



# DVS Information Quick Reference Guide

## WISCONSIN TITLE AND LIEN PROCESS

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This quick reference guide provides information on documents regarding lien releases and proof ownership received from Wisconsin.

### Electronic Liens

Effective July 1, 2010, Wisconsin changed their processes to require non-individual lien holders to file their releases electronically. At the time of release, the lienholder provides the owners with documentation that the lien has been released electronically; this document will list the vehicle description, VIN, model year and make, owner(s)' name, address, and name of lienholder. The document will have a WIDMV Reference number confirming the electronic notification, and state that the lien was removed from WI DOT records and the date on which the lien was removed.

WIDMV Reference #: 397101534		
VIN 1N4AB41D0TC722407	Year 1996	Make NISS
Owner Name: LARRY W JAEGER WAUSAU / 1202 STARK ST / WI 54403		
The lien on this vehicle in favor of:		
CLOVERBELT CREDIT UNION WAUSAU / 110 MC INDOE ST / PO Box: 659 / WI / 54402 / 0659 /		
was removed from WI Department of Transportation records on 06/02/2010.		
To get a new title without the lien listed, the owner must submit their current title to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, PO Box 7949, Madison, WI 53707-7949.		

Electronic release document with WIDMV Reference

### WisDOT Lien Holder Search Online

WisDOT also maintains a database accessible via their website (<https://trust.dot.state.wi.us/linq/linqservlet?whoami=linqp1>) to verify the release of the lien. The query requires entry of the full vehicle identification number (VIN), as well as completion of a captcha. Below are sample screenshots from the WisDOT website. The first screenshot is of the query page, and the second is the result page that would be printed off as proof of release.

Lien Holder Search

VIN: \*

Enter image text: \*

\* required field

Lien Holder Search on WisDOT website – query page

Lien Holder Results

VIN: 1N4AB41D0TC722407

Year: 1996

Make: NISSAN

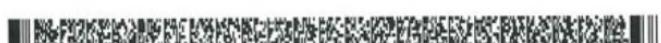
Paper title delivered to owner.  
As of 03/26/2015 there are no liens listed for this vehicle.

Lien Holder Search on WisDOT website – results page

Although it remains the responsibility of the owner to obtain proper proof of release, if the customer does not have the necessary proof we encourage deputy registrars to utilize the above website to query the database and print off the resulting webpage. This process only takes a minute of your time, and would allow the transaction to be completed in one visit, rather than require the customer to make an extra trip to your office.

## **Confirmation of Ownership**

As of July 30, 2012, to be compliant with statutory changes, Wisconsin Division of Motor Vehicles began delivering any title with a lien to the lienholder. The lienholder may choose to either have a paper title, or to have the title maintained electronically. The owner will receive a *Confirmation of Ownership* (form T056) at this time, with the physical title to follow when all liens are paid off. This process applies to out-of-state applicants, as Wisconsin statute requires a Wisconsin title to be applied for if there is a loan.

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<b>MAILING LABEL ONLY</b>																	
0000000 ZZZDOTJBC THOMAS 4802 SHEBOYGAN AVE MADISON, WI 53705-2927																	
Amount Received: \$ 79.56																	
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<p>Titled Owner(s) ZZZDOTJBC THOMAS 4802 SHEBOYGAN AVE MADISON, WI 53705-2927</p>																	
<p>In accordance with s. 342(1)(b) Wis. Stats, your title has been delivered to the first lien holder (lender) shown on this document. The department will not be responsible for false or fraudulent odometer statements made in the assignment of the Certificate of Title or for errors in reporting mileage, brand disclosures or the history of the vehicle. The department has no actual knowledge about the history of the vehicle and makes no warranty that the title brands or mileage disclosures on prior titles have been carried forward onto this document.</p>																	
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<p>Lien Holder(s) 00003023 ALLY FINANCIAL, MADISON</p>																	
<p>Additional Vehicle Detail EXEMPT FROM ODOMETER - 10 YEARS OLD</p>																	
<b>THIS IS NOT A TITLE: Title Sent to Lien Holder</b>																	
<p>This document is not valid for transfer of ownership. The title has been delivered to the lien holder listed first on this Confirmation of Ownership. You will receive your valid Wisconsin title once all liens have been paid.</p>																	
<p><b>Please read the reverse side of this document for more information.</b></p>																	
		MAIL ADDRESS: Wisconsin Department of Transportation PO Box 7949, Madison, WI 53707-7949 T056S 6/2012															
		QUESTIONS: Contact the Division of Motor Vehicles at: 414-266-1000, 608-266-1466 <a href="http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov">www.dot.wisconsin.gov</a>															

### Wisconsin – Confirmation of Ownership (form T056)

#### **Procedure:**

1. Take in a copy of the *Confirmation of Ownership* document and write “*viewed original*” on the copy (customer(s) may need to retain original for their records).
2. Complete an *Application for Title/Registration* (Minnesota will issue registration *only*).
3. In most situations, Wisconsin will not collect any sales tax; you must calculate Minnesota sales tax on purchase price less any trade-in credit. However, if Wisconsin did collect sales tax, take in proof of tax paid and collect the difference.
4. Minnesota registration begins from the purchase date.