

Certificate of Destruction

Your questions answered

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Before taking a vehicle to be scrapped

Where you need to take a vehicle if you want to scrap it

You should take the vehicle to an Authorised Treatment Facility (ATF). ATFs can destroy the vehicle and get rid of it in an environmentally friendly way.

Under the End-of-Life Vehicles Regulations 2003 and the End-of-Life Vehicles (Storage and Treatment) (Scotland) Regulations 2003, passenger-carrying vehicles, and light-goods vehicles, weighing up to 3500kg, and three-wheel motor vehicles (not motor trikes) can only be scrapped at ATFs. The ATF will issue a 'Certificate of Destruction' (CoD).

How to find a registered ATF

Contact the Environment Agency for England and Wales or the Scottish Environment Protection Agency for Scotland. Contact details are given on the back page.

The documents you need to take with you

The Registration Certificate (V5C).

If you have not got the V5C

You can still take the vehicle to be scrapped. The ATF may be able to give you a Certificate of Destruction without seeing a V5C.

What to do if you have a personalised vehicle registration number and you need to destroy the vehicle

If you want to keep the vehicle registration number you **must** either transfer it to another vehicle or retain it (keep the use of) on a Retention Document **before** taking the vehicle to the ATF to be destroyed.

If you do not do this, you will lose the vehicle registration number when the vehicle is destroyed and you will not be able to use it on another vehicle.

You can apply to transfer or retain the vehicle registration number at your nearest DVLA local office.

If your vehicle is with an insurance company you will need to make sure they do not get rid of the vehicle and that it is available for inspection. For more information read 'Registration numbers and you' (INF46) which you can get from www.direct.gov.uk/motoringleaflets, DVLA local offices, or by phoning 0870 240 0010.

After you have taken the vehicle to be scrapped

What happens next

The ATF will give you a Certificate of Destruction. Under the regulations, they cannot charge you for a Certificate of Destruction. However, the ATF may charge you for scrapping the vehicle.

The details that appear on the Certificate of Destruction

- Details of the ATF and the Environment Agency Licensing Authority that issued the ATF licence.
- Details of the vehicle.
- Your name, address, nationality and signature.

When you will receive the Certificate of Destruction

The ATF should give you the Certificate of Destruction immediately and tell DVLA that you are no longer responsible for the vehicle. If this is not possible, the ATF will tell you that you can collect it later, or they will post it to you.

If you do not get a Certificate of Destruction immediately you should fill in the 'Selling or transferring your vehicle to a motor trader, insurer or dismantler' (V5C/3) section of your V5C and send it to DVLA to tell us you no longer have the vehicle. You should receive a letter confirming that you are no longer responsible for the vehicle. If you do not receive this within 20 working days, phone 0870 240 0010. If you are deaf or hard of hearing and you have access to a textphone, phone 01792 766426. This number will not respond to ordinary phones.

What to do with the Certificate of Destruction

You should keep the Certificate as it is proof that you are no longer responsible for the vehicle.

Telling DVLA that the vehicle has been scrapped

The ATF will do this.

What to do if you lose your Certificate of Destruction

You cannot get a copy of the Certificate. You can get a letter confirming that a Certificate of Destruction has been issued for your vehicle by filling in a 'Request by an individual for information about a vehicle' (V888), which you can get from www.direct.gov.uk/motoringforms

Can you be sure that the ATF will destroy the vehicle

The ATF may not destroy the vehicle immediately, but should do so as soon as possible.

Once the Certificate has been issued, you are not responsible for the vehicle, even if it has not been destroyed.

What to do if the vehicle is scrapped abroad and you get a foreign Certificate of Destruction

Do not hand over the Registration Certificate (V5C) to the foreign authorities. You must tick the scrap box, in section 6 and send it to us at DVLA, Swansea, SA99 1AR. If the V5C has been lost, stolen or destroyed, write to the same address. You should keep the foreign Certificate of Destruction, but please enclose a copy of it with your V5C or letter.

What to do if you are scrapping a vehicle that is not registered in the UK

Do not hand over the Registration Certificate or Document. Send it to the relevant authority of the country the vehicle is registered in and enclose a copy of the UK Certificate of Destruction.

What to do if your vehicle is not covered by the regulations and you would like to scrap it

You still need to take your vehicle to an ATF, who will update the vehicle record with a 'Notification of Destruction' (NoD). The ATF will still make sure the vehicle is destroyed to environmental standards. You should fill in the V5C/3 section of your V5C and send it to the DVLA.

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