



How to Prepare for a Massachusetts Salvage Inspection

Once a salvage-titled vehicle has been repaired to a safe operating condition, it must pass a vehicle salvage inspection before the vehicle can be registered and legally driven. Salvage inspections are conducted by the Massachusetts State Police at five locations throughout the Commonwealth.

Making Your Salvage Inspection Appointment

Before a salvage inspection appointment can be made, customers must obtain a salvage title, complete an Application for Inspection of a Salvaged Motor Vehicle, and pay a \$50 salvage inspection fee. The salvage application can be completed and inspection paid for online at Mass.Gov/RMV, or can be submitted to any RMV Service Center with the \$50 inspection fee.

Please note that Massachusetts-licensed auto dealers are not required to title a vehicle in the name of the dealership in order to get an inspection, provided the vehicle has a salvage title, the title is assigned to the dealership, and the title is not from Connecticut or New York. Vehicles with salvage titles from those states are not accepted, and the dealer must obtain a Massachusetts salvage title prior to getting a salvage inspection.



Online

Starting November 12, 2019 you can both pay the \$50 fee and schedule a salvage inspection appointment by visiting Mass.Gov/RMV. You will need the vehicle identification number (VIN) and title number, as well as VINs used for major component replacement parts, to complete your application.



Phone

Once you pay the \$50 salvage inspection fee at an RMV Service Center, you must call the Massachusetts State Police Salvage Unit at 857-368-7394 to schedule a salvage inspection appointment.

Note: Scheduled salvage inspection appointments are not available prior to December 2, 2019.

What to Bring to the Salvage Inspection

Please arrive at your scheduled appointment time. You will need to bring the following to your salvage inspection:

- 1. Completed and signed Application for Inspection of a Salvaged Motor Vehicle.
- 2. Current salvage title.
- 3. Insurance Appraisal Report, issued by the insurance company that declared the vehicle to be a total loss salvage vehicle.
- 4. Bills of sale (receipt or invoice) proving the purchase of all major component parts used to restore the vehicle.
 - a. For new part(s), you'll need descriptions of all new parts.
 - b. For used part(s), you'll need part number(s); description(s); and, VIN, make, model, and year of the vehicle from which any part was removed.
- 5. Receipt confirming payment of the \$50 salvage inspection fee.



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After the Salvage Inspection

Your inspector will let you know if the vehicle passes or fails the inspection. You will also receive a “pass/fail” report either via email (if you provided an email address when scheduling the appointment) or by postal mail with results of your inspection.

- If your vehicle passed inspection, you may apply for a vehicle registration.
- A failed inspection notification will include documented reason(s) for failure.
 - If your vehicle fails inspections, you must:
 - Correct the reasons for rejection; and
 - Complete a new Application for Inspection of a Salvaged Motor Vehicle, pay a \$50 fee, and schedule a new inspection appointment, as outlined above.

Keeping a Vehicle Declared a Total Loss: Obtaining a Salvage Title

If you want to keep a vehicle that has been declared a total loss, you must obtain a Salvage Repairable Title from the Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV).

To apply for a Salvage Repairable Title, please visit an RMV office listed below with:

- The original title of the vehicle.
- A completed Registration and Title Application (formerly known as an RMV-1) Form, with check box marked for “apply for salvage title.” You also must indicate the primary and secondary salvage brands on the application.
- The salvage title fee of \$50.
- If you are an insurance company and wish to claim tax exemption for a total loss salvage vehicle, you must also provide a completed Affidavit in Support of a Claim for Exemption from Sales or Use Tax (Form MVU-23).

Salvage titles can be processed at RMV Quincy headquarters and the Boston/Haymarket Service Center, as well RMV Business-to-Business Service Centers in Springfield, Taunton, Wilmington, and Worcester.

There are several inspection sites located throughout the Commonwealth. Inspection hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the days indicated below.

Salvage Inspection Locations

Bridgewater

Massachusetts Highway Department
Route 24, Exit 15 at Route 104
1580 Pleasant St.
Inspection days: Monday through Friday

Revere

Massachusetts Highway Department
735 Washington Avenue
Inspection days: Tuesday and Thursday

Haverhill

Massachusetts Highway Department
Route 495, Exit 50
Route 97, Broadway
Inspection days: Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Westfield

Massachusetts Highway Department
Route 20
93 East Main St.
Inspection days: Monday through Friday

Northboro

Massachusetts Highway Department
Route 20 at Route 9
Inspection days: Monday through Friday

For more information about salvage title and inspection services, please visit our website at Mass.Gov/RMV or call 857-368-8445.