

761—405.8(321) Salvage theft examination. Except for foreign salvage titles assigned to licensed new motor vehicle dealers, authorized vehicle recyclers or educational institutions, a salvage theft examination may only be conducted on a vehicle with an Iowa salvage title. The vehicle is not to be examined until it has been completely repaired, except for minor body parts such as trim, body marking or paint.

405.8(1) General procedure. In addition to requirements in Iowa Code section 321.52(4)“d,” the following procedures apply to salvage theft examinations:

a. An applicant may request a salvage theft examination by contacting an investigator of the department’s motor vehicle division by email at invbureau@iowadot.us, on the department’s website at www.iowadot.gov/biip or by contacting an Iowa local law enforcement agency.

b. The applicant is to bring the following documents to the inspection:

(1) The repair affidavit under Iowa Code section 321.52(4)“d,” which may be found on the department’s website and is to be submitted in an electronic format to the department or the Iowa local law enforcement agency.

(2) The permit authorized in Iowa Code section 321.52(4)“d” to operate the vehicle to and from the examination location, which must be printed and signed by the owner and kept in the vehicle to be considered valid.

(3) A bill of sale for all component parts replaced.

c. Payment for the salvage theft examination is to be made electronically and is due at the time the examination is scheduled. If the examination is not completed within three years from the date the affidavit and payment were submitted, a new fee is due.

d. The peace officer shall return to the owner upon completion of the examination the following: the salvage title or the certified copy of the salvage title, the permit to drive on the repair affidavit (if applicable) and the bills of sale.

405.8(2) Certificates. Upon completion of the examination, the salvage theft examination certificate will be completed electronically. However, if a peace officer finds it necessary to use a physical salvage theft examination certificate, the salvage theft examination certificate is to be a controlled form furnished by the department.

a. The owner of the vehicle may obtain a copy of the salvage theft examination certificate upon written request to the department.

b. The salvage theft examination certificate is not transferable to a different party or owner.

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