

KENTUCKY

Definitions

Classic Motor Vehicle Project. A motor vehicle that is:

- (a) At least twenty-five (25) years old;
- (b) Not in roadworthy condition; and
- (c) Either currently in this state and not titled or being brought into this state with a regular title from another state that does not denote it as “salvage,” “junk,” “rebuilt,” or any similar designation;

Historic Vehicle. All motor vehicles twenty-five (25) years old or older, which are used primarily for exhibition in shows, parades, tours, and other special uses, but not for general transportation.

Military Surplus Vehicle. A multipurpose wheeled surplus military vehicle that:

- (a) Is not operated using continuous tracks;
- (b) Was originally manufactured for and sold directly to the Armed Forces of the United States; and
- (c) Was originally manufactured under the federally mandated requirements set forth in 49 C.F.R. sec. 571.7.

Restored Classic Motor Vehicle Project. A motor vehicle that is:

- (a) At least twenty-five (25) years old;
- (b) Not in roadworthy condition; and
- (c) Either currently in this state and not titled or being brought into this state with a regular title from another state that does not denote it as “salvage,” “junk,” “rebuilt,” or any similar designation.

Street Rod. A modernized private passenger motor vehicle manufactured prior to the year 1949, or designed or manufactured to resemble a vehicle manufactured prior to 1949.

Kentucky Laws

From Kentucky Administrative Regulations:

601 KAR 23:010. Classic motor vehicle project

Section 1. Application for Certificate of Title of a Classic Motor Vehicle Project. (1)(a) "Salvage", "junk vehicle", and "rebuilt vehicle" as defined by KRS 186A.510 shall be considered permanent brands.

(b) The term "classic motor vehicle project" shall be considered a temporary brand in the process of obtaining title.

(2) The owner of a motor vehicle that meets the definition of "classic motor vehicle project" as defined by KRS 186A.510(2) shall apply for a certificate of title as follows:

(a) The applicant shall complete an Application for Kentucky Certificate of Title or Registration, Form TC 96-182.

(b) A certified inspector who meets the requirements of 601 KAR 9:085 shall verify the Vehicle Identification Number VIN of the motor vehicle, and complete the appropriate section of the Application for Kentucky Certificate of Title or Registration, Form TC 96-182.

(c) The applicant shall submit the completed form to the county clerk of residence accompanied by the supporting documents as required in KRS 186.020.

(d) A classic motor vehicle project shall not be processed through "speed title" as established in KRS 186A.170(1)(b).

Section 2. Application for Certificate of Title of a Restored Classic Motor Vehicle Project. (1) The owner of a classic motor vehicle project restored to roadworthy condition shall apply for a certificate of title as follows:

(a) The applicant shall submit a notarized Kentucky Certificate of Title or Registration, Form TC 96-182.

(b) A certified inspector who meets the requirements of 601 KAR 9:085 shall physically inspect the classic motor vehicle project and certify that it is roadworthy pursuant to KRS 186A.510(8).

(c) The applicant shall submit the completed form and supporting documents to the county clerk of residence.

(d) The clerk shall issue an original certificate of title without a special brand.

(e) A restored, roadworthy classic motor vehicle project may be processed through "speed title".

Section 3. Incorporation by Reference. (1) Form TC 96-182, "Application for Kentucky Certificate of Title or Registration", December 2009, is incorporated by reference.

(2) This material may be inspected, copied, or obtained, subject to applicable copyright law, at the Transportation Cabinet Building, Department of Vehicle Regulations, Division of Motor Vehicle Licensing, Second Floor, Mero Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40622, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

601 KAR 9:090. Procedures for inspecting vehicles

Section 1. Definitions. (1) "Roadworthiness" means "roadworthy condition" as defined by KRS 186A.510(8).

(2) "Salvage title" means the certificate of title for a vehicle that is not driven on a highway.

Section 2. Inspection of Vehicles Brought into Kentucky.

(1) If an owner of a vehicle brought into the state as established in KRS 186A.115 does not have the title to that vehicle available upon the vehicle's physical inspection for roadworthiness, the certified motor vehicle inspector shall be allowed to inspect the vehicle and complete the certified inspector section of the application for title.

(2) A certified inspector shall not sign or date the application for title of a vehicle brought into this state until the title for the vehicle being inspected is surrendered to the certified motor vehicle inspector for examination and verification.

(3)(a) If the federal safety standard label on the door of the vehicle is missing or illegible, the certified motor vehicle inspector shall document this discrepancy on the application.

(b) The certified motor vehicle inspector shall certify the inspection by using the vehicle identification number plate and the corresponding number on the vehicle title document.

Section 3. Inspection of Rebuilt or Reconstructed Vehicles.

(1) A certified motor vehicle inspector shall inspect and certify a specially constructed or reconstructed vehicle if an outstanding motor vehicle title or manufacturers statement of origin document does not exist.

(2) A motor vehicle owner applying for a salvage title shall not be required to have a certified motor vehicle inspection.

Section 4. Procedures of Inspector.

(1) A certified motor vehicle inspector shall not inspect a vehicle if the inspector has an interest or ownership in the vehicle, or if the vehicle is owned by the inspector's immediate family.

(2)(a) Before signing the certificate of inspection for a specially constructed or reconstructed vehicle, a certified motor vehicle inspector shall perform a physical inspection of the vehicle.

(b) A certified vehicle inspector shall insure that the vehicle complies with the equipment and safety requirements of KRS 189.010 through 189.210.

(c) The certified inspector shall execute a certificate of inspection if the vehicle complies with the equipment and safety requirements established by KRS 189.010 through 189.210.

601 KAR 9:130. Motor vehicle registration

Section 1. Application for Kentucky Certificate of Title and Registration Form TC 96-182. (1) The certificate of Title and Registration Form required by KRS 186A.060 shall serve as the application for first time vehicle registration.

(2) A Kentucky certificate of registration shall serve as the application for renewal of registration.

Section 2. Title in Motor Vehicle.

During the fifteen (15) day period KRS 186.020(1) allows a person to register a newly acquired motor vehicle or a new Kentucky resident to register his or her motor vehicle:

(1) An assigned title or bill of sale pursuant to KRS 186.020(1) shall be carried in the motor vehicle if the vehicle was last licensed in a title issuing jurisdiction; or

(2) If the jurisdiction in which the motor vehicle was last licensed¹ does not issue titles, the standard document for perfecting the sale of the motor vehicle in the licensing jurisdiction shall be carried in the vehicle.

...

Section 5. Placement of License Plate and Renewal Decal. (1) A license plate shall not be placed on a motor vehicle other than the vehicle for which it was issued.

(2) A renewal decal shall not be placed on a license plate except the plate for which the renewal decal was issued.

(3) A renewal decal shall only be placed on its associated license plate in the indentation provided for a decal.

Section 6. Lost or Stolen Special Plates. If a special license plate is lost or stolen the individual responsible for the registration of the vehicle may secure a replacement special license plate by following the provisions established in KRS 186.162(2) through (4).

Section 7. Renewal Decals on Special Plates. (1) Registrations for vehicles with license plates issued as established in KRS 186.162(2) through (4) shall be renewed each year to remain valid.

(2) The Transportation Cabinet shall issue a new license plate or, if the renewal is validated, place a renewal decal on the existing license plate.

(3) If the special license plate deteriorates to the point that the inscriptions are not discernible, the owner may obtain a replacement plate free of charge.

...

Section 13. An applicant for one (1) of the special license plates listed in this section shall provide the following required information:

(3) Street rod license plate: provide sufficient manufacturer's information, title documents, or photographs to prove that the vehicle either was manufactured prior to 1949 or was manufactured to look like it was built prior to 1949;

Section 14.

A special license plate motor vehicle registration that does not have an expiration date established by KRS Chapter 186 shall expire annually.

Section 15. An applicant for a special license plate issued pursuant to KRS 186.041, 186.042, 186.053, 186.172, or 186.174 shall make individual application for the special license plate to be issued to each separate motor vehicle.

601 KAR 9:200. Registration and titling of rebuilt or salvage motor vehicles

Section 1. Definition. "Confidential inspection" means an inspection of a distinguishing number assigned and permanently affixed to a vehicle or vehicle component, such as an engine or transmission or other severable portion of a vehicle, and not readily viewable by general observation.

Section 2. Application for a Kentucky Salvage Title. (1) A Kentucky salvage title shall be issued for a wrecked or damaged vehicle if the total estimated cost of repair exceeds seventy-five (75) percent of the retail value of the vehicle.

(2) An applicant for a salvage title shall submit an Application for Kentucky Certificate of Title or Registration, TC Form 96-182, to the county clerk.

(3) If a vehicle with a salvage certificate of title issued pursuant to KRS 186A.520 is transferred within Kentucky or if a vehicle with similar title from another jurisdiction is transferred into Kentucky, the new certificate of title shall be another salvage certificate of title until the owner of the motor vehicle has successfully gone through the process established in Section 4 of this administrative regulation.

(4) An application for a certificate of title shall be rejected by the Transportation Cabinet if there is a lien against the vehicle recorded in the Automated Vehicle Information System or Kentucky Automated Vehicle Information System.

(5) An application for a salvage or rebuilt title shall not be processed through "speed title" as established in KRS 186A.170(1)(b).

Section 3. Vehicles from Other Jurisdictions. (1) If the owner of a motor vehicle with a title from another jurisdiction applies for a Kentucky motor vehicle title, or a title and registration, the county clerk receiving the application shall enter the following information relating to brands into the Automated Vehicle Information System or Kentucky Automated Vehicle Information System:

(a) If the brand on a foreign motor vehicle title relates to prior damage to and repair of a motor vehicle, the Kentucky title, if issued, shall bear the notation "rebuilt vehicle".

(b) If a vehicle title bears both a "rebuilt" brand and a "water damaged" brand as established in KRS 186A.530(4), the Kentucky title shall bear the notation "rebuilt vehicle water damaged".

(2) If a vehicle certificate of title bears a brand relating to the previous usage of the motor vehicle but not to damage to the motor vehicle, the Kentucky certificate of title shall not be branded.

Section 4. Application for Title of Rebuilt Motor Vehicle. (1) An owner of a motor vehicle that has been assembled from parts of wrecked or salvaged vehicles may apply for registration and title. If the owner applies for registration and title, the motor vehicle shall comply with the equipment and safety requirements of KRS Chapter 189.

(2) An application for registration and title of a motor vehicle that has been assembled from parts of wrecked or salvaged motor vehicles shall be accompanied by:

(a) A completed Application for Kentucky Certificate of Title and Registration, TC Form 96-182;

(b) A completed Affidavit of Motor Vehicle Assembled from Wrecked or Salvaged Motor Vehicles, TC Form 96-215;

(c) An address where the motor vehicle may be examined;

(d) An assigned certificate of title; or

(e) A notarized affidavit that explains the ownership of the vehicle including:

1. Length of time the vehicle was owned by the current owner, which shall be a minimum of five (5) years;

2. Where and from whom the vehicle was purchased;

3. When and where the vehicle was last registered or licensed; and

4. A statement that there are no liens against the vehicle;

(f) A descriptive, notarized labor statement of repairs made and parts replaced;

(g) An original receipt for each part purchased. Multiple parts may be listed on one (1) receipt. The receipt shall include:

1. Seller's name;
2. Seller's address;
3. Seller's telephone number;
4. Date of part purchase;
5. Price and serial number of part purchased; and
- 6.a. Vehicle identification number of vehicle from which the part was taken; or
- b. A written comprehensive explanation of the reason why the part does not have a serial number;
- (h) If the motor vehicle is a motorcycle, a pencil tracing or picture of the motor identification number and frame identification number of the rebuilt motorcycle and the motorcycle from which parts were obtained;
- (i)1. The license plate from the motor vehicle even if the plate has expired; or
2. A statement of why there is no longer a license plate for the rebuilt motor vehicle;
- (j)1. A separate federal odometer disclosure statement if unavailable on either the Application for Title or Registration or the back of the certificate of title. An Odometer Disclosure Statement, TC Form 96-5 may be used; and
2. A title issued pursuant to KRS 186A.530(2) bearing the notation "rebuilt vehicle".

Section 5. Insurance Companies. (1) If an insurance company becomes the lawful owner of a stolen motor vehicle, the insurance company shall make application in the name of the company for a regular title.

(2) If the motor vehicle is subsequently recovered and damage to the motor vehicle meets the requirements of a salvage vehicle as established in KRS 186A.520, the insurance company shall make an application for a salvage certificate of title.

(3) If an insurance company has been issued a salvage certificate of title for a vehicle recovered in a theft, but the motor vehicle does not meet the requirements for a salvage vehicle established in KRS 186A.520, an insurance company may apply for a regular certificate of title.

(4) An insurance company shall apply for title by using Application for Kentucky Certificate of Title or Registration, TC Form 96-182. The application shall include:

- (a) The assigned certificate of title; and
- (b) Verification on the company letterhead that the motor vehicle is a theft recovery and a description of the damage to the motor vehicle.

Section 6. Additional Information. (1) The Transportation Cabinet shall require a confidential inspection of a rebuilt motor vehicle by the Kentucky State Police if:

(a) The documentation required by Section 4 of this administrative regulation is not available;
or

(b) A check of the National Crime Information Center identifies the motor vehicle as stolen and a check of the Vehicle Identification Number Analysis, "VINA," identifies the motor vehicle as having a nonconforming vehicle identification number.

(2) If the repair documentation submitted in accordance with the requirements of Section 4 of this administrative regulation is less than seventy-five (75) percent of the value of the motor vehicle, the Transportation Cabinet shall require a:

(a) Written statement from the insurance company of the damage done to the motor vehicle;
or

(b) Salvage pool receipt that describes the damage to the motor vehicle.

Section 7. Mistakenly Issued Brands. (1) If a certificate of title is branded due to an error by the county clerk or the Department of Vehicle Regulation, an application for an updated or corrected title shall be submitted to the county clerk as established in KRS 186A.180.

(2) An application for an updated or corrected certificate of title shall consist of the following documents:

(a) An Application for Kentucky Certificate of Title or Registration, TC Form 96-182;

(b) The certificate of title; and

(c) An affidavit from the owner or a statement from the county clerk which that describes the nature of the error.

From Kentucky Revised Statutes:

KRS § 186A.510 Definitions for KRS 186A.500 to 186A.550

As used in KRS 186A.500 to 186A.550, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Brand" means a designation that is affixed as required by this chapter, or that has previously been affixed, to a motor vehicle title that establishes a portion of the history of the motor vehicle and that shall be fixed to all subsequently issued titles for that vehicle;

(2) "Classic motor vehicle project" means a motor vehicle that is:

(a) At least twenty-five (25) years old;

(b) Not in roadworthy condition; and

(c) Either currently in this state and not titled or being brought into this state with a regular title from another state that does not denote it as “salvage,” “junk,” “rebuilt,” or any similar designation;

- (3) “Dealer” means a person or business as defined in KRS 190.010 who sells or offers for sale a motor vehicle;
- (4) “Junk vehicle” means a vehicle which meets the description set forth in KRS 186A.295(1)(a);
- (5) “Motor vehicle” means a motor vehicle as defined in KRS 186.010(8)(a) and (b);
- (6) “Owner” means a person who holds the legal title of a vehicle or a person who pursuant to a bona fide sale has received physical possession of the vehicle subject to any applicable security interest;
- (7) “Rebuilt vehicle” means a vehicle that has been repaired to a road worthy condition after having been registered as a salvage vehicle pursuant to KRS 186A.520, or a similar salvage designation from another licensing jurisdiction;
- (8) “Roadworthy condition” means a vehicle in a safe condition to operate on the highway and capable of transporting persons or property that complies fully with the provisions of KRS Chapter 189 pertaining to vehicle equipment; and
- (9) “Water damage” means damage to a motor vehicle caused by submerging or partially submerging the vehicle in water to the extent that the vehicle was submerged or partially submerged at any water level above the dashboard of the vehicle, regardless of the actual dollar amount of the damage.

KRS § 186A.535 Title for classic motor vehicle project; administrative regulations

- (1) The owner of a motor vehicle that meets the definition of a classic motor vehicle project may apply for a classic motor vehicle project certificate of title, which shall:
 - (a) Bear on the face of the title the words “CLASSIC MOTOR VEHICLE PROJECT--NOT FOR ROAD USE”; and
 - (b) Not bear the designation of “salvage,” “junk,” “rebuilt,” or any other similar brand.
- (2) The owner of a motor vehicle that meets the definition of a classic motor vehicle project as set forth in KRS 186A.510, has been issued a classic motor vehicle project certificate of title under subsection (1) of this section, and has been restored to roadworthy condition may make application for a new certificate of title pursuant to KRS 186A.115. The Transportation Cabinet may promulgate administrative regulations pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A governing the form of application.
- (3) Upon receipt of a classic motor vehicle project certificate of title issued pursuant to subsection (1) of this section and proof of passing the inspection required by KRS 186A.115, the

cabinet shall issue a new regular certificate of title with no special brand printed on the face of the title.

(4) The only time a vehicle with a classic motor vehicle project certificate of title may be operated upon the highways of the Commonwealth is when it is en route to or from an inspection by the certified inspector prior to obtaining a certificate of title after having been restored in accordance with KRS 186A.115.

(5) The Transportation Cabinet shall promulgate administrative regulations pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A, regarding the administration of the classic motor vehicle project certificate of title procedures. The administrative regulations shall include the manner in which classic motor vehicle project titles are differentiated from salvage titles and rebuilt brands. The administrative regulations may include designation of additional brands which provide significant information to the owner.

KRS § 186.115 Registration of vehicle assembled from parts of wrecked or salvaged motor vehicles

When the owner of a motor vehicle which has been assembled from parts from wrecked or salvaged motor vehicles presents such a vehicle for registration, he or she shall submit an affidavit and any invoices showing the purchase of such parts to either the county clerk or the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's central office in Frankfort. The county clerk shall forward all applications received to the Transportation Cabinet. The cabinet will either authorize or prohibit the registration of the vehicle.

KRS § 186A.073 Titling of military surplus vehicle

(1) As used in this section, "military surplus vehicle" has the same meaning as in KRS 186.010.

(2) A person who has purchased a military surplus vehicle shall be issued a certificate of title after complying with the provisions of this section.

(3) An owner of a military surplus vehicle that does not have a vehicle identification number shall, prior to applying for a certificate of title, apply to the Transportation Cabinet for a vehicle identification number under KRS 186A.090.

(4) When applying for a certificate of title for a military surplus vehicle, the owner shall apply in the office of the county clerk of the county in which he or she resides and provide the clerk with the following:

(a) Proof of insurance to comply with KRS 304.39-080;

(b) Proof that the military surplus vehicle has passed an inspection in accordance with KRS 186A.115; and

(c) Any other information that may be required by the Transportation Cabinet in an administrative regulation promulgated under KRS Chapter 13A.

(5) The Transportation Cabinet shall promulgate administrative regulations pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A to implement this section

KRS § 186A.115 Inspection of motor vehicles and documents by certified inspector; fee for certification of inspection; reciprocity between counties; modifications of 186milus vehicles; administrative regulations; exceptions; inspection of historic vehicles

(1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the owner of every vehicle brought into this state and required to be titled in this state shall, before submitting his or her application for title to the county clerk, have the vehicle together with his or her application for title and its supporting documents inspected by a certified inspector in the county in which the application for title is to be submitted to the county clerk.

(b) An owner of a military surplus vehicle seeking title in this state shall, before submitting his or her application for title to the county clerk, have the vehicle together with his or her application for title and its supporting documents inspected by a certified inspector in the county in which the application for title is to be submitted to the county clerk.

(2) For inspections under this section:

(a) The certified inspector shall be certified through the Department of Vehicle Regulation following requirements set forth by the department by regulation and shall be designated by the county sheriff. The certified inspector will be held responsible for all certifications required pursuant to this chapter and will be liable for any and all penalties prescribed in this chapter, and shall be available during regular office hours at any and all offices and branches that issue applications for titles;

(b) There shall be a five dollar (\$5) fee for this certification, payable to the sheriff's office, upon completion of certification;

(c) There shall be an additional fee of ten dollars (\$10) per trip when it becomes necessary for the certified inspector to travel to the site of the vehicle rather than bringing the vehicle to the sheriff's inspection area; and

(d) An inspection conducted in one (1) county within the Commonwealth of Kentucky under this subsection, and the fees paid for that inspection under this subsection, shall be honored by the certified inspector, sheriff, and county clerk in all other counties within this state. A second inspection shall not be required and additional fees shall not be required.

(3) The Transportation Cabinet may require that modifications be made to a military surplus vehicle. Any modifications required by the cabinet under this section shall be made to the military surplus vehicle prior to its inspection.

(4) The Transportation Cabinet shall promulgate administrative regulations pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A to implement the provisions of subsections (1)(b) and (3) of this section, including but not limited to vehicle modification requirements and the creation of a separate inspection form. The Transportation Cabinet shall note that military vehicles were originally manufactured under the federally mandated requirements set forth in 49 C.F.R. sec. 571.7 and shall only require these vehicles to meet applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards.

(5) The following vehicles are excluded from the requirement of inspection by a certified inspector prior to titling in this state:

(a) New motor vehicles sold by a dealer licensed in this state;

(b) Vehicles required to be registered in this state by reason of lack of a reciprocity agreement with another state and for which a nonnegotiable registration document is to be issued;

(c) Motor vehicles operated by a motor carrier under a nonnegotiable certificate or permit issued by the Department of Vehicle Regulation;

(d) Motor vehicles owned by servicemen or servicewomen who are residents of Kentucky stationed outside of Kentucky may be inspected by the post provost or similar officer of the camp, post, or station. The post provost or similar officer shall submit an affidavit stating the name of the owner, the identification or serial number, the make, body style, current license or title number, if any, and state in which currently registered or titled, if any, of the motor vehicle;

(e) Motor vehicles purchased in another state by persons who are residents of Kentucky but are temporarily residing out of state for at least thirty (30) days, but not longer than nine (9) months, may after the purchase of the vehicle be inspected by the state police, a local law enforcement agency, or the vehicle inspection program of another state. If an inspector in another state examines a vehicle under this paragraph, the purchaser may request the inspector to complete an affidavit stating the name of the owner, the vehicle identification number, the vehicle make and body style, the current state of registration, if any, and the current vehicle license or title number, if any. The Transportation Cabinet shall create an affidavit form containing at a minimum this information and shall post the form on the cabinet's Internet Web site. A person using an inspector in another state under this paragraph shall comply with all requirements of that state's inspection program, including payment of fees charged in that state. A person registering a motor vehicle for the first time in Kentucky under this paragraph shall transmit the application for registration, all supporting documentation, and

payment for registration and usage tax to the county clerk of the county in which the person resides, and upon receipt of the appropriate documentation, the county clerk shall register the vehicle; and

(f) Motor vehicles no longer located in Kentucky but which require inspection in order to issue a corrected Kentucky title due to error in vehicle identification or serial number may be inspected by an inspector authorized to inspect vehicle identification or serial number by the laws of the state or foreign country where application for a new title has been submitted.

(6) When presented to a certified inspector for inspection or to a county clerk for processing, the owner's application for a first certificate of registration or title in his or her name shall be accompanied by proof of insurance in compliance with KRS 304.39-080 and one (1) of the following documents as applicable:

(a) If the vehicle is a new vehicle not previously registered in this state, the properly assigned manufacturer's statement of origin for the vehicle for which registration or title is sought;

(b) If the vehicle was last registered in this state, and is a vehicle for which a title is not required in this state, a certificate of registration, or if the vehicle is one for which a certificate of title is required in this state, a properly assigned certificate of title;

(c) If the vehicle was last previously titled in another state, a properly assigned certificate of title;

(d) If the application refers to a vehicle previously registered in another country, the documents of that country establishing ownership of the vehicle;

(e) If the application refers to a vehicle last previously registered in another country by a person on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States, the county clerk may accept on behalf of the Department of Vehicle Regulation evidence of ownership provided the applicant by the United States Department of Defense; and

(f) Except as provided in KRS 186A.072(2)(c) governing custom-built motorcycles, if the application relates to a vehicle which has been specially constructed or reconstructed, that fact shall be stated in the application, and the application shall be accompanied by the documents specified by administrative regulations of the Department of Vehicle Regulation.

(7) When requested to inspect a vehicle pursuant to this section, the certified inspector shall personally and physically inspect the vehicle, when registration or title is sought in this state, on the following points:

(a) He or she shall ensure that the application is legible and properly executed to the extent required at the time of execution;

(b) He or she shall compare the vehicle identification number as appearing on both the vehicle identification number plate, and the federal safety standards label of the vehicle which is sought to be registered or titled, with the corresponding number inscribed on the application, and its supporting documentation, and ensure that the vehicle identification number appearing at each described location appears legitimate and that they are consistent with each other;

(c) He or she shall examine the primary odometer of the vehicle and legibly record the reading in the space provided in the inspection section of the application; and

(d) After exercising due diligence in inspecting the vehicle, the application, and its supporting documentation, and finding that they appear to be in order, the certified inspector shall execute the preprinted certificate of inspection according to its terms by printing in the spaces provided his or her first name, middle initial, and last name, and his or her title; the name of the county in which he serves; and the telephone number including the telephone area code of his or her agency, and sign in ink his or her signature in the space provided, and print the month, day, and year in which his or her inspection was made, certifying under penalty of forgery in the second degree the character, accuracy, and date of his or her inspection.

(8) The certified inspector shall refrain from executing the certificate of inspection if:

(a) He or she has not personally and physically inspected the vehicle in accordance with this section;

(b) He or she has reason to believe that the vehicle displays an unlawfully altered vehicle identification number;

(c) The application and any of its copies are illegible or otherwise improperly executed, or contain information reasonably believed to be inaccurate or fraudulent;

(d) The documentation required in support of any application is not present, or not consistent with the vehicle and the owner's application or appears fraudulent; or

(e) He or she has probable cause to believe the vehicle is stolen.

(9) (a) Inspections on motor vehicles that meet the definition of a "historic vehicle" under KRS 186.043(2) and are brought into this state shall be limited to verification of the vehicle identification number with supporting documentation for purposes of titling.

(b) Inspections on motor vehicles that meet the definition of a classic motor vehicle project as set forth in KRS 186A.510 shall be limited to verification of the vehicle identification number with supporting documentation for purposes of issuing a classic motor vehicle project certificate of title under KRS 186A.535(1).

KRS § 186.043 Special license plates for historic motor vehicles; permanent registration

(1) In enacting this section, it is the intention of the General Assembly to recognize the special value of historic vehicles to the Commonwealth, and also to recognize that historic vehicles, because of their limited use and easily identifiable characteristics, do not require the same degree of regulation as other vehicles.

(2) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires, "historic vehicle" shall mean all motor vehicles twenty-five (25) years old or older, which are used primarily for exhibition in shows, parades, tours, and other special uses, but not for general transportation.

(3) Historic vehicles shall be registered and licensed by the Transportation Cabinet. The registration shall be in lieu of registration and license required by KRS 186.020 to 186.270.

(4) Upon payment of the fee established in KRS 186.162 and an application in accordance with regulations issued by the Transportation Cabinet, the secretary of the Transportation Cabinet shall issue a certificate of registration and two (2) special license plates of a different color and design than the regular license plate, which, in the judgment of the secretary of the Transportation Cabinet, will best advertise, popularize, and promote the Commonwealth of Kentucky. These plates, besides the word "Kentucky" shall have the words, "Historic Motor Vehicle" inscribed in a conspicuous manner and carry no year date. These plates shall have a serial number beginning with the number "100" and continue in a consecutive numerical sequence.

(5) Historic vehicles may display an authentic Kentucky license plate, twenty-five (25) years or older, or a reproduction of such a plate, if the historic motor vehicle plate and the registration receipt are kept in the vehicle at all times.

(6) The registration license and license plates of historic motor vehicles shall be valid without renewal as long as the vehicle is in existence. If the historic motor vehicle is sold, the registration and license shall be assigned and transferred to the new owner on the records of the Transportation Cabinet upon receipt of an application in accordance with regulations issued by the cabinet and payment of a fee of three dollars (\$3).

KRS § 186.0435 Display of vintage Kentucky license plates on historic vehicle

Any motor vehicle that meets the age requirements of a "historic vehicle" as used in KRS 186.043(2) and is registered in accordance with KRS 186.050 may display an authentic Kentucky license plate, twenty-five (25) years or older, or a reproduction of such a plate, if the current motor vehicle plate and the registration receipt are kept in the vehicle at all times.

KRS § 186.162 Special license plates for members or supporters of certain groups and organizations; initial and renewal fees; combination of special license plate with personalized license plate; special license plates for motorcycles

(1) As used in this section and in KRS 186.043, 186.164, 186.166, 186.1722, and 186.174:

(a) "Special license plate" means a unique license plate issued under this chapter to a group or organization that readily identifies the operator of the motor vehicle or motorcycle bearing the plate as a member of a group or organization, or a supporter of the work, goals, or mission of a group or organization. The term shall not include regular license plates issued under KRS 186.240;

(b) "Street rod" means a modernized private passenger motor vehicle manufactured prior to the year 1949, or designed or manufactured to resemble a vehicle manufactured prior to 1949;

(c) "SF" means the portion of an initial or renewal fee to obtain a special license plate that is dedicated for use by the Transportation Cabinet;

(d) "CF" means the portion of an initial or renewal fee to obtain a special license plate that is dedicated for use by a county clerk. If a CF amount is charged for a license plate listed in this section, the applicant for that plate shall also pay the fees identified in KRS 186.040(6). If a CF amount is not charged, the applicant shall not be required to pay those fees; and

(e) "EF" means the portion of an initial or renewal fee to obtain a special license plate that is mandated by this chapter to be dedicated for use by a particular group or organization.

(2) The initial purchase fee and renewal fee for a special license plate created under this chapter shall be as established in this subsection and includes the name of group or organization and the total initial and renewal fee required for the plate. The amount in parentheses indicates how the total fee is required to be divided:

...

(g) Historic vehicles:

1. Initial Fee for two plates: \$56 (\$50 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).
2. Renewal Fee: Do not renew annually.

...

(n) Street rods:

1. Initial Fee: \$43 (\$37 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).
2. Renewal Fee: \$18 (\$12 SF/\$6 CF/\$0 EF).

KRS § 138.450 Definitions for KRS 138.455 to 138.470

As used in KRS 138.455 to 138.470, unless the context requires otherwise:

(1) "Current model year" means a motor vehicle of either the model year corresponding to the current calendar year or of the succeeding calendar year, if the same model and make is being offered for sale by local dealers;

(2) "Dealer" means "motor vehicle dealer" as defined in KRS 190.010;

(3) "Dealer demonstrator" means a new motor vehicle or a previous model year motor vehicle with an odometer reading of least one thousand (1,000) miles that has been used either by representatives of the manufacturer or by a licensed Kentucky dealer, franchised to sell the particular model and make, for demonstration;

(4) "Historic motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle registered and licensed pursuant to KRS 186.043;

(5) "Motor vehicle" means any vehicle that is propelled by other than muscular power and that is used for transportation of persons or property over the public highways of the state, except road rollers, mopeds, vehicles that travel exclusively on rails, and vehicles propelled by electric power obtained from overhead wires;

(6) "Moped" means either a motorized bicycle whose frame design may include one (1) or more horizontal crossbars supporting a fuel tank so long as it also has pedals, or a motorized bicycle with a step through type frame which may or may not have pedals rated no more than two (2) brake horsepower, a cylinder capacity not exceeding fifty (50) cubic centimeters, an automatic transmission not requiring clutching or shifting by the operator after the drive system is engaged, and capable of a maximum speed of not more than thirty (30) miles per hour;

(7) "New motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle of the current model year which has not previously been registered in any state or country;

(8) "Previous model year motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle not previously registered in any state or country which is neither of the current model year nor a dealer demonstrator;

(9) "Total consideration given" means the amount given, valued in money, whether received in money or otherwise, at the time of purchase or at a later date, including consideration given for all equipment and accessories, standard and optional. "Total consideration given" shall not include:

(a) Any amount allowed as a manufacturer or dealer rebate if the rebate is provided at the time of purchase and is applied to the purchase of the motor vehicle;

(b) Any interest payments to be made over the life of a loan for the purchase of a motor vehicle; and

(c) The value of any items that are not equipment or accessories including but not limited to extended warranties, service contracts, and items that are given away as part of a promotional sales campaign;

(10) "Trade-in allowance" means:

(a) The value assigned by the seller of a motor vehicle to a motor vehicle registered to the purchaser and offered in trade by the purchaser as part of the total consideration given by the purchaser and included in the notarized affidavit attesting to total consideration given; or

(b) In the absence of a notarized affidavit, the value of the vehicle being offered in trade as established by the department through the use of the reference manual;

(11) "Used motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle which has been previously registered in any state or country;

(12) "Retail price" for:

(a) New motor vehicles;

(b) Dealer demonstrator vehicles;

(c) Previous model year motor vehicles; and

(d) U-Drive-It motor vehicles that have been transferred within one hundred eighty (180) days of being registered as a U-Drive-It and that have less than five thousand (5,000) miles;

means the total consideration given, as determined in KRS 138.4602;

(13) "Retail price" for historic motor vehicles shall be one hundred dollars (\$100);

(14) "Retail price" for used motor vehicles being titled or registered by a new resident for the first time in Kentucky whose values appear in the reference manual means the trade-in value given in the reference manual;

(15) "Retail price" for older used motor vehicles being titled or registered by a new resident for the first time in Kentucky whose values no longer appear in the reference manual shall be one hundred dollars (\$100);

(16) (a) "Retail price" for:

1. Used motor vehicles, except those vehicles for which the retail price is established in subsection (13), (14), (15), (17), or (19) of this section; and

2. U-Drive-It motor vehicles that are not transferred within one hundred eighty (180) days of being registered as a U-Drive-It or that have more than five thousand (5,000) miles;

means the total consideration given, excluding any amount allowed as a trade-in allowance by the seller, as attested to in a notarized affidavit, provided that the retail price established by the notarized affidavit shall not be less than fifty percent (50%) of the difference between the trade-in value, as established by the reference manual, of the motor vehicle offered for registration and the trade-in value, as established by the reference manual, of any motor vehicle offered in trade as part of the total consideration given.

(b) The trade-in allowance shall also be disclosed in the notarized affidavit.

(c) If a notarized affidavit is not available, "retail price" shall be established by the department through the use of the reference manual;

(17) Except as provided in KRS 138.470(6), if a motor vehicle is received by an individual as a gift and not purchased or leased by the individual, "retail price" shall be the trade-in value given in the reference manual;

(18) If a dealer transfers a motor vehicle which he has registered as a loaner or rental motor vehicle within one hundred eighty (180) days of the registration, and if less than five thousand (5,000) miles have been placed on the vehicle during the period of its registration as a loaner or rental motor vehicle, then the "retail price" of the vehicle shall be the same as the retail price determined by paragraph (a) of subsection (12) of this section computed as of the date on which the vehicle is transferred;

(19) "Retail price" for motor vehicles titled pursuant to KRS 186A.520, 186A.525, 186A.530, or 186A.555 means the total consideration given as attested to in a notarized affidavit;

(20) "Loaner or rental motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle owned or registered by a dealer and which is regularly loaned or rented to customers of the service or repair component of the dealership;

(21) "Department" means the Department of Revenue;

(22) "Notarized affidavit" means a dated affidavit signed by the buyer and the seller on which the signature of the buyer and the signature of the seller are individually notarized; and

(23) "Reference manual" means the automotive reference manual prescribed by the department.

KRS § 132.020 State ad valorem taxes

(1) The owner or person assessed shall pay an annual ad valorem tax for state purposes at the rate of:

(a) Thirty-one and one-half cents (\$0.315) upon each one hundred dollars (\$100) of value of all real property directed to be assessed for taxation;

(b) Twenty-five cents (\$0.25) upon each one hundred dollars (\$100) of value of all motor vehicles qualifying for permanent registration as historic motor vehicles under KRS 186.043;

KRS § 132.200 Property subject to state tax only

All property subject to taxation for state purposes shall also be subject to taxation in the county, city, school, or other taxing district in which it has a taxable situs, except the class of property described in KRS 132.030 and the following classes of property, which shall be subject to taxation for state purposes only:

...

(12) Motor vehicles qualifying for permanent registration as historic motor vehicles under the provisions of KRS 186.043. However, nothing herein shall be construed to exempt historical motor vehicles from the usage tax imposed by KRS 138.460;

Kentucky Equipment Exemptions

KRS § 189.040 Front lights; flashing lights

(1) Every motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle or moped, shall be equipped with at least two (2) headlamps with at least one (1) on each side of the front of the motor vehicle, which headlamps shall comply with the requirements and limitations set forth in this section.

...

(7) Headlamps arranged to provide a single distribution of light not supplemented by auxiliary driving lights shall be permitted **on motor vehicles manufactured and sold prior to May 30, 1939**, in lieu of multiple-beam road-lighting equipment, if the single distribution of light **complies with the following requirements and limitations:**

(a) The headlamps shall be so aimed that when the vehicle is not loaded none of the high intensity portion of the light shall, at a distance of twenty-five (25) feet ahead, project higher than a level of five (5) inches below the level of the center of the light from which it comes, and in no case higher than forty-two (42) inches above the level on which the vehicle stands, at a distance of seventy-five (75) feet ahead;

(b) The intensity shall be sufficient to reveal persons and vehicles at a distance of at least two hundred (200) feet; and

(c) Whenever the operator of a motor vehicle approaches an oncoming vehicle within five hundred (500) feet, he shall use a distribution of light or composite beam so aimed that the glaring rays are not projected into the eyes of the oncoming driver. In no case shall the high intensity portion which is projected to the left of the prolongation of the extreme left side of the vehicle be aimed higher than the center of the lamp from which it comes at a distance of twenty-five (25) feet ahead, and in no case higher than a level of forty-two (42) inches above the level upon which the vehicle stands at a distance of seventy-five (75) feet ahead.

(8) Flashing lights are prohibited on all motor vehicles except as a means for indicating a right or left turn or for the purpose of warning the operators of other vehicles of the presence of a vehicular traffic hazard requiring the exercise of unusual care in approaching, overtaking or passing.

(9) The height of the headlamps, from the center of the lamp to level ground when the vehicle is unloaded, shall be between twenty-four (24) and fifty-four (54) inches.

(10) Headlamps required under this section shall only emit white light. Halogen headlamps may have a slight yellow or amber tint. Nonhalogen headlamps may emit a slight blue tint, if the headlamps were installed by the vehicle manufacturer as original equipment in the motor

vehicle, motorcycle, or moped or the headlamps meet the requirements of subsection (11) of this section.

(11) A motor vehicle, motorcycle, or moped shall only be equipped with headlamps that meet United States Department of Transportation regulations.

(12) A motor vehicle, motorcycle, or moped shall not be retrofitted with a headlamp that appears to emit a solid color of light other than white.

(13) A motor vehicle, motorcycle, or moped shall not be retrofitted with a headlamp cover or film that changes the light emitted from the headlamp to a color other than white.

(14) Except as provided in subsection (10) of this section, except as provided in KRS 189.950(3)(b), and except for vehicles exempted under the provisions of KRS 189.910 to 189.950, when operating on a highway or upon the right-of-way of a highway, any:

(a) Visible front lights on a motor vehicle or any light that is affixed to the front of a motorcycle or moped, shall only be white or amber, unless installed as original equipment by the manufacturer; and

(b) Visible rear lights on a motor vehicle shall only be white, amber, or red, unless installed as original equipment by the manufacturer.

(15) Any violation of this section for the illumination of a solid blue light or solid blue lights shall be deemed to be a violation of KRS 189.950(3).



**AFFIDAVIT OF MOTOR VEHICLE ASSEMBLED FROM
WRECKED OR SALVAGED MOTOR VEHICLES**

(Complete and forward to your County Clerk or Submit in person to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet One Stop Shop, Rebuilt Section.) Application may not be processed the same business day.

P.O. Box 2014 Frankfort, KY 40622-2014
In compliance with KRS 186A.520 and KRS 186A.530

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF _____

The affiant, _____
(Name)

(Street Address or P.O. Box) (City and Zip Code) (Email Address)

Kentucky, states that a motor vehicle has been reconstructed from parts taken from other motor vehicles which have been obtained from:

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION

Vehicle Identification Number	Make	Model No.	Body Style	Model Year
-------------------------------	------	-----------	------------	------------

If Motorcycle – Motor Number: _____

and that he/she is the sole owner of the motor vehicle which has been thus produced, which is clear of all liens.

Signed _____
(Affiant) (Title)

Subscribed and attested before me on this date _____, My commission expires _____
MM DD YY MM DD YY

(Attesting Official or Notary Signature and Title)

Penalties KRS 186A.990:

Any person who knowingly gives false, fraudulent, or erroneous information in connection with an application for the registration, and when required, titling of a vehicle, or any application for assignment of a vehicle identification number, or replacement documents, or gives information in connection with his review of applications, or falsely certifies the truthfulness and accuracy of information supplied in connection with the registration and when required, titling of a vehicle, shall be guilty of forgery in the second degree.



AFFIDAVIT OF MOTOR VEHICLE ASSEMBLED FROM WRECKED OR SALVAGED MOTOR VEHICLES

(continued)

REBUILT PROCEDURES

All applications must be submitted to the county clerk, or mailed or delivered in person to the Division of Motor Vehicle Licensing at the One-Stop Shop, Rebuilt Section located on the second floor of the Transportation Cabinet Office Building at 200 Mero Street Frankfort, KY 40622.

Walk-in hours are as follows:

For an individual with one title currently licensed in his or her name: 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Thursday

Pursuant to KRS 186A.115. and 601 KAR 9:200, the procedure for obtaining a rebuilt title is as follows:

1. Complete the TC 96-215 form, *Affidavit of Motor Vehicle Assembled from Wrecked or Salvaged Motor Vehicles*.
2. Submit a TC96-182, *Application for Title or Registration*, completed, signed, and notarized for, the buyer and seller if any of the following apply: If the application is for an out of state vehicle, or vehicle that is "Junked in the Kentucky system, or if the Affidavit of Total Consideration is being used.

Note: An inspection must be made by a certified Inspector in accordance with the provision of KRS 186A.115. The Kentucky certified Inspector shall complete and sign the Certified Inspector Section of the TC96-182 *Application for Title or Registration*.

3. The application of Total Consideration, found on TC 96-182, *Application for Title or Registration* shall be accompanied by a properly assigned certificate of title. In those limited cases where a certificate of title does not exist, the person selling the vehicle shall submit a notarized statement establishing lawful ownership of the vehicle by stating how long he/she has owned the vehicle; where it was purchased; when and where it was licensed; and that there are no liens against the vehicle and the seller has owned the vehicle for at least five (5) years.
4. Submit the **original**, descriptive notarized labor statement from the person who repaired the vehicle, explaining which parts were repaired and which parts were replaced.
5. Submit **original** receipts for all parts purchased. If parts were purchased from individuals and not businesses, the applicant shall submit a written statement from the seller giving the seller's name, address, and telephone number; the part or parts sold; and the serial number of the vehicle from which the parts were taken. If the serial number is not known, the seller shall submit a statement explaining the reason the serial number cannot be provided.
6. Submit a lien termination statement from the lien holder to the county clerk where the lien is recorded. An application for any vehicle with a lien against it will be rejected.
7. For a rebuilt motorcycle, provide pencil tracings of both the engine and frame identification numbers. If a replacement engine was used, an effort should be made to obtain the frame number of the motorcycle from which the engine was taken.
8. If a vehicle is not 75 percent or more damaged, provide a statement from the insurance company on company letterhead describing the extent of damage to the vehicle. These statements are usually required for vehicles that sustained minor damage due to fire or flood or for vehicles recovered after having been stolen and sustaining minor damage. If the original receipt from the salvage pool states the damage to the vehicle, then the applicant needs to provide receipts for parts and labor for those specific repairs. If the salvage pool receipt is provided, a statement from the Insurance Company is not necessary.
9. Applicants who supply their own parts shall provide the original invoices from the business from which the parts were purchased. If the receipt shows several parts for various vehicles, indicate which parts go with the application. The Division of Motor Vehicle Licensing will return the original invoices after initialing the receipts.
10. For vehicles less than ten years old, provide a separate federal odometer disclosure if the title is not properly completed or if the odometer disclosure on the TC 96-182 *Application for Title or Registration* is not completed.
11. Within 60 days from the date of approval, apply for title and/or register your vehicle. After 60 days, the application will be canceled and it will be necessary to reapply.

For additional information, call the Rebuilt Section at (502) 564-1257.

