

Certificate of Destruction

For more information go to www.direct.gov.uk/scrappingyourcar



Your questions answered

Under the End-of-Life Vehicles Regulations 2003 and the End-of-Life Vehicles (Storage and Treatment) (Scotland) Regulations 2003, passenger-carrying vehicles and light-goods vehicles weighing up to 3500kg, and three-wheel motor vehicles (not motor trikes), can only be scrapped at Authorised Treatment Facilities (ATFs). The ATF will issue a 'Certificate of Destruction' (CoD).

Before taking a vehicle to be scrapped

Where you need to take a vehicle if you want to scrap it

You must take the vehicle to an Authorised Treatment Facility (ATF). ATFs can destroy the vehicle and get rid of it in an environmentally friendly way.

How to find a registered ATF

To find an ATF, contact the Environment Agency for England and Wales or the Scottish Environment Protection Agency for Scotland. Contact details are given on the back page.

The documents you need to take with you

The Registration Certificate (V5C).

If you have not got the V5C

You can still take the vehicle to be scrapped.

What to do if you have a personalised vehicle registration number and you need to destroy the vehicle

If you want to keep the vehicle registration number you **must** either transfer it to another vehicle or retain it (keep the right to use it) on a Retention Document **before** taking the vehicle to the ATF. You can apply to transfer or retain the registration number at your nearest DVLA local office.

If you do not transfer or retain the number you will lose it when the vehicle is destroyed.

If your vehicle is with an insurance company you will need to make sure they do not scrap it and that it is available for inspection. For more information read 'Registration numbers and you' (INF46). You can get this off our website at www.direct.gov.uk/motoringleaflets, from any DVLA local office, or by phoning 0300 790 6802.

After you have taken the vehicle to be scrapped

What happens next

The ATF will give you a Certificate of Destruction. They cannot charge you for a Certificate of Destruction, but they may charge you for scrapping the vehicle.

The details that appear on the Certificate of Destruction

- Details of the ATF and the Environment Agency Licensing Authority that issued the ATF's licence
- Details of the vehicle
- Your name, address, nationality and signature

When you will receive the Certificate of Destruction

The ATF should give you the Certificate of Destruction immediately and tell us that you are no longer responsible for the vehicle. If this is not possible, the ATF will post it to you or tell you when you can collect it.

If you do not get a Certificate of Destruction immediately, fill in the 'Selling or transferring your vehicle to a motor trader, insurer or dismantler' (V5C/3) section of your V5C and send it to DVLA to tell us that you no longer have the vehicle. You should receive a letter from us confirming that you are no longer responsible for the vehicle. If you do not receive this within four weeks, phone 0300 790 6802. If you are deaf or hard of hearing and you have access to a textphone, phone 0300 123 1279. This number will not respond to ordinary phones.

What to do with the Certificate of Destruction

You should keep the certificate as it is proof that you are no longer responsible for the vehicle.

What to do if you lose your Certificate of Destruction

You will need to fill in a 'Request by an individual for information about a vehicle' (V888) to get a letter confirming that a Certificate of Destruction has been issued. You cannot get another copy of the certificate. You can get a V888 from our website at www.direct.gov.uk/motoringforms.

When will the ATF destroy the vehicle?

The ATF may not destroy the vehicle immediately, but should do so as soon as possible.

Once the certificate has been issued, you are not responsible for the vehicle, even if it has not been destroyed.

What to do if the vehicle is scrapped abroad and you get a foreign Certificate of Destruction

Do not give the Registration Certificate (V5C) to the foreign authorities. You must send it to us at DVLA,

Swansea, SA99 1AR. You should keep the original foreign Certificate of Destruction and enclose a copy of it with your V5C or letter. If the V5C has been lost, stolen or destroyed please write to us at the same address enclosing a copy of the foreign Certificate of Destruction.

What to do if you are scrapping a vehicle that is not registered in the UK

Do not give the Registration Certificate or document to the ATF. Send it to the relevant authority of the country the vehicle is registered in and enclose a copy of the UK Certificate of Destruction.

What to do if your vehicle is not covered by the regulations and you would like to scrap it

You still need to take your vehicle to an ATF. They will update the vehicle record with a 'Notification of Destruction' (NoD). The ATF will still make sure the vehicle is destroyed to environmental standards. You should then fill in the V5C/3 section of your V5C and send it to the DVLA.

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