

# FACT SHEET

## Modified Vehicle Titling Procedure

### PURPOSE

This Fact Sheet explains the requirements for titling and registering modified vehicles.

### DEFINITIONS

**Modified Vehicle** - A vehicle of a type required to be registered under this title materially altered by the addition, deletion, substitution or modification of the body, chassis or essential parts, new or used. The term does not include vehicles that have been repaired to the function and appearance of vehicles in their original condition or vehicles where final-stage or second-stage manufacturers provide a manufacturer statement of origin or a federally required certification label at the time of the original title and registration application.

**Essential Parts** - All major component parts of a vehicle of a type required to be registered under this title, the removal, alteration or substitution of which would tend to conceal the identity of the vehicle or substantially alter its appearance, model, type or mode of operation.

Some examples of vehicle modifications which would require a Modified Vehicle Title include but are not limited to:

- Changing fuel type (e.g., gasoline to diesel)
- Addition or removal of an axle
- Replacing the engine (e.g., replacing the stock engine with an engine that was not available as original equipment on the vehicle)
- Changing a standard truck bed to a flat bed or dump bed
- Changing the vehicle body type (e.g. bus to truck)

### PROCEDURE AND DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

- ❖ All Modified Vehicles must undergo an enhanced vehicle safety inspection to ensure the vehicle is in compliance with all equipment and inspection requirements. This inspection must be performed at an enhanced vehicle safety inspection station. A list of these stations can be found at [www.dmv.state.pa.us](http://www.dmv.state.pa.us). Click on the link for Business Partner Info, then Station Owners and Mechanics.
- ❖ Once the vehicle has successfully passed the enhanced inspection, the enhanced inspector or certified document reviewer will photograph the vehicle and examine the documentation presented by the vehicle owner to support titling the vehicle. Required documentation includes, but is not limited to:
  - \* Form MV-426B (Application for Reconstructed, Specially Constructed, Collectible, Modified, Flood, Recovered Theft Vehicles and Street Rods) with all applicable signatures. Note: Obsolete versions of Form MV-426 or MV-426B with a revision date prior to December 2006 (12-06) will not be accepted.
  - \* Proof of ownership in the form of:
    - o Pennsylvania Certificate of Title
    - o Certificate of Title issued by another state or jurisdiction and indicating the vehicle was modified in another state or jurisdiction

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- o The following documents are not accepted by Pennsylvania as proof of ownership:
  - Form 907A issued by the state of New York
  - Any title, certificate of origin, statement of origin or certificate of salvage that indicates the vehicle is to be used for parts only; is not suitable to be rebuilt or titled; or is not designed, constructed or intended for use on public roadways
- \* Form MV-1 (Application for Certificate of Title) if the applicant's name does not appear on the face of the certificate of title or salvage.
- \* A detailed description of the modifications made to the vehicle
- \* Proof of Insurance

All applications for a Modified Vehicle MUST be submitted to the Department for review and processing. Modified vehicle applications cannot be processed by on-line business partners. Any application submitted for a modified vehicle title may be delayed should it warrant further review by PennDOT and/or the Pennsylvania State Police.

### **PENNSYLVANIA INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS**

After the vehicle is titled and registered, modified vehicles are subject to periodic safety inspections as well as emission inspections (where required). Periodic inspections can be performed at any inspection station throughout Pennsylvania. A vehicle is only required to be inspected at an enhanced vehicle safety inspection station for initial titling.