

TO ENSURE YOUR LIABILITY IS RELEASED, PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW.  
THE FORM MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL. PRINT IN CAPITAL LETTERS USING BLACK OR BLUE INK.

DMV DOCUMENT IMAGING USE ONLY

### NOTICE OF TRANSFER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

MAIL THIS FORM TO DMV  
OR FILE ONLINE AT [dmv.ca.gov](http://dmv.ca.gov)


NEW OWNER'S LAST NAME (OR) COMPANY NAME				FIRST				ODOMETER READING (NO TENTHS)			
NEW OWNER'S ADDRESS						APT NUMBER					
CITY				STATE		ZIP CODE		DATE OF SALE, TRANSFER, OR LEASE RETURN			
								MO. DAY YR.			
SELLER'S OR LESSEE'S LAST NAME (OR) COMPANY NAME				FIRST				SELLING PRICE (NO CENTS)			
								WHOLE DOLLARS			
SELLER'S OR LESSEE'S ADDRESS						APT NUMBER		IF VEHICLE IS A GIFT, ENTER 0 FOR SELLING PRICE			
CITY				STATE		ZIP CODE		SELLER'S OR LESSEE'S SIGNATURE			
								X			
VEHICLE LICENSE OR CF NUMBER		MAKE OR BUILDER		YEAR MODEL		VEHICLE ID OR VESSEL HULL NUMBER					

**WARNING!** You must provide accurate, legible information: vehicle/vessel description, your name/address, buyer's name/address, and date of sale, transfer, or lease return, or the information SHALL NOT be updated or retained.

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### NOTICE OF TRANSFER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

 <p>Please Protect Yourself! Submit a Notice of Transfer and Release of Liability Give Us <b>FIVE in FIVE</b></p>	1. VEHICLE OR VESSEL DESCRIPTION	4. DATE OF SALE, TRANSFER, OR LEASE RETURN
	2. NEW OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS	5. YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS
	3. ODOMETER READING	<b>Within 5 Days</b>

This form may be filed online at [dmv.ca.gov](http://dmv.ca.gov) and a receipt can be printed ensuring it had been received.  
This form may also be mailed, but no notification will be sent that it was received.

**WARNING:** You must provide accurate, legible information: vehicle/vessel description, your name/address, new owner's name and address, and the date of sale, transfer, or lease return.  
Otherwise the information WILL NOT be updated or retained.

**You WILL NOT receive notification that the information was not updated or retained.**

Pay careful attention to write the new owner's information in the new owner section and the seller's information in the seller's section. If you have multiple vehicles or sell multiple vehicles at the same time, be sure to enter the correct vehicle license plate and vehicle identification number for the correct vehicle and list the correct new owner. File this form within 5 days of the transaction taking place. Submitting this notice yourself is the best way to ensure DMV gets all the information in a timely manner. If you give this form to the new owner, they may never submit it to DMV on your behalf.

IF YOU ARE COMPLETING THIS FORM INSTEAD OF FILING ONLINE AT [dmv.ca.gov](http://dmv.ca.gov),  
**DETACH AND KEEP THIS PART FOR YOUR RECORDS AND MAIL THE TOP CARD TO DMV.**  
DO NOT MAIL A COPY OF A BILL OF SALE OR ANY OTHER DOCUMENTATION WITH THIS FORM.

**(See Reverse for Additional Information)**

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DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES  
 NOTICE OF TRANSFER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY  
 P. O. BOX 942859  
 SACRAMENTO, CA 94259-0001  


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You are required by law to notify the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) within five (5) days from the date you sell or otherwise dispose of a vehicle or vessel. This form is provided for use in reporting the sale or transfer to the Department, and does not constitute application for transfer of ownership (title).

**BEFORE YOUR NAME IS REMOVED FROM DMV'S RECORDS, THE NEW OWNER MUST APPLY FOR TRANSFER USING THE ENDORSED CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP (TITLE) RECEIVED FROM YOU AND THEY MUST COMPLETE ALL TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS.**

When this form is properly completed and the information is recorded by DMV (see WARNING on reverse side), liability for parking and/or traffic violations and civil litigation resulting from operation of the vehicle/vessel after the date of sale, transfer, or lease return, becomes the responsibility of the subsequent new owner(s). You may want to verify the new owner's identification to ensure the new owner is providing you with accurate name information. Keep a copy of the completed form for your records, as collection notices can be received months/years after the vehicle has been sold; do not ignore any collection notice. California Vehicle Code (CVC) §5602 states the requirements for releasing liability and may be referred to for any liability disputes.

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ODOMETER READING		DATE OF SALE, TRANSFER, OR LEASE RETURN	SELLING PRICE (IF VEHICLE IS GIFT, ENTER 0)
NAME OF NEW OWNER			
ADDRESS OF NEW OWNER			