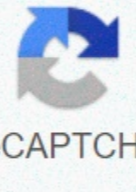


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How to Fill in the California Bill of Sale (REG 135) The parties involved in the purchase and sale of a motor vehicle, vessel, trailer, motorcycle, all-terrain vehicle (ATV); ID Number – Such as a VIN or Hull Number Year Model Make License Plate Number Motorcycle Engine Number Seller's Name Buyer's Name Date of Sale Signature of the Seller is the only party required to authorize. How to Register a Vehicle Forms to bring to your local DMV Office; REG 135 A California bill of sale is a document used to record a private transaction wherein a buyer purchases personal property from a seller. The purpose of the form is to provide proof of the transfer of ownership. This proof is necessary for the sale of a vehicle, as the new owner will be required to register it with the California Department of Motor Vehicles. A boat bill of sale can be used for the very same function. In most transactions, the seller should retain a copy of the form as well, as the signed document indicates that they are released from ownership and liability. Motor Vehicle Bill of Sale – Used to document the transfer of vehicle ownership between private parties. Download: Adobe PDF Firearm Bill of Sale – Completed upon the sale of a firearm to record the transaction and show proof of ownership. Download: Adobe PDF, MS Word (.docx), OpenDocument Boat Bill of Sale – Records a boat sale between a private seller and a buyer. Used by the buyer for registering the vessel. Download: Adobe PDF Generic Bill of Sale – A sales receipt for individuals to use when selling their personal property in private transactions. Download: Adobe PDF, MS Word (.docx), OpenDocument Motor Vehicle Firearm Boat Accountability is important when selling your car. A bill of sale is helpful in this regard as it serves as proof the car was sold, and for the buyer, it secures the fact that they paid for it. While this is not required by law in California, it helps to keep both sides of the transaction at peace. You can find an official proof of purchase form on the California DMV's website. Vehicle Identification Number You must provide the VIN of the vehicle you're selling. It's a long assortment of letters and numbers which can be found in a number of different places: Your registration insurance card. Vehicle's title Vehicle itself between the bottom of the windshield and the dashboard, or on the body on the inside of the door frame. If you must look at the car to find the VIN and can't find it on your insurance card, registration or title (because you have none of these things), you've got a bigger problem. Year, make and model It's important to get this right, so don't go with your gut even if you happen to be a bona fide car expert and know every make and model ever. Check the registration and title, as those will be comprehensive with how it describes your particular vehicle. It also helps to learn how to read a VIN as that will tell you more than just the year it was made. License plate Those white shiny things on the front and back of the car with the red letters actually do matter. License plates are there to prove that the car is registered to whatever state is printed on it. When you need it, you can find the license plate number in a few places: On the car below the trunk lid on the rear bumper or on the front bumper just below the hood Title Registration. Mileage California doesn't include a space for the odometer reading when proving your car as sold with a proof of sale, but if you'd like to include it on a makeshift version it's your prerogative. Whatever your odometer says, that's the number you should put down. Be accurate with this, because committing odometer fraud is a thing. Be sure to include your name and the buyer's name, and the date. The date is important as it helps in the event of the DMV not receiving notice that the car has gone to a new owner. This is tricky, and sometimes buyers and sellers block out any ethical background they may have had before they put the selling price as some ridiculously low number. The reason? Because this number is what determines your registration fee from the time you buy it (depending if it needs new tags soon), and for all subsequent years that you register the vehicle. Also, if you decide to be clever and say you got the vehicle for free (a gift), then the DMV will still require you to list the price that you think the vehicle is worth. Signatures Finally, after all the other information is filled out, print and sign your name and don't forget the date. If you print two copies, one for you and another for the new owner, sign, and date both. Making Your Own If you don't have the time to print one out, you can always make one yourself with only a pen and a piece of paper. You will need to briefly describe the vehicle with its color, make and model, VIN, the name of buyer and seller, final price and the location of the sale. Don't forget those important signatures. Implications Of Not Having One While it's not required by California state law, a bill of sale can help protect you from legal implications. Without a proof of purchase, until the new owner transfers the title into their name, or until you notify the DMV of the sale, there's no real proof that they bought the car from you. If you're in a situation where you can't make it to the DMV or somehow inform them that you've sold your vehicle, it would be important to have it as a contingency. So is it useful from a legal standpoint? Yes, but is it useful for anything else? Not really, unless the state requires it. Some states like Arizona will allow a proof of purchase to take place of the title if there isn't one present. That is not possible in California. Every state is different, so be sure to check your state's laws for the specifics of if whether or not one is required. California bill of sale forms are used to record the official sale of any personal item, such as a vehicle, boat/vessel, or firearm. A completed and signed bill of sale is legal proof that ownership of the documented item has been transferred to the buyer, and that the seller has been paid the agreed upon amount. In California, a bill of sale does not need to be notarized or witnessed, so it's a good idea to get a photocopy of the buyer or seller's ID to ensure the personal information on the bill of sale is accurate. Table of Contents 1. California Vehicle Bill of Sale While California law does not require a bill of sale for a car, it is still a good idea to have one. You can use it to record pertinent details of the sale, such as the other parties' contact information, the purchase date, and the sale price. The state's official DMV website provides a convenient, easy-to-use form. In order to be considered official, it asks for the following information: The seller's name, address, and signature The buyer's name and address The make, model, and year of the vehicle in question The Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) The price paid by the buyer(s) The date the vehicle was sold or gifted Because the bill of sale is not necessarily a legal requirement, however, you can draft your own. Be sure to include all the information listed on the online form. While a penalty of perjury statement is not necessary in California, California Vehicle Code Section 20 states that supplying the DMV with any false information is a crime. Doing so may be treated in the courts of California law as violations of already established perjury laws, and may be punishable by a maximum fine of \$10,000 or up to a four-year stint in state prison. Why Use One? As a buyer, drafting a proper bill of sale can act as a proof of purchase, or a receipt. It can also help the California DMV determine the appropriate Vehicle License Fee (VLF), which is based on a vehicle sale price. Without official documentation, your VLF is based upon the vehicle's approximate value, though you may legally only have to pay a percentage based on what you actually paid for the car. Language Requirements Since California is a multicultural state, the bill of sale can be written in Spanish or any other language. The DMV provides translators as needed. Number of Copies Two identical copies should be filled out, with one given to the buyer and the other to the seller. Be sure to fill out the form in its entirety. Junk Vehicles Once a former wreck is repurposed and sold, a buyer must be provided with either a junk receipt or bill of sale containing the dismantler's acquisition number. The junk receipt is nothing more than an ownership-proving document issued by the DMV when a given vehicle is requested to be listed in the state registry as "junked." After Purchasing a Vehicle Besides drafting a bill of sale, there are many other steps to take when buying or selling a vehicle in the state of California. For sellers: Smog Certificate: Sellers must provide buyers with a smog certificate if the vehicle registration has not been renewed within the last 90 days, and the car is over four years old. In all cases, a signed affidavit will suffice. Odometer Reading: If the car is less than 10 years old, an odometer reading is required. If you are unable to record this information on the title, a Vehicle/Vessel Transfer and Reassignment, or Form REG 262, should be filed. Notice of Transfer: After all paperwork has been provided to the buyer, a Notice of Transfer and Release of Liability must be filed with the California DMV within five days of the sale, alerting the state that you are no longer legally responsible for the vehicle. A duplicate title is not required to sell a vehicle in California, as long as all applicable sections of Form REG 227, or the Application for Duplicate or Paperless Title, are completed. The buyer will then fill out the relevant section as the new owner, completing the sale. For buyers: Fill out a copy of Form REG 343, the Application for Title or Registration, which must be filed with the DMV. Be sure to include the names of all lienholders, if applicable, and your signature(s). Provide proof that the vehicle in question is insured. Bring in your license plates. Be sure that the current registration stickers are still affixed to validate that your plates are current. The owner of a vehicle is not typically required to surrender a vehicle's plates, and they can be obtained along with the vehicle at the time of purchase. A physical inspection must be performed by a California DMV employee, as well as VIN verification. If you purchase your vehicle from a state-licensed dealer: You will be issued a temporary registration and license plate from the dealer. If you purchase your vehicle from a private party: You must register your vehicle at your local DMV office within 10 days of purchase. Bring your odometer reading, if applicable. Bring a smog certificate, if applicable. All fees and taxes must be paid in full. 3. California Boat Bill of Sale There are a few steps you must take to register a vessel properly in California after you are presented with your boat bill of sale. For sellers: Be sure that all personal property taxes are paid in full to the county tax collector, or the DMV will withhold the title transfer. The county is determined by where the vessel is stored. Provide the California Certificate of Ownership, or title, to the buyer. Sign the space marked as Line 1. If the title is lost or damaged, use Form REG 227, and sign it, authorizing the sale. If the Certificate of Number or sticker is lost, fill out an Application for Replacement Plates, Stickers, or Documents, or Form REG 156. A duplicate fee is required to replace each lost item. Submit a Notice of Release of Liability, or Form REG 138, within 5 days, to the DMV stating the buyer's name and contact information, along with information about the vessel, and the purchase date. For buyers: Fill out your name and contact information and sign the back of the title. Submit the title to the DMV. Pay the transfer fees and use tax, if applicable. Like vehicle bills of sale in California, vessel bills of sale are also optional, unless the seller is not the last owner listed on the title. In that case, you will need a bill of sale from each of the buyers that owned the vessel after the listed owner. As previously stated, the state does provide a form on the DMV website. This bill of sale form, Form REG 135, can be used for vessels as well as vehicles, or in its place, you may draft your own. All forms are to be completed by the seller and should contain the following information: The sellers' and buyers' names, contact information, and signatures The parties' California drivers' license, ID, or dealer numbers The hull identification number, or HIN The year, make, and model The date of the sale The purchase price The CF or vessel registration number 4. California Gun Bill of Sale In California, a firearm bill of sale is not a legal necessity when selling or buying vehicles. As a matter of fact, permits and registration are not required for firearms, rifles, or shotguns, though assault weapons are a notable exception. However, even private party sales are still subject to the Dealer's Record of Sale (DROS) process, and must be completed through a licensed California dealer. This process includes providing proof that the buyer is over 21 years of age, and undergoing a 10-day waiting period. For your own records, you may provide a gun bill of sale. Generally speaking, a firearm bill of sale should include the following: The buyers' and sellers' names, contact information, and signatures The make, model, caliber, and serial number The purchase price California Bill of Sale of Personal Property(Sold As-Is) State of California County of \_\_\_\_\_ KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS: THAT I, \_\_\_\_\_, [name] Seller, of \_\_\_\_\_ [address], \_\_\_\_\_ County, California, in consideration of the payment of the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars (\$ \_\_\_\_\_), receipt of payment acknowledged, do hereby sell and transfer to \_\_\_\_\_ [name] Buyer, of \_\_\_\_\_ [address], \_\_\_\_\_ County, \_\_\_\_\_ [state], his/her successors and assigns, the following described personal property located in the County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of California: \_\_\_\_\_ [description that clearly identifies and distinguishes property]. Seller warrants that he/she is the lawful owner in every respect of all of the described property and that it is free and clear of all liens, security agreements, encumbrances, claims, demands, and charges of every kind whatsoever. Seller binds Seller, his/her successors and assigns, to warrant and defend the title to all of the described property to Buyer, his/her successors and assigns, forever against every person lawfully claiming the described property or any part of it. THE DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS SOLD "AS-IS" WITHOUT ANY WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, AS TO THE CONDITION OF SUCH PROPERTY. BY ACCEPTING THIS BILL OF SALE, BUYER(S) REPRESENT THAT BUYER(S) HAVE PERSONALLY INSPECTED THE DESCRIBED PROPERTY AND ACCEPTS THE PROPERTY "AS-IS". This Bill of Sale shall be effective as to the transfer of all property listed in it as of \_\_\_\_\_ [date]. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Bill of Sale is executed on \_\_\_\_\_ [date]. \_\_\_\_\_ Seller's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Seller's Typed or Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Witness' Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Witness' Typed or Printed Name ACKNOWLEDGMENT State of California County of \_\_\_\_\_ On \_\_\_\_\_ before me, \_\_\_\_\_, (here insert name and title of the officer), personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument. I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct. WITNESS my hand and official seal. \_\_\_\_\_ (Seal)Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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