



Wyoming Used Car Buyer's Paperwork Checklist

Use this checklist to prepare for buying a used vehicle from a private seller in Wyoming. Confirm the latest requirements with the Wyoming Department of Transportation — Motor Vehicles before completing your transaction.

KEY FACTS

State	Wyoming
Agency	Wyoming Department of Transportation — Motor Vehicles
Process	See official source
Notary required	Yes
Bill of sale	Conditional
Odometer disclosure	Yes
Filing deadline	45 days
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QUICK REFERENCE

NOTARY Yes	BILL OF SALE Conditional	ODOMETER Yes	INSPECTION No
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IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Within 45 days

Buyer must apply for registration and a new title at the county clerk's office within 45 days of purchase (W.S. 31-2-201). The buyer may operate the vehicle during this window on a properly executed notarized title or notarized bill of sale.

PRINTABLE CHECKLIST

Buyer checklist

- ☐ **Signed title from seller** **REQUIRED**
The seller must have signed the title over to you. Check that the odometer reading is noted.
- ☐ **Bill of sale** **RECOMMENDED**
Proof of purchase with VIN, price, and both parties' information.
- ☐ **Government-issued photo ID** **REQUIRED**
Required when submitting title transfer paperwork.
- ☐ **Payment for title transfer fees** **REQUIRED**
Fees vary by state. Check your state's official DMV fee schedule.
- ☐ **Proof of insurance** **REQUIRED**
Most states require proof of minimum liability insurance before issuing plates.
- ☐ **Sales tax payment** **CONDITIONAL**
Sales or use tax is typically due when registering the vehicle. Rate and basis vary by state.

Required forms

- ☐ **Signed title from seller** **REQUIRED**
The seller must sign the title over to you. Verify the VIN and odometer reading.
- ☐ **Title transfer application** **REQUIRED**
Form required to apply for a new title in your name. Requirements vary by state.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Notary: Yes — Wyoming requires both buyer and seller to sign the title in the presence of a notary public (W.S. 31-2-104). Titles with multiple owners joined by 'OR' only require one notarized owner signature.



Bill of sale: Conditional — A notarized bill of sale is required when purchasing from a private individual. It must include vehicle description (year, make, model, VIN, color), sale price, buyer and seller names, and a perjury certification. If the title is held by a lienholder at sale, the bill of sale must be provided at delivery and the title must follow within 30 days.

Odometer disclosure: Yes — Required by federal law for vehicles under 10 years old.

Inspection: No — Wyoming has no statewide vehicle emissions or smog inspection requirement for private-party vehicle sales.

STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS

- 1 Run a vehicle history report (e.g., CARFAX or NMVTIS) before purchase.
- 2 Verify the seller's name matches the name on the title.
- 3 Ensure the title is free of liens or confirm the lien will be resolved.
- 4 Have the seller sign the title over to you and complete odometer disclosure.
- 5 Obtain a bill of sale from the seller.
- 6 Submit the signed title, application, fees, and proof of insurance to your state DMV.
- 7 Pay any applicable sales tax.

COMMON MISTAKES

- Not verifying that the seller is the titled owner.
- Failing to check for outstanding liens before purchase.
- Missing the deadline to register the vehicle after purchase.
- Not getting a bill of sale.

OFFICIAL SOURCES

Wyoming DOT — Titles, Plates, Registration

https://www.dot.state.wy.us/home/titles_plates_registration.html

Wyoming DOT Motor Vehicles

<https://www.dot.wyo.gov/home/motor-vehicle.html>