



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES
Customer Services Administration
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MEMORANDUM

TO: All DMV Jurisdictions
Metropolitan Area Enforcement Agencies
Department of Public Works
WANADA

FROM: Fred Loney 
Interim Vehicle Services Administrator

DATE: January 25, 2005

SUBJECT: New District of Columbia Certificate of Title

This is to inform you that beginning Tuesday, February 1, 2005, the District of Columbia, Department of Motor Vehicles will issue a new Certificate of Title with a new design, color and security features. We are enclosing a sample of the new certificate of title for your review and have highlighted a few of the security features.

Security Paper with Toner Grip

- a. Hold up to light to let the light pass through paper, verify the words “Verify” and “Safe”.
- b. Visible red and blue fibers are on face and back of document.
- c. When chemicals are used to alter the document, the paper reacts and causes various discoloration stains.
- d. The paper surface is treated with a toner adhesion coating to fuse with laser toner in an effort to prevent copy alterations and toner lift off.

Heat Sensitive Logo

The DC DMV logo in the center of the paper appears in red in blue. This feature is very temperature dependent, if the temperature is above approximately 80 degrees you may have to cool the area for positive identification. Briskly rub on a flat surface or breathe on this area for color change. Logo will disappear and reappear.

Security Anti-Copy Background

Printed latent (hidden) image that cannot be digitally replicated by a copier or scanner. What is replicated on a color copier are the words “UNAUTHORIZED COPY” – “VOID COPY” warning message.

Should you require additional information or have questions regarding our new Certificate of Title, please feel free to call me at (202) 576-8275 or Mrs. Mary Parker-McCall at (202) 727-9221.

Attachment

CERTIFICATE OF TITLE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER		YEAR	MAKE	BODY TYPE
TITLE NUMBER	TITLE DATE	ODOMETER	CLASS	OPER.
EMPTY WT.				

NAME AND ADDRESS OF VEHICLE OWNER(S)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE BY THE MARKINGS.



SAMPLE

FIRST LIENHOLDER		INTEREST IN THIS VEHICLE IS HEREBY RELEASED: NAME _____ TITLE _____ DATE _____
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SECOND LIENHOLDER		INTEREST IN THIS VEHICLE IS HEREBY RELEASED: NAME _____ TITLE _____ DATE _____
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BY PLACEMENT OF THE ABOVE SEAL, THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, CERTIFIES WITH REASONABLE CERTAINTY THAT FACTS ON THE APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR THE MOTOR VEHICLE DESCRIBED ABOVE ARE TRUE AND THAT THE ABOVE PERSON(S) IS/ARE THE LAWFUL OWNER(S) OF THAT MOTOR VEHICLE.



(REV. 12/04)

ANY ALTERATION OR ERASURE VOIDS THIS TITLE

