

Vessel Titling – Quick Reference Guide

Please note that the new vessel titling law **does not include outboard motors or boat trailers**. We are only titling the hull of the vessel. Outboard motors and boat trailers **are not titled in Alabama**.

To determine if a vessel qualifies to be titled, look at the last 4 digits of the HIN. It decodes in the following manner:

- The letter (9th digit) represents the month of manufacture.
- The number (10th digit) represents the last digit of the year of manufacture. It must be manufactured in 2024, unless the vessel is 26 ft or longer. If it is 26 ft or longer, the manufacturer date doesn't matter.
- The last two (11th & 12th) digits represent the model year of the vessel.

In addition to the qualifications above, if a vessel is less than 18 ft in length it is **only** titled if it is propelled by an engine of 75 horsepower or greater.

Examples:

- TII86321A424 – Manufactured in January 2024 – qualifies for titling
- BDF19953B424 - Manufactured in February 2024 – qualifies for titling
- BUJ25947L324 - Manufactured in December 2023 – does not qualify for titling, unless the vessel is 26 ft or longer
- BUJ88349K324 - Manufactured in November 2023 - does not qualify for titling, unless the vessel is 26 ft or longer

Hull Identification Numbers (HIN)
Example: ACBF0930A617

ACB	F0930	A6	17
Manufacturer's ID Code	Production or Serial Number	Month, Year of Production	Model Year

ACBF0930A617

ACBF0930A686

Key to Month of Production

- A - January
- B - February
- C - March
- D - April
- E - May
- F - June
- G - July
- H - August
- I - September
- J - October
- K - November
- L - December

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If you determine the vessel qualifies for titling, the following documents must be included in your title application packet for submission:

1. Title application signed and dated by both the customer and the designated agent.
2. Manufacturer's Statement of Origin (MSO) with "Surrendered" stamped or written across the face of the document.
 - The title reassignment MUST be completed on the back of the MSO in detail. This includes the signature of the seller (must be an individual's signature, and not a signature of the business name), the dealer name, and the dealer license number
3. Bill of Sale
4. Other supporting documents (if needed): power of attorney, correction affidavit, reassignment supplements, etc.

If any of the above required information is missing or incorrect, your application will be sent back to be reworked.

For additional information concerning vessels, please visit the Motor Vehicle Division's FAQ section on our website:

<https://www.revenue.alabama.gov/faqs/?jsf=jet-data-table:faqs-table&tax=faq-categories:486;related-division:133>

Additional information and requirements of Designated Agents can be found in the following Administrative Rules:

- 810-5-75-.01 Procedures for Titling a Vessel
 - https://www.revenue.alabama.gov/ultraviewer/viewer/basic_viewer/index.html?form=2024/02/810-5-75-.01.pdf
- 810-5-75-.36 Responsibilities of Designated Agents
 - https://www.revenue.alabama.gov/ultraviewer/viewer/basic_viewer/index.html?form=2021/12/810-5-75-.36.pdf
- 810-5-75-.52 Designated Agent Appointments
 - https://www.revenue.alabama.gov/ultraviewer/viewer/basic_viewer/index.html?form=2021/12/810-5-75-.52.pdf
- 810-5-75-.42 Dealer Designated Agent Records
 - https://www.revenue.alabama.gov/ultraviewer/viewer/basic_viewer/index.html?form=2022/02/810-5-75-.42.pdf
- 810-5-75-.61 Remittance of Fees by Designated Agents
 - https://www.revenue.alabama.gov/ultraviewer/viewer/basic_viewer/index.html?form=2021/12/810-5-75-.61.pdf