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Salvage Vehicle Inspections

The Illinois Vehicle Code mandates that the Secretary of State Police physically inspect all salvage vehicles that are eight model years old or newer before a rebuilt title may be issued (625 ILCS 5/3-301).

The purpose of the inspection is to identify essential parts and review all required documentation. These inspections are not intended to certify the safety or road-worthiness of the vehicle or the quality of the workmanship in the rebuilding process.

Before being brought to the salvage inspection station, all vehicles must first be taken to an Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Safety Testing Lane and pass a safety test (625 ILCS 5/3-303.4).

To make an appointment for a vehicle inspection, contact a Secretary of State Police Inspection Station listed on the back of this brochure.

A licensed rebuilder may drive the vehicle or have it driven to the inspection station, provided the vehicle is properly registered with valid dealer plates or a 7-Day Permit obtained from a Secretary of State Driver Services facility, or a 72-Hour Permit obtained from the Secretary of State Police.

Documentation

The following documents must be presented before the inspection begins:

- Properly assigned salvage certificate in the name of the rebuilder exactly as it appears on the rebuilder's license. Upon arrival at the station, the odometer reading must be noted on the application.
- Properly completed application, in the name of the rebuilder, for a rebuilt title.
- Properly completed salvage affirmation identifying all essential parts that have been replaced on the rebuilt vehicle.
- The original uniform invoices (bills) for all essential parts changed; junking titles/applications in the name of the rebuilder for vehicles from which essential parts have been used to rebuild the salvage vehicle.
- IDOT vehicle inspection report and properly affixed non-expiring sticker.
- Valid driver's license of the driver of the salvage vehicle.

Fees

All fees must be paid by check or money order before the inspection begins. Cash is not accepted.

A separate check or money order payable to Secretary of State for the \$94 inspection fee.

A separate check or money order payable to Secretary of State for the \$65 title fee.

All fees and documentation will be retained by the inspection station for processing.

Inspection Procedures

- The inspection will not be conducted if any fees or documents are missing, incomplete or incorrect.
- The salvage vehicle must be completely rebuilt and in good operating condition, and its exterior, engine and transmission areas must have been thoroughly cleaned.
- The driver of the vehicle will drive it on and off the hoist and into and out of the inspection area but will not be allowed to remain in the inspection area during the inspection.
- During the inspection, some parts may be removed to allow examination of the vehicle identification numbers.

These numbers may include, but are not limited to:

- public VIN
- transmission number
- body number
- federal stickers
- engine number
- frame number
- mylar stickers

Any vehicle or part bearing identification numbers determined to have been removed, altered, falsified, destroyed, mutilated, tampered with or stolen may be impounded immediately and held for evidence (625 ILCS 5/4).