

761—405.8(321) Foreign vehicles.

405.8(1) Definitions. The following definitions apply to foreign titles and the designations shown on them.

“*Junked*” 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 as salvage but had the designation removed, and the vehicle is permitted to be driven and moved upon a highway. Also, a designation of “salvage” on a regular foreign title means that the vehicle is rebuilt.

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

405.8(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 from the foreign title shall contain the designation of “rebuilt” together with the two-letter abbreviation of the name of the jurisdiction that issued the foreign title.

EXCEPTION: If a records check indicates that the vehicle was previously titled in Iowa with a designation of “prior salvage,” the prior salvage designation shall be redesignated as “REBUILT-IA” and the “REBUILT-IA” designation takes precedence and shall be carried forward to the Iowa title and registration receipt. 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 shall be carried forward to the Iowa title and registration receipt.

405.8(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 shall not 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 rule 761—405.7(321).

EXCEPTION 1: As provided in 405.3(3), a licensed new motor vehicle dealer or an authorized vehicle recycler is not required to obtain an Iowa salvage title upon assignment of a foreign salvage title to the dealer or recycler, provided a vacant reassignment space is available on the title.

EXCEPTION 2: 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.

405.8(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. “REBUILT-IA” if the foreign title does not indicate that the vehicle was rebuilt.
- b. As specified in subrule 405.8(2) if the foreign title indicates that the vehicle was rebuilt.

405.8(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 405.10(1) “a” through “f,” that designation shall be carried forward to the Iowa title and registration receipt issued from the foreign title.

405.8(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—405.10(321), the Iowa title and registration receipt issued from the foreign title shall contain, as applicable, the designation of “flood,” “fire,” “vandalism” or “theft.”

405.8(7) Foreign title with a lemon buy-back designation. See rule 761—405.10(321).

405.8(8) Junking certificate.

a. An Iowa junking certificate shall be issued if:

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

(2) A records check for a vehicle with a foreign title indicates that the vehicle had previously been issued an Iowa junking certificate.

b. This subrule applies to all vehicles subject to Iowa titling laws.
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