



## South Dakota Lost Vehicle Title Replacement

If your vehicle title is lost, stolen, or damaged, you can apply for a duplicate title through the South Dakota Division of Motor Vehicles. Use this checklist to prepare your application.

### KEY FACTS

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| State               | South Dakota                            |
| Agency              | South Dakota Division of Motor Vehicles |
| Process             | See official source                     |
| Notary required     | Not specified                           |
| Bill of sale        | Not specified                           |
| Odometer disclosure | Not specified                           |
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### QUICK REFERENCE

|                         |                               |                           |                             |
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| NOTARY<br>Not specified | BILL OF SALE<br>Not specified | ODOMETER<br>Not specified | INSPECTION<br>Not specified |
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### PRINTABLE CHECKLIST

#### Required checklist

- ☐ **Government-issued photo ID** **REQUIRED**  
Required to verify your identity.
- ☐ **Payment for application fee** **REQUIRED**  
Check the official state DMV for the current fee amount.
- ☐ **Duplicate title application form** **REQUIRED**  
The official form required to apply for a replacement title. Name and form number vary by state.
- ☐ **Current vehicle registration (if available)** **CONDITIONAL**  
May be required to verify vehicle information.
- ☐ **Lien release (if loan was paid off)** **CONDITIONAL**  
If you paid off your loan but the lien is still on record, you will need a lien release letter.

### STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS

- 1 Download or obtain the state's duplicate title application form.
- 2 Complete the form with your vehicle's VIN, year, make, model, and your owner information.
- 3 Gather required ID and any supporting documents.
- 4 Submit the form and pay the duplicate title fee at a state DMV office or by mail.
- 5 Receive your duplicate title in the mail (timing varies by state).

### COMMON MISTAKES

- Using a duplicate title to complete a sale — this is usually allowed but confirm with your state agency.
- Submitting incomplete forms, which causes delays.
- Not including a lien release when the loan has been paid off.

### OFFICIAL SOURCES

**South Dakota Division of Motor Vehicles**  
<https://dor.sd.gov/drivers-vehicles/>