

Appendix 1: Title Brands Currently Applied To Minnesota Titles

Minnesota Statutes section [325F.6644](#) exempts all commercial vehicles, motorcycles, and restored pioneer vehicles from title branding requirements. Thus, most of these title brands only appear on passenger vehicle titles.

1. **Salvage:** Issued to late model (newer than 6 years old) and high value vehicles (over \$9000) when an insurance company has paid a total loss claim on the vehicle. Brand is now indicated with white lettering inside a black box that says either “Salvage” or “Salvage Must Be Inspected”. Prior to this the “Salvage Must Be Inspected” was stamped in Red across the title. **Inspection is required if requirement are met as stated above.** (Note: This is NOT a safety inspection.)

Note: To Clear a Salvage Status, owner must bring the vehicle in for inspection, document all major parts used in the vehicle’s repair, once the vehicle passes inspection the customer returns to a deputy agent and pays for the inspection, submits receipts along with a signed declaration of reconstruction and the Salvage-Must be Inspected title if they have one in possession. Deputy Agent then scans all paperwork and enters the transaction into MNDRIIVE. Title and Registration then Reviews the paperwork and issues out a Prior Salvage Branded Title.

2. **Prior Salvage:** Appears on titles of vehicles when the salvage status of the vehicle is cleared. This brand is permanent and will appear on all subsequent titles issued. This is issued after a salvage branded vehicle has either been inspected or does not meet minimum requirements for inspection (Value less than \$9000 and/or more than 6 model years old).
3. **Flood:** Appears on a title when the application for title indicates that the vehicle has been classified as a loss by an insurance company because of water damage. The brand is permanent and will appear on all subsequent titles issued. **Inspection is required.** (Note: This is NOT a safety inspection.)
4. **Lemon Law Vehicle:** Appears on the title of any vehicle that has been determined to meet guidelines as set forth in MN Lemon Law (325F.665). The brand is permanent and will appear on all subsequent titles issued.
5. **Reconstructed:** Appears on titles of vehicles that have been changed in its appearance, model, type or mode of operation from its original construction through the removal, addition, or substitution of essential parts. Essential parts include all integral and body parts. The Brand is permanent and will appear on all subsequent titles. **Inspection is required.** (Note: This is NOT a safety inspection.)
6. **Rebuilt:** Appears on the title when it is disclosed that the vehicle has sustained damage in excess of 80 percent and the “Prior Salvage” brand does not apply. Permanent and appears on all subsequent titles.
7. **Assembled:** Appears on the title when a motorcycle has been assembled from new aftermarket parts. (Custom Motorcycles built at home or a motorcycle shop). **Inspection is required.** (Note: This is NOT a safety inspection.)
8. **Distinctive:** Includes the statement “This vehicle may be subject to an undisclosed lien”. Issued when a vehicle was previously registered in a state that does not issues titles or the state in which it was previously titled does not require liens to be recorded on the title.