

## Chapter P

# Dismantlers

Under Oregon law, a dismantler is a person engaged in the business of:

- Buying, selling, dealing in, or processing (except for processing into scrap metal), motor vehicles for the purpose of destroying, salvaging, dismantling, disassembling, reducing to major component parts, crushing, compacting, recycling or substantially altering in form; or
- Buying, selling, dealing in, or processing motor vehicle major component parts that are stocked in the inventory of the business, if the buying, selling, dealing in, or processing of major component parts is not part of a business selling new vehicles or repairing vehicles. (See definition of [major component part](#) later in this chapter.)

The DMV Business License Unit licenses dismantlers. The DMV Business Regulation Investigation Section regulates dismantlers.

### When a dismantler acquires a motor vehicle

To “acquire” a motor vehicle means to have physical possession of it and its ownership record (title or other primary ownership document).

Within 30 days of acquiring a motor vehicle titled in Oregon, a dismantler must submit to DMV:

1. A completed and signed [Vehicle Dismantler’s Notice to DMV](#), Form 735-270, with
2. The title or other primary ownership document.

Mail the Vehicle Dismantler’s Notice to DMV, Form 735-270, and the title or other ownership document together to:

DMV  
Attn: Totaled Vehicle Desk  
1905 Lana Avenue NE  
Salem OR 97314

Dismantlers must also remove and destroy any plates on the vehicle.

### Dismantlers selling vehicle frame or unibody

A dismantler is not required to obtain a salvage title prior to selling the vehicle frame or unibody. The frame or unibody is a major component part, which may be sold with a bill of sale to reconstruct or assemble another vehicle. Any vehicle that is reconstructed or assembled must be retitled with the corresponding damage brand.

### When a licensed dismantler is also a licensed vehicle dealer

The business must make a determination up front which (dismantler or dealer) is purchasing the vehicle. Dismantlers may only sell whole vehicles to other dismantlers. In order to be able to sell a whole vehicle, the dealer business must acquire the vehicle. However, some vehicles may only be acquired by a dismantler.

When the business has acquired a vehicle under the dealer certificate, the dealer may sell the whole vehicle to the public, to another licensed vehicle dealer, or to other types of

businesses.

When the business has acquired a vehicle under the dismantler license, the dismantler may only sell the whole vehicle to another dismantler. The dismantler may not transfer or sell the vehicle, even to their own dealer business, or to anyone other than another dismantler.

Mail the Vehicle Dismantler's Notice to DMV, Form 735-270, and the title or other ownership document to:

DMV  
Attn: Totaled Vehicle Desk  
1905 Lana Avenue NE  
Salem OR 97314

## **Flags (notations on the vehicle record)**

### ***Flag 38 - DISMANTLER-OWNER DOC RCVD***

DMV adds Flag 38 to the vehicle record upon receipt of the Dismantler's Notice, Form 735-270, and the ownership document. DMV enters the dismantler's identification number in the message field. Customers who order a vehicle record will see a message that reads "FL38-Wrecked/Destroyed by Dismantler."

### ***Flag 35 - VEHICLE IN DISMANTLER STOCK***

DMV adds Flag 35 to the vehicle record upon receipt of the Dismantler's Vehicle Notice, Form 735-270, when a Flag 38 is already on the vehicle record. Flag 35 indicates that a dismantler has sold the vehicle to another dismantler. Flag 35 can be added to the record multiple times and will reflect the most recent dismantler's identification number.

Customers who order vehicle records will see a message that reads "FL35-Vehicle in Dismantler Stock."

## **Dismantler's records**

In addition to keeping a copy of the Form 735-270, the dismantler must comply with the record keeping requirements of [ORS 822.135](#).

### ***Dismantler record keeping requirements***

Dismantlers must maintain records at the dismantler's business location for three years for each motor vehicle or major component part from the date of its acquisition.

**"Acquisition" means having physical possession of a motor vehicle together with possession of the vehicle's ownership record.**

### ***Records must include the following for a motor vehicle:***

1. If last titled in Oregon, the Oregon title number; or, if the title is not available, a copy of the vehicle ownership document;
2. If last titled in another jurisdiction, a copy of the out-of-state title or ownership document;

3. If available, the registration plate number and the name of the jurisdiction where the vehicle was last registered;
4. The year, make and model;
5. The VIN number;
6. The date the vehicle was acquired;
7. The vehicle, stock, or yard number assigned to the vehicle by the dismantler.

***Records must include the following for a major component part:***

1. The physical characteristics of the part;
2. The stock or yard number assigned to the part by the dismantler;
3. The VIN number of the motor vehicle from which the part came.

***Definition of major component part***


Includes significant parts of a motor vehicle such as:

- Air bags
- Bumpers
- Cabs
- Differentials
- Doors
- Engines
- Fenders
- Frames
- Front or rear clips
- Hoods
- Quarter panels
- Short blocks
- Transfer cases
- Transmissions
- Truck beds or boxes

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**Example of DISMANTLER'S VEHICLE NOTICE TO DRIVER AND MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICES, FORM 735-270**

*Actual size is 5½" x 8½"*

		<b>DISMANTLER'S VEHICLE NOTICE TO DRIVER AND MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICES</b>	
<small>DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION                  DRIVER AND MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICES                  1905 LANA AVE NE, SALEM OREGON 97314</small>			
<p><b>INSTRUCTIONS:</b> The title or other ownership document, for an Oregon titled vehicle, must be surrendered to DMV within 30 days of receipt by the dismantler. If sold, the vehicle may only be sold to another dismantler. Failure to follow these procedures (ORS 819.010) is a Class "A" misdemeanor and punishable by a jail sentence of up to one year, a fine of up to \$6,250 or both.</p>			
PLATE NUMBER	YEAR	MAKE	STYLE
VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER			
OREGON TITLE NUMBER			
DISMANTLER BUSINESS NAME			
DISMANTLER BUSINESS LOCATION (STREET ADDRESS)			
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE			TELEPHONE NUMBER
DISMANTLER CERTIFICATE NUMBER (ISSUED BY DMV)		INVENTORY OR STOCK NUMBER (if any)	
<p><b>I certify that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• THE TITLE OR OTHER OWNERSHIP DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED TO THIS FORM <b>AND</b> THE PLATES HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE VEHICLE AND DESTROYED.</li> <li>• If the vehicle has been sold to another dismantler, the dismantler purchase information is provided below:</li> </ul>			
SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DISMANTLER BUSINESS			DATE
X			
<b>SOLD TO:</b>			
SOLD TO (DISMANTLER NAME):			DATE OF SALE
DISMANTLER CERTIFICATE NUMBER (ISSUED BY DMV)			
ADDRESS (STREET ADDRESS OR PO BOX)			
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE			
735-270 (1-06)		<b>PLEASE SIGN THIS FORM</b>	
		STK # 300112	