

**LOUISIANA OFFICE OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

**PROCEDURES FOR REMOVING A SALVAGE VEHICLE FLAG (ST/SK)**

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If a vehicle was left in an affected Hurricane Katrina area and was later picked up and/or cataloged by NICB ( National Insurance Crime Bureau), or if an insured made a claim with their insurance company without knowing the status or condition of their vehicle, the Office of Motor Vehicles may have flagged the vehicle record as salvaged and notated with a ST/SK flag ( Salvage/Katrina). The Office of Motor Vehicles is also receiving notice from NICB as to those vehicles that have been reported by the insurance company as being in the hurricane disaster area and having sustained damaged. These vehicle records are also being flagged salvaged.

However, since the time the vehicle was actually flagged as salvaged, owners and/or insurance companies have determined that the vehicle was not a total loss, was not severely damaged or flooded. Therefore, the vehicle should not be flagged or branded as such.

**The attached disclosure statement, properly completed with authorized signatures from both the motor vehicle owner and the authorized insurance agent/representative will suffice to remove the salvage vehicle indicator (ST/SK flag).**

**Upon evaluation of the documents, the Office of Motor Vehicles may require a physical inspection form be completed by a Louisiana law enforcement agent.**

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**Louisiana Certificates of Title --- Branded Titles, Hurricane Katrina**

Normal business processes will apply once the insurance company has made its determination on a claim. Upon receipt of proper documentation for a title transfer, the following brands will appear on the Louisiana Certificate of Title as determined by the proof of loss settlement:

- **Salvage Only – “ST/SK” - SALVAGE/KATRINA**
- **Salvage & Water Damage & Katrina – “ST/WA/SK” - SALVAGE/WATER DAMAGE/KATRINA**
- **Salvage Retention – “SR/SK” – Vehicle owner retains Vehicle through an insurance settlement claim**

Upon receipt that a salvage vehicle has been repaired and is now road worthy, the “ST” flag and the salvage brand will be changed to “RC/SK” flag and a Reconstructed/Katrina brand will be shown on the face of the Louisiana title.

Any vehicle that was declared a total loss or water damaged due to Hurricane Katrina the Katrina brand will remain as a permanent brand on the Louisiana Certificate of Title.

**CONDITION OF VEHICLE AFTER HURRICANE KATRINA  
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

**Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles  
1-877-DMV-Line or 225-925-6278**

**YEAR:** \_\_\_\_\_ **MAKE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**VIN:** \_\_\_\_\_

In accordance with Louisiana R.S. 32:702, when, as a result of an insurance settlement, a motor vehicle is declared to be a total loss, the insurance company, its authorized agent, or the vehicle owner must apply for a salvage title within thirty (30) days from the settlement of the property damage claim. A salvage title is issued in the name of the insurance company, its authorized agent, or vehicle owner who may dismantle, sell, rebuild, or restore the salvaged vehicle.

The undersigned **registered owner confirms** that the vehicle stated above:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Was not in Katrina disaster area | <input type="checkbox"/> Minor Water Damage ____%                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustained NO Physical damage     | <input type="checkbox"/> Minor Physical damage ____%, no total loss |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustained NO Water damage        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ (explain reason)               |

Upon signature and acknowledgement from the insurance company, the vehicle owner hereby requests the LA Office of Motor Vehicles to remove the "ST/SK" salvage flags from the described vehicle record.

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Printed Name & Signature of Registered Owner Date  
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The undersigned **authorized agent/representative for the insurance company confirms** that an agreement or settlement has been made with the insured, as follows:

- Claim was initiated but closed with no settlement being made
- Settlement made, vehicle sustained minor damages or less than total loss (attach proof of loss statement)
- Claim was closed at the request of the insured – No settlement
- Insured did not have appropriate coverage – Liability only
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

INSURANCE COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_ CLAIM # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name/Signature of Authorized Agent/Representative Daytime Phone Number

**DISCLAIMER: Upon removal of the ST/SK flags, the Office of Motor Vehicles or its authorized agents assumes no responsibility or liability for any vehicle found to have actually sustained damages to**

**the extent of a total loss or found to have sustained water damage. The LA Certificate of Title will not be branded to indicate salvage (total loss) or water damage.**