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Welcome to the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS) Reporting Entity Webinar

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Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

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NMVTIS Program History, Goals, and Key Stakeholders



National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS)

NMVTIS was established by the Anti Car Theft Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-519), the Anti-Car Theft Improvements Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-152), and its implementing regulations (28 C.F.R. part 25).

NMVTIS was created to:

- Prevent the introduction or reintroduction of stolen motor vehicles into interstate commerce;
- Protect states, consumers (both individual and commercial), and other entities from fraud;
- Reduce the use of stolen vehicles for illicit purposes including funding of criminal enterprises; and
- Provide consumer protection from unsafe vehicles.



NMVTIS Key Stakeholders

- U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)
- NMVTIS Federal Advisory Committee
- American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA)
- Data Consolidators
- States
- Consumers
- Junk Yards, Salvage Yards, Insurance Carriers
- Law Enforcement



The Role of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)

Within DOJ, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is responsible for overseeing both **policy** and **enforcement** elements of the program. BJA coordinates enforcement activities with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), and state and local law enforcement agencies. BJA works in partnership with the system operator, the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA).



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The Role of the NMVTIS Federal Advisory Committee

In June 2010, the NMVTIS Federal Advisory Committee was convened to provide input and recommendations to BJA regarding the operations and administration of NMVTIS. The Advisory Board includes representation from key stakeholders affected by the program, including states, consumers, insurance carriers, auto recyclers, junk and salvage yards, and law enforcement agencies. Meetings are open to the public. The next scheduled meeting will take place in Arlington, Virginia on November 2, 2011.



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The Role of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA)

The Act authorizes the designation of a third-party operator of NMVTIS. Since 1992, AAMVA has acted in this capacity and operates the System today. AAMVA is a nonprofit, tax exempt, educational association representing U.S. and Canadian officials responsible for the administration and enforcement of motor vehicle laws.

In addition to acting as the NMVTIS Operator, AAMVA supports the Single VIN Reporting Service and is one of four data consolidators.



The Role of the Data Consolidators

DOJ and AAMVA partnered with the private sector to provide multiple reporting methods to meet the business needs of reporting entities. Currently, there are four reporting methods or services available, offering individual VIN and batch reporting options:

AAMVA Single VIN Reporting Service

AUDATEX

AUTO DATA DIRECT, INC.

INSURANCE SERVICES OFFICE (ISO)





The Role of the States

State titling agencies must perform title verifications and report data to NMVTIS.

- Each state is required to perform an instant title verification check before issuing a certificate of title for a vehicle that an individual or entity is bringing into the state.
- States are also required to make selected titling information that they maintain available for use in NMVTIS. States shall provide information on new titles and any updated title information to NMVTIS at least once every 24 hours.

It is important to note that **no state titling agency is currently reporting to NMVTIS all of the data required on behalf of junk yards, salvage yards, and insurance carriers in their state.** Thus, these entities must report junk and salvage automobile data to NMVTIS until and unless the state they are located in begins reporting to NMVTIS the required information.



The Role of Consumers

NMVTIS information is available to consumers (individual and commercial) in a NMVTIS Vehicle History Report.

A NMVTIS Vehicle History Report is intended to only provide data on **five key indicators** associated with preventing auto fraud and theft. Prior to purchasing a used vehicle, consumers can search NMVTIS to find information on these five key indicators:

1. Current state of title and last title date
2. Brand history
3. Odometer reading
4. Total loss history
5. Salvage history

The following data sources for a NMVTIS Vehicle History Report are required by federal law to report regularly to NMVTIS:

- States
- Junk yards
- Salvage yards
- Insurance carriers



The Role of Law Enforcement

Law enforcement agencies rely on NMVTIS data to improve their ability to identify vehicle theft rings and combat other criminal enterprises involving vehicles. Therefore, it is imperative that NMVTIS captures vehicle history information throughout the life-cycle of the vehicle.

The NMVTIS Law Enforcement Access Tool provides law enforcement with the information necessary to investigate crimes associated with motor vehicles, including vehicles involved in violent crimes, smuggling operations (narcotics, weapons, undocumented aliens, and currency), and fraud.

NMVTIS enhances law enforcement's ability to:

- Investigate vehicles involved in violent crimes, smuggling (narcotics, weapons, and currency), and fraud;
- Identify vehicle theft rings; and
- Increase the identification of other criminal enterprises involving vehicles.



The Role of Junk Yards, Salvage Yards, and Insurance Carriers

All entities meeting the NMVTIS definition for junk yard and salvage yard handling 5 or more junk or salvage vehicles per year are required to report to the System on a monthly basis.

By reporting the required information on junk and salvage automobiles to NMVTIS, junk yards, salvage yards, and insurance carriers play an integral role in DOJ's efforts to prevent fraud, reduce theft, and potentially save the lives of consumers who might otherwise unknowingly purchase unsafe vehicles.



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Law Enforcement Perspective



How Does NMVTIS Help Law Enforcement Investigations?

- Investigative steps in title fraud
- Reasons vehicles are fraudulently titled
 - Flood Vehicle
 - Total loss Salvage (theft or accident)
 - Stolen Vehicle



How Does NMVTIS Help Law Enforcement Investigations?

- Connection between stolen vehicles, organized crime, drug crimes, and terrorism
- High profile cases (Oklahoma City bombing and the first World Trade Center attack) were solved as a result of vehicle-related information
- Local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies rely on NMVTIS to obtain cumulative vehicle histories and establish a vehicle's chain of custody
- NMVTIS makes it much easier to detect attempts to use VINs from destroyed or salvage vehicles in VIN cloning operations



- 2005 Infiniti FX 3
- Located altered NY Title at MD MVA
- Vehicle titled to unsuspecting buyer
 - Three addresses obtained for owner, however vehicle never found at any of the locations
- Maryland Tag entered into LPRs across the state
- Hagerstown Police Department located and stored the vehicle





**Welcome to the National Motor Vehicle Title
Information System Law Enforcement Access Tool**

Enter a Vehicle Identification Number in the field below and check the databases to search.

SEARCH FOR

VIN:
jnras08w75x213808

To search Junk, Salvage, Recycler, and Insurer information by identification number, [click here](#).

- NMVTIS Central File
- Junk, Salvage, and Insurers Database
 - NCIC Auto Theft File (pending)
 - INTERPOL Auto Theft File (pending)
- OCRA-Mexico Stolen Vehicle Database
- NICB Flood Damage Database
- NICB Known Counterfeit Database
- NICB Known Clones Database
- VIN Analyzer
- Select All

STATUS

Record(s) Found:

[History Information \(1\)](#), [VIN Analyzer](#), [Junk, Salvage and Insurers](#)

No Record(s) Found:

[Brand Information](#), [Flood Damage](#), [OCRA-Mexico Stolen Vehicle](#), [Known Counterfeit](#), [Known Clone](#)

NMVTIS CENTRAL FILE

MOST CURRENT INFORMATION ON FILE

Vehicle Identification Number JNRA08W75X213808
Make INFINITI
Model Year 2005
Title Number 41991051
Title Issue Date 11/2/2010
Titling Jurisdiction [Maryland](#)
Title Transaction Date 11/5/2010
Odometer Reading 51,193 Miles
Additional History 1
Number of Brand Records 0

PREVIOUS TITLE INFORMATION

Title Number 05532597044
Title Issue Date 7/14/2005
Titling Jurisdiction Indiana
Title Transaction Date 7/15/2005
Odometer Reading 498 Miles

MOST CURRENT INFORMATION ON FILE

Vehicle Identification Number JNRA08W75X213808
Make INFINITI
Model Year 2005
Title Number 41991051
Title Issue Date 11/2/2010
Titling Jurisdiction [Maryland](#)
Title Transaction Date 11/5/2010
Odometer Reading 51,193 Miles
Additional History 1
Number of Brand Records 0





(1) VEHICLE HISTORY INFORMATION

(0) VEHICLE BRAND INFORMATION

JUNK, SALVAGE, AND INSURERS DATABASE

Record 1

Entity Type Junk And Salvage
VIN
Vehicle Salvage Obtained Date 04/24/2009 ²
Vehicle Disposition
Vehicle Intended For Export No
Reporting Entity MORRISON'S AUTO PARTS
City EDGERTON
State WI
Phone (608) 884-4436
E-mail ROB@MORRISONSAUTO.COM

Record 2

Entity Type Junk And Salvage
VIN
Vehicle Salvage Obtained Date 02/11/2009 ²
Vehicle Disposition SOLD
Vehicle Intended For Export No
Reporting Entity QCSA AUTO AUCTIONS
City ELDRIDGE
State IA
Phone (563) 823-6561
E-mail —

Record 3

Entity Type Junk And Salvage
VIN
Vehicle Salvage Obtained Date 04/24/2009 ²
Vehicle Disposition
Vehicle Intended For Export No
Reporting Entity MORRISON'S AUTO PARTS
City EDGERTON
State WI
Phone (608) 884-4436
E-mail ROB@MORRISONSAUTO.COM

Record 4

Entity Type Junk And Salvage
VIN

Record 1

Entity Type Junk And Salvage
VIN
Vehicle Salvage Obtained Date 04/24/2009 ²
Vehicle Disposition
Vehicle Intended For Export No
Reporting Entity MORRISON'S AUTO PARTS
City EDGERTON
State WI
Phone (608) 884-4436
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How Does NMVTIS Help Law Enforcement Investigations?

- The investigation of this Infiniti would not have been possible without the reporting from junk yards, salvage yards, and insurance carriers
- The reporting shows the importance of the information reported by junk yards, salvage yards, and insurance carriers for law enforcement investigations



How Does NMVTIS Help Law Enforcement Investigations?

- Run the VIN
- Check history listed
- Shows conflicts with state/mileage
- Is title state in MD application listed?
- Note possible “clone” indicators
- Note title states and title numbers



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Reporting Requirements and Methods for Reporting



What Are the NMVTIS Reporting Requirements?

Reporting entities must provide NMVTIS with the following information on each junk and salvage vehicle received into inventory every month (from April 2009 forward):

- The name, address, and contact information for the reporting entity.
- Vehicle Identification Number (VIN).
- Date the automobile was obtained.
- Name of the individual or entity from whom the automobile was obtained.
- A statement of whether the automobile was crushed or disposed of, or offered for sale or other purposes. To whom the vehicle was provided or transferred.
- Whether the vehicle is intended for export out of the United States.



What Type of Business Qualifies as a NMVTIS Reporting Entity?

Per the NMVTIS Regulation, all junk yards and salvage yards handling five or more junk or salvage automobiles per year shall provide NMVTIS with specific information on each junk or salvage automobile obtained in whole or in part in the prior month.

The list of industries that are specifically identified in the regulatory definitions of “junk yard” and “salvage yard” is not an exhaustive list. IF you satisfy the definition of a “junk yard” or “salvage yard” (i.e., you are an individual or entity engaged in the business of acquiring or owning junk automobiles or salvage automobiles for resale in their entirety or as spare parts; or rebuilding, restoration, or crushing) AND you handle 5 or more junk automobiles or salvage automobiles per year, THEN you have a NMVTIS reporting obligation.



What Are the Methods for Reporting?

- **AAMVA Single VIN Reporting Service**
Web site: <http://www.aamva.org/KnowledgeCenter/Vehicle/NMVTIS/WhatIsTheService.htm>
- **AUDATEX**
Phone: 1-800-237-3463
- **AUTO DATA DIRECT, INC.**
Free and Full Service NMVTIS Reporting
Web site: www.add123.com
Telephone: 1-866-923-3123
Insurance: insurance@add123.com
Salvage: salvage@add123.com
- **INSURANCE SERVICES OFFICE (ISO)**
ISO ClaimSearch Customer Support
Phone: 1-800-888-4476
E-mail: claimsearchnmvtis@iso.com
Web site: www.iso.com/nmvtis



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NMVTIS Enforcement Summary



Are There Penalties for Businesses That Do Not Report As Required?

- The NMVTIS statute includes an enforcement provision authorizing DOJ to impose and collect penalties for those junk yards, salvage yards, and insurance carriers that fail to meet their reporting obligations pursuant to the Anti Car Theft Act as amended.
- BJA's enforcement efforts are focused on the reporting period from April 2009 to the present.
- Failure to report to NMVTIS as required is punishable by a civil penalty of \$1,000 per violation. Accordingly, for example, a failure to report 100 junk or salvage automobiles could result in a civil penalty of up to \$100,000.



What If I Report All Vehicles to Avoid an Enforcement Penalty?

- The NMVTIS regulations make clear that NMVTIS Reporting Entities are responsible for providing an inventory of **all junk automobiles or salvage automobiles** obtained in whole or in part by that entity in the prior month.
- NMVTIS is intended to maintain an inventory of junk and salvage automobiles.
- The accuracy of the data reported to NMVTIS is essential to the intent and purpose of the System.
- Incorrectly reporting automobiles to NMVTIS that do NOT meet the [junk automobile or salvage automobile](#) definitions may significantly diminish the value of those automobiles (particularly when such automobiles may be back on the road) and is not considered compliance.
- NMVTIS Reporting Entities that obtain automobiles that ARE NOT expected to be back on the road (i.e. automobiles that will be shredded, scrapped, dismantled, etc.) are encouraged to report those automobiles to NMVTIS so those VINs may not be used for vehicle clones or other criminal purposes.
- **Entities that acquire junk automobiles and salvage automobiles, in addition to other automobiles, are encouraged to use care so that they are reporting to NMVTIS those junk automobiles and salvage automobiles required to be reported, instead of all automobiles.**



VEHICLE SEARCH RECORD SUMMARY

VIN	Title History	Brand	Theft	Insurance	Junk & Salvage
	1	1	0	0	1

CURRENT VEHICLE TITLE INFORMATION

Rec Num	Make	Model Year	Title Number	Title Issue Date	Title Jurisdiction	Title Transaction Date	Odometer Reading
1	TOYOTA	2004		08/08/2007	CA	15 - 11/07/2008	5,708 Miles

VEHICLE BRAND INFORMATION

Rec Num	Make	Model Year	Damage	Brand	Brand Name	Brand Date
1	TOYOTA	2004		State	Salvage	08/11/2011
Brand Description -		Salvage-Damage or Not Specified - Any vehicle which has been wrecked, destroyed or damaged, to the extent that the total estimated or actual cost of parts and labor to rebuild or reconstruct the vehicle to its pre-accident condition and for legal operation on roads or highways exceeds a jurisdiction-defined percentage of the retail value of the vehicle. The retail value of the vehicle is determined by a current edition of a nationally recognized compilation (to include automated data bases) of retail values. It also includes any vehicle to which an insurance company acquires ownership pursuant to a damage settlement, or any vehicle that the vehicle's owner may wish to designate as a salvage vehicle by obtaining a salvage title, without regard to extent of the vehicle's damage and repairs, or any vehicle for which the jurisdiction cannot distinguish the reason the vehicle was designated salvage. [11]				



OTHER VEHICLE TITLE INFORMATION

No data found.

INSURANCE INFORMATION

No data found.

JUNK AND SALVAGE INFORMATION

Rec Num	Veh Salvage Obtain Date	Vehicle Disposition	Export	Vehicle Obtained From	Transferred to	Reporting Entity Name - Address - Contact Info
1	01/24/2011		N	CORPORATION SERVICES		



NMVTIS Enforcement Summary

Outreach

- National associations
- DOJ nationwide direct mailings

Enforcement

- Coordination
- Site visits
- **“Referral” process** - NMVTIS website mailbox nmvtis@usdoj.gov allows the public to inform BJA of non-reporting entities
- Office-based monitoring



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Participant Q&As



Q&A: Reporting Requirements

- **Question: Does a NMVTIS Reporting Entity have a responsibility to make the determination whether an automobile is junk or salvage before submitting a NMVTIS report?**

Answer: Yes. The NMVTIS regulations make clear that NMVTIS Reporting Entities are responsible for providing an inventory of all junk automobiles or salvage automobiles obtained in whole or in part by that entity in the prior month. Because NMVTIS is intended to maintain an inventory of junk and salvage automobiles, a NMVTIS Reporting Entity must determine if an automobile meets the NMVTIS definitions for junk automobiles or salvage automobiles **before** reporting the automobile to NMVTIS. The accuracy of the data reported to NMVTIS is essential to the intent and purpose of the System. Law enforcement agencies, state titling agencies, and consumers rely on the accuracy of NMVTIS data. Incorrectly reporting automobiles to NMVTIS that do NOT meet the junk automobile or salvage automobile definitions may significantly diminish the value of those automobiles (particularly when such automobiles may be back on the road) and is not considered compliance. **Entities that acquire junk automobiles and salvage automobiles, in addition to other automobiles, are encouraged to use care so that they are reporting to NMVTIS those junk automobiles and salvage automobiles required to be reported, instead of all automobiles.**



Q&A: Reporting Requirements

- **Question: How does a private business owner with no experience in estimating damaged vehicles or repairing wrecked vehicles determine the cost of repairs to be able to decide if a vehicle is a “total loss”? What guidelines would be suggested?**

Answer: Per the NMVTIS Regulations, an entity meeting the NMVTIS definitions for junk yard or salvage yard is required to:

- 1) Report all salvage or junk vehicles they obtain, including vehicles from or on behalf of insurance carriers, which can be reasonably assumed are total loss vehicles.
- 2) Provide an inventory of all junk automobiles or salvage automobiles obtained in whole or in part by that entity in the prior month. There are various methods that can be used to determine if an automobile is junk or salvage before reporting it to NMVTIS. The Salvage Automobile Determination Sample Worksheet is available on the NMVTIS web site and it provides additional information to determine if an automobile meets the NMVTIS salvage automobile definition.

Examples of Methods to Support a NMVTIS Reporting Entity’s Decision to Report an Automobile to NMVTIS:

- Automobile meets the NMVTIS “Junk Automobile” Definition
- Automobile meets the NMVTIS “Salvage Automobile” Definition
- Salvage Automobile Determination Sample Worksheet with Photos
- Declaration of “total loss” by any insurance company

Examples of Methods to Support a NMVTIS Reporting Entity’s Decision to NOT Report an Automobile to NMVTIS:

- Automobile does NOT meet the NMVTIS “Junk Automobile” Definition
- Automobile does NOT meet the NMVTIS “Salvage Automobile” Definition
- Independent Appraisal
- Salvage Automobile Determination Sample Worksheet with Photos



Q&A: Reporting Requirements

- **Question: The NMVTIS worksheet states that reporting a total loss must meet the standards of our jurisdiction, and our jurisdiction doesn't allow or provide for vehicles over 10 model years old to be a total loss reportable to our motor vehicle department. Does that mean wrecker operators only need to report the last 10 current model year vehicles to NMVTIS?**

Answer: NMVTIS Reporting Entities are required to report an inventory of ALL automobiles that meet the definition of a “junk automobile” or a “salvage automobile” and are obtained in whole or in part by that entity in the prior month. All automobiles determined to be a “total loss” automatically meet the definition, but that is not the only way in which automobiles may meet the definition. The Salvage Automobile Determination Sample Worksheet, therefore, states: “If a vehicle has been declared a “total loss” by any insurance company or would be considered as such under the law of the applicable jurisdiction, then the above formula and assessment are not necessary, the vehicle meets the definition of “Salvage Automobile” and must be reported to NMVTIS as such.”



Q&A: Reporting Requirements

- **Question: To what standards will the non-experienced estimator/repairer be held if an error is made in a "borderline" "total loss" ? Or if hidden damage is unknown to the wrecker operator when sold and discovered later that makes the vehicle a total loss , how will this affect the wrecker operator and not reporting a vehicle that is not known as a total loss when sold?**

Answer: A NMVTIS Reporting Entity is expected to use reasonable diligence and care and act in good faith when determining whether an automobile should be reported to the System.

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Q&A: Reporting Requirements

- **Question: I towed junk automobiles and salvage automobiles. These junk automobiles and salvage automobiles were unclaimed (for a state specified duration), and per state law the local police department selected a date and provided public notice of an auction. The auction took place at my business location. Am I required to report these unclaimed junk automobiles and salvage automobiles to NMVTIS?**

Answer: No. If the police department or local government (NOT the towing company) is selling the junk automobiles and/or salvage automobiles at an auction arranged by the police department or local government, then in this scenario the towing company's transportation and temporary storage of the junk automobiles and/or salvage automobiles does not obligate the towing company to report those specific automobiles to NMVTIS.



Q&A: Reporting Requirements

- **Question: If a wrecker operator sells a vehicle to another entity and they repair the vehicle for much less than an insurance estimate would show, in other words, if the cost of repairs is less than 80% of the FMV (Oklahoma's standard) but the insurance estimate is over 80% FMV, is it still required to be reported if the repairs are less expensive than an insurance estimate?**

Answer: An entity that is required to report to NMVTIS is responsible for reporting all junk automobiles or salvage automobiles obtained in whole or in part by that entity in the prior month. A NMVTIS reporting entity is not responsible for the action or inaction of another entity that may obtain the vehicle from them.

If a wrecker operator obtains a vehicle from an insurance carrier that the insurance carrier has determined to be a total loss, then the wrecker operator must report the total loss vehicle to the System.



Q&A: Reporting Requirement

- **Question: We are a salvage yard and have been reporting to NMVTIS since the start....but have a question: we sell vehicles as well (not only scrap / sell parts / dismantle vehicles). We will purchase repairables and sell them. Do we have to report the repairables and vehicles that we sell to NMVTIS?**

Answer: Whether the junk automobiles and salvage automobiles obtained by a NMVTIS Reporting Entity are later scrapped, dismantled, or repaired and lawfully sold as operable automobiles, the reporting obligations for the NMVTIS Reporting Entity do not change. A NMVTIS Reporting Entity must report to NMVTIS all junk automobiles and salvage automobiles obtained in whole or in part by that entity in the prior month, regardless of whether the NMVTIS Reporting Entity repairs the automobiles for resale, scraps or dismantles the automobiles, etc.

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Q&A: Enforcement

- **Question: Has BJA identified any examples of non-compliance? If so, what corrective actions were taken?**

Answer: Yes, BJA has identified examples of non-compliance. We work with AAMVA and the business to try and eliminate barriers (or perceived barriers) to their non-compliance and obtain voluntary compliance. Where these efforts are not successful, however, BJA is left with no choice but to pursue the statutorily authorized penalties, which may be up to \$1000 per unreported vehicle. We currently are considering the cases of several non-compliant entities.



Q&A: General

- **Question: Will it be possible to find out which insurer determined a vehicle a total loss and reported the vehicle to NMVTIS and then failed to pick up the vehicle and "dumped" it on the wrecker operator? If yes, will the claim number be available to wrecker operators?**

Answer: A NMVTIS Vehicle History Report is publically available by approved NMVTIS Consumer Access Providers for a small fee. A NMVTIS Vehicle History Report includes the name of the junk yard, salvage yard, or insurance carrier that reported the vehicle to the system; however, it does not include the insurance claim number. Insurance carriers are only required to report the following information:

- The name, address, and contact information for the reporting entity (insurance carrier);
- VIN;
- The date on which the automobile was obtained or designated as a junk or salvage automobile;
- The name of the individual or entity from whom the automobile was obtained and who possessed it when the automobile was designated as a junk or salvage automobile; and
- The name of the owner of the automobile at the time of the filing of the report.



Q&A: Reporting Requirements

- **Question: My company is required to report to NMVTIS and has multiple locations. Does each location need to have a separate NMVTIS ID?**

Answer: Because certain reporting obligations may be driven by state laws (e.g., an automobile determined to be a total loss under the relevant state jurisdiction), DOJ recommends that a company with multiple locations have a NMVTIS ID for each location.



Q&A: Methods for Reporting

- **Question: Is there an amendment or correction process for NMVTIS records submitted in error?**

Answer: Yes. Each of the reporting services offers a process for making amendments or corrections to NMVTIS reports. Detailed information regarding amending or correcting a record after it has been submitted to NMVTIS may be obtained by contacting the data consolidator that accepted the record. A list of the NMVTIS data consolidators is available at:

www.vehiclehistory.gov/nmvtis_auto.html.



Q&A: Reporting Requirements

- **Question: My industry is not specifically listed in the NMVTIS junk yard or salvage yard definition. Do I have a NMVTIS reporting obligation?**

Answer: The list of industries that are specifically identified in the definition of “junk yard” and “salvage yard” is not an exhaustive list. IF you satisfy the definition of a “junk yard” or “salvage yard” (i.e., you are an individual or entity engaged in the business of acquiring or owning junk automobiles or salvage automobiles for a) resale in their entirety or as spare parts; or b) rebuilding, restoration, or crushing) AND you handle 5 or more junk automobiles or salvage automobiles per year, THEN you have a NMVTIS reporting obligation.

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Q&A: Reporting Requirements

- **Question: How does one determine to whom the junk automobile or salvage automobile was provided or transferred? Does the entity to which the automobile is transferred or provided need to be named on the title in order for that entity to have an NMVTIS reporting obligation?**

Answer: Under the NMVTIS regulations, to whom the junk automobile or salvage automobile was provided or transferred should not be understood to be limited to the provision or transfer of a title for such automobile. For example, if an insurance carrier transfers or provides a junk automobile or salvage automobile to a salvage auction, then the insurance carrier should identify the salvage auction in the “to whom the automobile was provided or transferred” data field of the applicable NMVTIS report. That the salvage auction’s name does not appear on the title for the applicable automobile, provides no basis for the salvage auction’s name to not appear on the insurance carrier’s report, nor does it provide a basis for the salvage auction itself to be exempt from also reporting. Local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies rely on NMVTIS to obtain cumulative vehicle histories and establish a vehicle’s chain of custody.



Q&A: Reporting Requirements

- **Question: Is a NMVTIS Reporting Entity required to verify that the entity it received a whole junk or salvage automobile has reported the junk automobile or salvage automobile to NMVTIS?**

Answer: There are no provisions in the NMVTIS regulations that require an entity to verify the reporting status of the entity that provided it with the whole junk or salvage automobile. However, if you wish to notify DOJ of an entity that is not fulfilling its reporting obligations, please e-mail nmvtis@usdoj.gov and include “Non-reporting Referral” in the subject line of the message.



Q&A: Reporting Requirements

- **Question: Why is an entity subject to NMVTIS reporting obligations if they sell junk or salvage vehicles to other entities that are also subject to NMVTIS reporting requirements? Isn't this duplicative reporting?**

Answer: Entities that meet the NMVTIS statutory and regulatory requirements must provide monthly reports to NMVTIS. That other entities, earlier or later in the automobile-dismantling supply chain, may also have reporting obligations provide no basis to exempt an entity itself from also reporting. NMVTIS is, among other things, an investigatory tool that assists local, state, and federal law enforcement in deterring and preventing vehicle-related crimes. Law enforcement agencies rely on NMVTIS data to improve their ability to identify vehicle theft rings and combat other criminal enterprises involving vehicles. Therefore, it is imperative that NMVTIS captures vehicle history information throughout the life-cycle of the vehicle.



Q&A: Reporting Requirements

- **Question: If a tow company tows an abandoned vehicle at the request of a law enforcement agency or property management company, what information should the tow company enter in the “obtained from” data field?**

Answer: The “vehicle obtained from” field is intended to capture the entity that the vehicle was taken from—typically, that would be the vehicle owner. However, in the case of an abandoned-vehicle-tow authorized by a law enforcement agency or property management company and the vehicle owner is unknown, the tow company should enter “Unknown-3rd Party Authorized Tow” in the “vehicle obtained from” field.



Q&A: Reporting Requirements

- **Question: As a junk/salvage yard, I already report certain vehicle information to my state. Do I still need to report to NMVTIS?**

Answer: Junk and salvage yards are responsible for reporting to NMVTIS:

- The name, address, and contact information for the reporting entity.
- VIN.
- Date the automobile was obtained.
- Name of the individual or entity from whom the automobile was obtained.
- A statement of whether the automobile was crushed or disposed of, or offered for sale or other purposes, and whether the vehicle is intended for export out of the United States.

Junk and salvage yards are not required to report to NMVTIS through a data consolidator if they already report ALL the required information to their state AND the state provides the required information to NMVTIS on their behalf in a timely manner. **Please note:** No state is currently reporting to NMVTIS on behalf of junk and salvage yards. At this time, therefore, these entities must report the required information to NMVTIS using a data consolidator.

(See Slide 10)



Q&A: Reporting Requirements

- **Question: Are Junk Yards, Salvage Yards, and Insurance Carriers required to report motorcycles to NMVTIS?**

Answer: No, motorcycles are not required to be reported to NMVTIS. However, DOJ encourages entities to report all vehicles as it provides an increased benefit to consumer and public safety.



Q&A: General

- **Question: My company reports to NMVTIS. Why is it not listed in the Who's Reporting Database?**

Answer: Currently, there is an estimated one week time period between when AAMVA collects the data from the data consolidators and when the data is available using the Who's Reporting Database on the NMVTIS web site. DOJ and AAMVA are working on a solution to reduce that time period, however, this online database is not intended to provide real-time reporting statistics.



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NMVTIS Resources



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Comprehensive information, FAQs, policy guidance, etc. available at:
www.vehiclehistory.gov

For general NMVTIS questions or to make a non-reporting referral,
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