

## Chapter Trans 155

## VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER INSPECTION

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**Trans 155.01 Purpose and scope.** (1) The purpose of this chapter is to establish the department's administrative interpretation of ss. 342.06 (1) (b), (f) and (g) and 342.30 (1), Stats., relating to persons authorized to perform the inspection of a vehicle identification number prior to the registration of a motor vehicle last titled or registered in another jurisdiction.

(2) **APPLICABILITY.** This chapter applies to any person seeking to obtain title or registration for a motor vehicle that was last previously titled or registered in another jurisdiction.

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**Trans 155.02 Definition.** The words and phrases defined in s. 340.01, Stats., have the same meaning in this chapter unless a different definition is specifically provided. In this chapter:

(1) "Vehicle identification number" means the numbers, letters, or combination of numbers and letters assigned by the manufacturer or another jurisdiction and stamped upon or otherwise affixed to a motor vehicle or motor vehicle part for the purpose of identification, but does not include the letters, numbers or combinations on registration plates issued under ch. 341, Stats.

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**Trans 155.03 How the certification of a vehicle identification number inspection is performed.** (1) The certification shall be provided on the form prescribed by the department as an application for title or registration.

**Note:** The forms prescribed by the department for use in registering or titling a vehicle are MV1, Application for Registration/Title, MV1EZ, Wisconsin Title/Registration Application, and MV11, Application for Registration/Title - Dealer Use. Forms are available from the Division of Motor Vehicles Bureau of Field Services locations throughout the state, the Bureau of Vehicle Services located in Madison, Wisconsin, or any other distributor authorized by the Division.

(2) The vehicle identification number on the vehicle shall be viewed directly by the person certifying the inspection of the identification number.

(3) The vehicle identification number on the vehicle shall be legibly entered on the application form by the person certifying the inspection of the identification number.

(4) The vehicle identification number on the vehicle shall be compared to the identification number shown on the certificate of title for the vehicle.

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**Trans 155.04** Who is designated to perform the certification of a vehicle identification number. The following persons are authorized to perform the inspection of a vehicle identification number:

- (1) An employe or agent of a law enforcement agency who is authorized to perform inspections.
- (2) An employe or agent of any state department of transportation who is authorized to perform inspections.
- (3) An employe or agent of a licensed motor vehicle dealer who is authorized to perform inspections when the vehicle is in the possession of the motor vehicle dealer and is offered for sale by the motor vehicle dealer.
- (4) An employe or agent of a financial institution which is the lienholder of the vehicle who is authorized to perform inspections.
- (5) A registered owner of the vehicle, as shown on title or registration issued by the previous jurisdiction, when ownership of the vehicle has not changed within 90 days.

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