

761—405.5(321) Foreign vehicles.

405.5(1) Definitions. The following definitions apply to foreign titles and the designations shown on them.

“*Junked*” is any designation from a foreign jurisdiction that means the vehicle is damaged or dismantled and is prohibited from ever again being driven upon a highway.

“*Rebuilt*” means the vehicle had been designated or titled as salvage but had the designation removed or was subsequently issued a regular title, and the vehicle is permitted to be driven and moved upon a highway.

“*Salvage*” means the vehicle is designated or titled as salvage or the vehicle is damaged and shall not be registered to be driven or moved upon a highway until it is no longer designated or titled as salvage.

405.5(2) Foreign title with rebuilt designation. If the prior title for a vehicle is a foreign title indicating that the vehicle was rebuilt, the Iowa title and registration receipt issued will contain the designation of “rebuilt” together with the two-letter abbreviation of the name of the jurisdiction that issued the foreign title. However, if a records check indicates that the vehicle was previously titled in Iowa with a designation of “prior salvage,” the Iowa title and registration receipt issued shall contain the designation of “REBUILT-IA.” If a records check indicates that the vehicle was previously titled in Iowa with a designation of “REBUILT-IA,” the “REBUILT-IA” designation takes precedence and is to be carried forward to the Iowa title and registration receipt.

405.5(3) Converting foreign salvage title to Iowa title. If the prior title for a vehicle is a foreign title indicating that the vehicle is salvage, a regular Iowa title is not to be issued for the vehicle unless an Iowa salvage title is first issued. After an Iowa salvage title is issued for the vehicle, a regular Iowa title may be obtained pursuant to Iowa Code section 321.52(4) and rule 761—405.4(321). However, as provided in Iowa Code section 321.24(5), an owner who surrenders a foreign salvage title and obtains a salvage theft examination pursuant to Iowa Code section 321.52(4) “b” within 30 days of the date the owner was assigned the foreign salvage title is not required to first obtain an Iowa salvage title.

405.5(4) Salvage titled vehicle leaving and reentering Iowa. If a vehicle leaves Iowa with an Iowa salvage title and reenters Iowa with a regular foreign title, a regular Iowa title may be issued without a salvage theft examination. The regular Iowa title and registration receipt issued from the foreign title will be designated:

a. With the word “rebuilt” plus the two-letter abbreviation of the name of the jurisdiction that converted the salvage designation to a regular title, even if the foreign title does not indicate that the vehicle was rebuilt.

b. As specified in subrule 405.5(2), if the foreign title indicates that the vehicle was rebuilt.

405.5(5) Designation carried forward. If a vehicle leaves Iowa with a regular Iowa title and reenters Iowa with a regular foreign title and if the foreign title does not indicate that the vehicle was rebuilt and if a records check indicates that the vehicle had a designation listed in paragraphs 405.7(1) “a” through “f,” that designation shall be carried forward to the Iowa title and registration receipt issued from the foreign title.

405.5(6) Foreign title with flood, fire, vandalism or theft designation. If the prior title for a vehicle is a foreign title indicating that the vehicle was damaged by flood, fire or vandalism or is a recovered stolen vehicle and another designation is not required under this rule or rule 761—405.7(321), the Iowa title and registration receipt issued from the foreign title shall contain, as applicable, the designation of “flood,” “fire,” “vandalism” or “theft.”

405.5(7) Foreign title with a lemon buy-back designation. See rule 761—405.7(321).

405.5(8) Junking certificate. For all vehicles subject to Iowa titling laws, an Iowa junking certificate is to be issued if either of the following applies:

a. The prior title for a vehicle is a foreign title indicating that the vehicle was junked, regardless of any other designation on the title, or

b. A records check for a vehicle with a foreign title indicates that the vehicle should have been or has been junked as defined in subrule 405.5(1).

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