

Locating Motor Vehicle Records

You can search Motor Vehicle records using the following criteria:

- Last Name
- First Name
- Middle Name
- Company Name
- Street Address
- City
- State
- Zip
- SSN
- VIN
- Tag Number.

Results vary from state to state but may return the following information: Description, Record Type (current/historical), Tag Number, VIN Number, Owner 1 information (Name, Address, and SSN), Owner 2 information (Name, Address, and SSN), Registrant 1 information (Name, Address, and SSN), and Registrant 2 information (Name, Address, and SSN).

You can also run a vehicle report that may display additional information, including: Owner's and Registrant's Age, Sex, and County, Lien Information (Name, Address, and Lien Date), Vehicle Information (Description, Engine Type, Vehicle Use, Mileage, Roof, Restraints, Anti-lock Brakes, Air Conditioning, Daytime Running Lights, Power Steering, Front Wheel Drive, Power Brakes, Four Wheel Drive, Power Windows, Radio, Security System and Tilt Wheel), and Other Information (Title Number, Title Date, Title Status, Decal Date, Expiration Date, and Registration Status). Again, results vary from state to state and all items may not be returned.

Quick Start

First, try to find a Motor Vehicle record using one or more of the following search techniques:

- 1. Search by Name and State. If too many records are returned, try adding a City. You can also use a partial first name.**
- 2. Search by Address, City, and State. This returns records using that address.**

NOTE: You can also perform a "wild card" search on a vehicle tag number. If you are unsure of the entire vehicle tag number or only have a partial tag number, you can use a wild card indicator (*) at the beginning or end of the tag number. For example, *123 will search for all vehicle tag numbers ending with 123, and 123* will search for all vehicle tag numbers beginning with 123. You can perform this search with or without identifying a state in your initial search criteria.

Choose your result output by marking the appropriate radio button next to **Output Type**.

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Cut and Paste/Printer Friendly Text (No Reports) provides a web page with plain text, making it easier to copy and paste into a document.

Helpful Search Tips

SEARCH BY LAST NAME

On the **Motor Vehicles & Boats** Tab within the **Assets** menu, type the Subject's Last Name in the **Last Name** field, then CLICK on the Search button. If more records are returned than are practical to review, refine your search as described below.

REFINE A NAME SEARCH

Adding criteria, such as first name, middle name or initial, city, state, or ZIP code, refines a search. The more criteria you provide, the more precise (narrow) the results will be.

Keep in mind that some records may not contain a middle name or initial, so providing one could eliminate records you may want included.

SEARCH BY ADDRESS

On the **Motor Vehicles & Boats** Tab within the **Assets** menu, type the Address, City, and State in the appropriate fields, then CLICK on the Search button. This returns records using that address. If more records are returned than are practical to review, refine your search as described below.

SEARCH BY VEHICLE TAG NUMBER

On the **Motor Vehicles & Boats** Tab within the **Assets** menu, type the Tag Number in the appropriate field, then CLICK on the Search button. This returns records using that address. If more records are returned than are practical to review, refine your search as described below. You can also perform a "wild card" search on a vehicle tag number. If you are unsure of the entire vehicle tag number or only have a partial tag number, you can use a wild card indicator (*) at the beginning or end of the tag number. For example, *123 will search for all vehicle tag numbers ending with 123, and 123* will search for all vehicle tag numbers beginning with 123. You can perform this search with or without identifying a state in your initial search criteria.

NARROW LIST OF RESULTS

If your search returns a long list of results, we recommend adding the following criteria, if known, in this order:

1. **First Name or First Initial** - If you are not sure of the entire first name, type an initial or the first few letters in the **First Name** field.
2. **State** - Entering a state narrows the results to subjects living in that state.
3. **City** - Entering a city, in addition to the state, further narrows the results to subjects living in the specified city and state.
4. **Middle Name or Initial** - If your results return multiple listings with the same first and last name, add the Subject's middle name or initial. Remember that some records do not contain middle names or initials and will be excluded.

EXPAND LIST OF RESULTS

If too few or no results are returned, loosen the criteria by removing the most precise or uncertain criteria (e.g., middle name or initial or city).

FIND A RECORD IN THE DISPLAYED LIST

Identify the number of unique vehicles by examining the information listed. Examine the records to determine if the displayed information fits what is known about the Subject. CLICK on the icon on the right to display the complete Vehicle record.