

STATE OF ALASKA
DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

REQUEST FOR RESEARCH OR VERIFICATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE RECORD

Requestor (Name)		Business Name		
Alaska Driver's License Number	Date Of Birth*	Last 4 digits of Social Security Number*		
* Required if requestor does not have an Alaska Driver's license. Information will be used solely to verify requestor identity.				
Alaska License Plate Number		Vehicle or Hull Identification Number		
Year	Make	Model	Body Style	Color
Owner Name(s)		Owner Address		

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete the information requested above. PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE. Provide as much information as possible. Return the completed form with a \$10.00 fee to:

Division of Motor Vehicles, Attention: RESEARCH, 1300 W Benson Boulevard STE 200, Anchorage AK 99503-3600.

You must submit a separate form and a \$10.00 fee for each vehicle record for which you are requesting research. Be sure to include the mailing address that you want the research mailed to when completed.

Personal information contained in vehicle records is confidential under federal and state law (see reverse). You may only obtain the information if you can certify that you are authorized to receive the information for one of the reasons outlined under REQUESTOR'S CERTIFICATION below. Complete and sign the statement to prevent delaying your request.

Please indicate exactly what it is that you need (not available for option 3 below):

- Copy of source document used to originally title or register the vehicle in Alaska. (i.e. Title from previous state, Manufacturer's Certificate of Origin, etc.)
- Odometer history
- Computer printout of current motor vehicle information
- Lienholder's name and address
- Copy of last-issued registration
- Registered owner's name and address

Other (please be specific): _____

Mail completed research to: _____

REQUESTOR'S CERTIFICATION

I certify that I am authorized to receive the motor vehicle record information for the reason checked below:

- 1. I am the owner of record of this vehicle.
- 2. I have the written permission of the/all owner(s) and lienholder (if lienholder is an individual) of record of this vehicle. (attach owner's and lienholder's permissions)
- 3. I am an agent, employee, or contractor of a legitimate business, and am requesting verification of information provided to the business by the owner of the vehicle. This information will be used only for the purpose of preventing fraud by pursuing legal remedies against, or recovering on a debt or security interest against, the owner of the vehicle. Attached is a copy of the information provided to the business by the vehicle owner.

DMV Use Only: Information correct Edited incorrect personal information Verified by _____ / ____ / 20____

- 4. The requested information is to be used in connection with a civil, criminal, administrative or arbitration proceeding in a court or government agency or before a self-regulatory body.
- 5. I am an agent, employee or contractor for an insurer or an insurance support agency and the information will be used in connection with claims investigation activities, anti-fraud activities, rating, or underwriting.
- 6. The information will be used to provide notice to owners of a towed, impounded, or abandoned vehicle.

I certify under penalty of law that I am authorized as an individual or as an employee, agent, or contractor of a business to receive motor vehicle record information as provided in AS 28.10.505 for the reason checked above. I further certify that this information will not be sold or disclosed except as provided by law.

Signature _____ Date _____ / ____ / 20____

Alaska Statute 28.10.505. Disclosure of personal information contained in motor vehicle records.

- (a) Notwithstanding AS 40.25.300 and except as provided in this section, the department may not disclose personal information contained in motor vehicle records maintained by the department under this chapter.
- (b) Personal information shall be disclosed for use in connection with matters of motor vehicle or driver safety or theft; motor vehicle emissions; motor vehicle product alterations, recalls, or advisories; performance monitoring of motor vehicles and dealers by motor vehicle manufacturers; and removal of nonowner records from the original owner records of motor vehicle manufacturers as required by federal law.
- (c) Personal information may be disclosed if the requesting person demonstrates, in a form and manner the department prescribes, that the requesting person has obtained the written consent of the person who is the subject of the information.
- (d) Personal information may be disclosed by the department upon proof of the identity of the person requesting a record and representation by the requesting person that the use of the personal information is strictly limited to one or more of the following uses:
 - (1) for use by a government agency, including a court or law enforcement agency, in carrying out its functions, or a private person or entity acting on behalf of a government agency in carrying out its functions;
 - (2) for use in the normal course of business by a legitimate business or an agent, employee, or contractor of the business, but only
 - (A) to verify the accuracy of personal information submitted by an individual to the business or an agent, employee, or contractor of the business; and
 - (B) if the information submitted is not correct, to obtain the correct information, but only for the purposes of preventing fraud by pursuing legal remedies against, or recovering on a debt or security interest against, an individual;
 - (3) for use in connection with a civil, criminal, administrative, or arbitration proceeding in a court or government agency or before a self-regulatory body, including service of process and the execution or enforcement of a judgment or court order;
 - (4) for use in research activities, or in producing statistical reports, if the personal information is not published, redisclosed, or used to contact an individual;
 - (5) for use by an insurer or insurance support organization, or by a self-insured entity, or an agent, employee, or contractor of an insurer, in connection with claims investigation activities, anti-fraud activities, rating, or underwriting;
 - (6) for use in providing notice to the owners of towed or impounded vehicles;
 - (7) for use by an employer or an agent or insurer of an employer to obtain or verify information relating to a holder of a commercial driver's license that is required under 49 U.S.C. 31101 - 31162 (Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act);
 - (8) for use in connection with the operation of private toll transportation facilities;
 - (9) for use in connection with a legitimate business operating under a contract with the department;
 - (10) for bulk distribution for surveys, marketing, or solicitations if the person who is the subject of the information has provided written consent to the release; and
 - (11) any other purpose specifically authorized by law that is related to the operation of a motor vehicle or related to public safety.
- (e) Personal information contained in an individual record may be disclosed, without regard to the intended use of the personal information, if the person who is the subject of the information has provided written consent to the release.

Federal Drivers Privacy Protection Act 18 U.S.C. § 2724. Civil Action

- (a) Cause of Action – A person who knowingly obtains, discloses or uses personal information, from a motor vehicle record, for a purpose not permitted under this chapter shall be liable to the individual to whom the information pertains, who may bring a civil action in a United States district court.
- (b) Remedies – The Court may award –
 - (1) actual damages, but not less than liquidated damages in the amount of \$2,500;
 - (2) punitive damages upon proof of willful or reckless disregard of the law;
 - (3) reasonable attorneys' fees and other litigation costs reasonably incurred; and
 - (4) such other preliminary and equitable relief as the court determines to be appropriate.