recreation passport indicates if a passport was purchased. The county where the vehicle is registered. The transaction date is the date of the last activity processed against the registration.
12. Months indicates the number of months purchased when the vehicle was last registered. Registration fee is the fee charged based on the last registration activity. Fee category is either the Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) based or the vehicle empty weight.
13. Electronic Insurance Verification (EIV) indicates if Michigan No Fault Insurance is stored on the Departments of State's system.

Mobile Home Title Record

All mobile homes in Michigan are subject to the titling requirements provided under Public Act 96 of 1987. The only exception is a mobile home owned by a manufacturer, a mobile home being held for resale by a licensed mobile home dealer, or a mobile home permanently affixed to land owned by the mobile homeowner. For information on mobile homes contact the Department of State Information Center at 1-888-SOS-MICH (1-888-767-6424).

Sample Mobile Home Record



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1

Date Processed: 03-09-2021

Title Information

2	Year/Make/Model 1982 CHAMPION HOMES	Body Style Mobile Home	Vehicle Type Mobile Home	VIN 1259874MYT
3	Transaction Type Transfer	Issued Date 03-09-2021	Title Number MI0008410646	
4	Odometer 0	Odometer Code	Brands	

Owner Information

5	Name MICHIGAN TEST RECORD	Address 7064 CROWNER DR LANSING MI 48980-0001 INGHAM COUNTY	DLN R-263-603-789-002
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Secured Party

6	First Secured Party Name BANK AND LOAN	Address PO BOX 8118 ROCKEYSVILLE MD 21038	Date Posted 03-09-2021
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Sample Mobile Home Record Key

1. The date record was generated.
2. Detailed vehicle information including the year, make, body style, vehicle type, and vehicle identification number (VIN).
3. The last transaction type processed against the vehicle title. The date of title issuance. The title number assigned.
4. No information will display here.
5. Owner information includes the current vehicle owner, address, and driver's license number.
6. The secured interest name and address and date the loan was filed. If no secured interest is on record, this area will state "NO SECURED INTEREST ON RECORD."

Watercraft Title and Registration Record

All watercraft on Michigan waters, including privately-owned lakes and waterways, must be registered and display a decal except those specifically exempt.

All watercraft 20 feet and over in length must be titled in Michigan unless exempt. All watercraft with a permanently-affixed engine, regardless of length, must be titled in Michigan unless exempt.

For watercraft registration or title exemption information, contact the Department of State Information Center at 1-888-SOS-MICH (1-888-767-6424).

Sample Watercraft and Registration Record



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1

Date Processed: 03-10-2021

Watercraft Information

2	Year/Make/Model 1998 YAMAHA	Body Style Open Motorboat	Length 14 ft	Hull Id MCZT12345698
3	Hull Material Fiberglass	Fuel Type Gas	Propulsion Type Propeller	Use Type Pleasure
4	Transaction Type Correction	Issued Date 02-13-2020	Title Number MI0004583920	

Owner Information

5	Name MICHIGAN TEST RECORD	Address 7064 CROWNER DR LANSING MI 48980-0001 INGHAM COUNTY	DLN R-263-603-789-002
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Secured Party

6 No Secured Party

Registration Information

7	MC Number 1329RM	Original Issue Date 08-21-2019	Expiration Date 03-31-2023	County INGHAM
8	Transaction Type Correction	Transaction Number 21891101		

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Sample Watercraft Title and Registration Record Key

1. The date record was generated.
2. Detailed watercraft information including the year, make, model (if applicable), body style, watercraft length, and hull identification number (HIN).
3. Characteristics of the watercraft.
4. The last transaction type processed against the watercraft title. The date of title issuance. The title number assigned. If the watercraft is not titled, information on line 4 will not show.
5. Owner information includes the current vehicle owner, address, and driver's license number.
6. The secured interest name and address and date the loan was filed. If no secured interest is on record, this area will state "NO SECURED INTEREST ON RECORD."
7. The MC number registered to the watercraft. Original issue date is the last date an activity was processed against the registration. Expiration date is when the registration will expire. County is where the watercraft is registered.
8. Transaction type is the last activity processed against the registration. Transaction number is a system-generated number associated to the transaction type.

Snowmobile Registration Record

A snowmobile is any motor-driven vehicle designed for travel primarily on snow or ice. It may utilize sled type runners or skis, an endless belt tread, or any combination of these, or it can have any other similar means of contact with the operating surface. All snowmobiles are registered unless used on private property. Snowmobiles are not titled.

Sample Snowmobile Record



STATE OF MICHIGAN
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1

Date Processed: 03-10-2021

Snowmobile Information

Year/Make/Model	Serial Number
2 1991 YAMAHA	12398Y2

Owner Information

Name	Address	DLN
3 MICHIGAN TEST RECORD	7064 CROWNER DR LANSING MI 48980-0001 INGHAM COUNTY	R-263-603-789-002

Secured Party

First Secured Party Name	Address	Date Posted
4 BANK AND LOAN	PO BOX 8118 ROCKEYSVILLE MD 21038	03-10-2021

Registration Information

Decal	Original Issue Date	Expiration Date	County
5 QR109	03-10-2021	09-30-2023	INGHAM

Transaction Type	Transaction Number
6 Original	37303668

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Sample Snowmobile Record Key

1. The date record was generated.
2. Detailed snowmobile information including the year, make, model (if applicable), and serial number.
3. Owner information includes the current vehicle owner, address, and driver's license number.
4. The secured interest name and address and date the loan was filed. If no secured interest is on record, this area will state "NO SECURED INTEREST ON RECORD."
5. The decal number registered to the snowmobile. Original issue date is the last date a decal was issued. Expiration date is when the registration will expire. County is where the snowmobile is registered.
6. Transaction type is the last activity processed against the registration. Transaction number is a system-generated number associated to the transaction type.

Moped Registration Record

A moped is defined as a two or three-wheeled vehicle which does not exceed 100 cc's piston displacement, has a top speed of no more than 30 miles per hour on a level surface, and does not have a gearshift. Mopeds are not titled.

Sample Moped Record



STATE OF MICHIGAN
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1

Date Processed: 03-10-2021

Moped Information

Year/Make/Model	Serial Number
2 1972 JAWA	JW0123456789

Owner Information

Name	Address	DLN
3 MICHIGAN TEST RECORD	7064 CROWNER DR LANSING MI 48980-0001 EATON COUNTY	R-263-603-789-002

Registration Information

Decal	Original Issue Date	Expiration Date
4 Z224M	01-20-2021	04-30-2022
Transaction Type	County	Transaction Number
5 Replacement	EATON	34958182

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Sample Moped Record Key

1. The date record was generated.
2. Detailed moped information including the year, make, model (if applicable), and serial number.
3. Owner information includes the current vehicle owner, address, and driver's license number.
4. The decal number registered to the moped. Original issue date is the last date a decal was issued. Expiration date is when the registration will expire.
5. Transaction type is the last activity processed against the registration. County is where the snowmobile is registered. Transaction number is a system-generated number associated to the transaction type.

Transaction Type Definition

The following is a list of transaction type and their definitions used with title and registration records.

Title Transaction Type

- Corrected - information on the title was updated.
- Duplicate - a copy of the title was issued.
- Original - a vehicle titled in Michigan for the first time.
- Transfer - vehicle ownership was transferred.

Registration Transaction Type

- Corrected - information on the registration was updated.
- Duplicate - a copy of the registration was issued.
- Original - a vehicle registered for the first time.
- Paper Plate Renewal - the metal plate has been replaced with a paper plate due to repeat offender and now the paper plate is being renewed.
- Paper Plate Replacement - the metal plate has been replaced with a paper plate due to repeat offender.
- Renewal - renewing an existing registration.
- Renewal/Transfer - registration was transferred from one vehicle to another and renewed.
- Replacement - replacement of a plate or decal.
- Tab Only - replacement of a plate tab.
- Transfer - registration was transferred from one vehicle to another.

Indicator/Status Definition

A title indicator or status may appear on a vehicle title record to show special information about that vehicle or to show that special action may be necessary before any new title transaction can be processed for that vehicle.

The following is a list of indicators or statuses and their definitions.

- Abandoned - vehicle has been reported abandoned. The police agency and when the vehicle was reported abandoned will display.
- Cancelled - Junked - the title for this vehicle has been cancelled because the vehicle was reported as being junked.
- Cancelled - Voluntary - the title was cancelled at the owner's request.
- Garage Keeper's Lien - a Garage Keeper's Lien has been placed against the vehicle for a repair facility to secure an ownership document to recover costs not paid by the owner for repairs made to the vehicle.
- In-Transit Permit - a 30-day permit issued for transporting the vehicle to another state. No title is issued.
- Repeat Offender Duplicate Title - the current title has been surrendered to an SOS branch office in an attempt to transfer ownership between immediate family members.
- Repeat Offender VIN Hold - includes the date the indicator was added, and the vehicle title cannot be transferred to an immediate family member.
- Stolen - vehicle has been reported stolen. The police agency who reported the vehicle stolen will display.
- Title Cancelled - Out-of-State - vehicle title has been cancelled due to the vehicle being titled in another state. The state is indicated by the two-letter abbreviation next to "Title Cancel OOS."
- Title Recall - the current title has been recalled due to an error.