



Assigned VIN Information Package

When a vehicle or trailer's vehicle identification number (VIN) has been removed, altered, lost, or destroyed; a vehicle amalgamation has occurred; or when a new vehicle has been built, the owner can submit an [Application for Assigned Vehicle Identification Number \(VIN\) form](#) along with supporting documents to apply for a Manitoba-assigned VIN.

Reasons for an Assigned VIN

A new Manitoba-assigned VIN may be required in the following situations.

Original VIN is Damaged, Defaced or Missing

There are several reasons why this may occur, including but not limited to:

- Vandalism
- Theft
- Windshield or dash repair/replacement.

Glider Trucks

A glider kit is a collection of parts used to assemble a heavy commercial truck. Glider kits consist of the following newly manufactured components:

- Chassis
- Complete cab assembly (windshield, instrument panel, custom-built interior, new hood, fenders and bumpers)
- Steering axle assembly (wheel ends, brakes, wheels and tires)
- Other minor parts such as wiring harnesses, mounting hardware, brackets, fasteners, etc.

A glider kit does not include any of the following drivetrain components:

- Engine
- Transmission
- Drive axle

Homemade Trailers

A VIN is not a requirement for registering a trailer in Manitoba, but some Manitobans who have built their own trailer may wish to have a VIN assigned for identification purposes.

Amalgamated Vehicles

An amalgamated vehicle is a motor vehicle which has been reconstructed using major components (frame or chassis, cab, and body) from two or more vehicles and are subject to certain rules regarding eligibility and the assignment of vehicle descriptions.



To protect consumers, contributing vehicles must have substantially similar and interchangeable components across different model years. If the major components are not interchangeable, the vehicle is not eligible for amalgamated status, and is given a designation of Modified in its vehicle description.

Reconstructed vehicles that are built entirely from parts of vehicles that have an irreparable or rebuilt status are prohibited from being issued an assigned VIN. Major components from vehicles with a status of Irreparable or Rebuilt can be used as part of amalgamated vehicles if they are added to a vehicle with a status of salvageable or normal. To qualify as an amalgamated vehicle, the owner must have a Transfer of Ownership (TOD) document for the vehicle with a status of Salvageable or Normal. New major components may not be used in amalgamation with an Irreparable or Rebuilt vehicle.

Once the TOD from a vehicle with Salvageable or Normal status is used in amalgamation, it cannot be used for subsequent amalgamations. Major components from previously amalgamated vehicles may not be used in amalgamations.

Do not remove, deface, damage, paint over, or otherwise obscure the VIN plates and/or stickers on a vehicle and/or major component.

Amalgamated Vehicle Descriptions

Amalgamated vehicles can be difficult to describe when the major components come from different vehicle models or from different years or trim levels of the same model.

Rebuilders should be aware of the following standards MPI uses to assign a description to an amalgamated vehicle.

- **Model Year:** the model year is determined based on the major components used in the amalgamation.
- **Vehicle Description:** based solely on the manufacturer's original trim level for the major components used to construct the vehicle, regardless of any additional features or badging that may have been added to it.

Process Overview

Customers wanting to establish ownership of and register an amalgamated vehicle, or obtain an assigned VIN, must submit a completed Application for Assigned VIN form outlining the details of the vehicles used, and applicable supporting documents to Vehicle Safety.

Vehicle Safety reviews the application and supporting documents, and if approved, determines the model year and tentative vehicle description.

- **Note:** If the request is denied, a letter stating the reasoning and all original documents will be sent to the customer.

Processing times may vary. Please expect up to four weeks of processing time once the complete application and all required supporting documents are submitted. Incomplete applications and/or missing supporting documents will not be processed.



Receiving the Assigned VIN

Once the application has been processed, Vehicle Safety will contact the customer and schedule an appointment with the customer to affix the new VIN. There is no fee for this service; however, customers are responsible for bringing the vehicle to the appointment at one of the Vehicle Safety locations in Winnipeg, Winkler, Brandon, or Dauphin.

During the appointment, the Vehicle Safety Officer will inspect the vehicle and confirm the VIN of the vehicle and/or major components used in the amalgamation. If Vehicle Safety cannot confirm the VIN of both the vehicle and/or major components, the assigned VIN may not be installed.

Once the Vehicle Safety Officer is satisfied that all criteria have been met, the original VIN must be removed by a Vehicle Safety Officer. When component removal is required to gain access to the original VIN location, the vehicle owner will be responsible for removing these components **prior to the appointment**. Vehicle Safety will not disassemble a vehicle to access the VIN or reassemble after the VIN is installed.

Following the appointment if a VIN was installed, Vehicle Safety provides the customer with a completed Approval for Assigned VIN form.

- For non-amalgamated vehicles, the customer takes the approval form and supporting documents to an Autopac agent or MPI Service Centre to set up ownership and register the vehicle.
- If the vehicle is amalgamated, Vehicle Safety provides the customer with a completed Approval for Assigned VIN form and provides a TOD at the time of the appointment. Customers must still attend an Autopac agent or MPI Service Centre to register and insure the vehicle.

Supporting Documents Required

The supporting documents required to apply for a VIN assigned other than amalgamated vehicle may include:

- Proof of ownership in the form of:
 - Salvage invoice(s)
 - Bills of sale (sample available [here](#))
 - Out-of-province registry/title
 - Transfer of Ownership Document (TOD)
- [Certificate of Inspection](#) (COI) or [Periodic Mandatory Vehicle Inspection](#) (PMVI)
- [Body Integrity Inspection Certificate](#) (BIIC)
- Pictures of the vehicle/trailer (minimum of four - front, rear, and both sides)
- Receipts for components used for homemade and/or custom-made vehicles and trailers

Amalgamated vehicle applications require all the following documents:



- Proof of ownership for all major components being used in vehicle amalgamation, which must include
 - Transfer of Ownership Document (TOD) for at least one vehicle with a status of Normal or Salvageable that lists the applicant as the vehicle owner; and
 - Bills of sale for all major components used in amalgamation
- [Body Integrity Inspection Certificate](#) (BIIC) showing all items other than the VIN being corrected or passed. The VIN section should still be rejected.
- Pictures of the vehicle (minimum of four - front, rear, and both sides)

Depending on the type of vehicle, other supporting documents may be required. Please contact the [Vehicle Safety department](#) for questions regarding assigned VINs at:

Phone: 204-985-0920

Toll-free: 1-866-323-0542

Email: VSI-Stationinfo@mpi.mb.ca

If applying by mail, send the completed package to:

Vehicle Safety
J.W. Zacharias Physical Damage Research Centre
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Winnipeg, MB R2C 5C7