

## Photos Required For Form MV-426B Enhanced Application Packet

All Form MV-426B applications must be accompanied by color photographs of the vehicle which were taken by the certified enhanced vehicle safety inspector at the time of the inspection.

**Photographs received from the applicant will not be accepted.**



**PROPER FRONT VIEW**



**PROPER RIGHT SIDE VIEW**



**PROPER REAR VIEW**



**PROPER LEFT SIDE VIEW**



**SIGNED PHOTOS**

### EXAMPLES OF PROPER PHOTOS FOR SUBMISSION WITH AN ENHANCED INSPECTION

Vehicle photos must:

- Clearly show the entire front, rear, right, and left sides of the vehicle
- Be taken from a straight-ahead position, not at an angle
- Have all windows visible in the photographs
- Include the station in the background

*In addition to the requirements above, collectible vehicle applications must include additional photographs of the engine compartment and exhaust system.*

All photos must be signed and dated by the certified enhanced vehicle safety inspector who performed the inspection. The signatures must be original. Stamped signatures are not permissible.

Additional photographs may be required for mobile homes and motor homes, including interior shots and/or other components. Please refer to page 23 of the Enhanced Vehicle Safety Inspection Reference Guide PUB 645 for further details. Scan the code below to download a PDF version of the document.





## Becoming An Enhanced Inspector

Enhanced inspectors are authorized to perform enhanced vehicle safety inspections and review title applications and supporting documentation for the purpose of authorizing the issuance of a branded vehicle title for reconstructed, specially constructed, modified, flood, recovered theft, collectible vehicles, and street rods.

To become an enhanced vehicle safety inspector, all four requirements must be met, including:

- ✓ Be at least 18 years of age
- ✓ Have a valid driver's license
- ✓ Hold a valid Pennsylvania safety inspector certification
- ✓ Successfully complete the enhanced vehicle safety inspection self-study training

NOTE: Enhanced vehicle safety inspectors may perform enhanced vehicle safety inspections as well as review title applications and supporting documentation for the purpose of issuance of a branded vehicle title.

Reference: PUB 645, pg. 4

### ANYONE INTERESTED

in becoming an enhanced vehicle safety inspector can download a PDF of the Enhanced Vehicle Safety Inspection Self-Study Training and Reference Guid. Scan the code below.



After you have had a chance to thoroughly review the self-study guide, you can make arrangements to take a proctored test to become an enhanced vehicle safety inspector.

To find a listing of testing facilities, visit [www.dmv.pa.gov](http://www.dmv.pa.gov). Or scan the QR code below.



## Inspectors With Suspended Driver Privileges

Any licensed safety (or emissions) inspector with a suspended driver's license may not perform any inspections until their driving privileges are reinstated. This restriction applies to drivers with interlock licenses and occupational limited licenses, which are restricted licenses permitting driving only under specific conditions.



## Imported Vehicle Inspection Procedures

An imported vehicle is any vehicle brought into the United States (U.S.) from a foreign country, including Canada. A vehicle is also considered imported if it was originally manufactured in the U.S. for export and subsequently imported.

Imported vehicles may or may not meet the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act (and the policies and regulations adopted as a result of this Act) or Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Emission Standards.

Imported vehicles, which were manufactured less than 25 model years ago, must meet Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) at the time of import and do not require an Enhanced Vehicle Safety Inspection.

Motor vehicles manufactured more than 25 model years ago that meet the import exemption requirements are subject to an Enhanced Vehicle Safety Inspection. The owner must complete Form MV-426B, "Application for Reconstructed, Specially Constructed, Collectible, Modified, Flood, Recovered Theft Vehicles and Street Rods," at an enhanced vehicle safety inspection station.

Upon passing the enhanced inspection, these vehicles will be issued an "F" brand on the vehicle title, indicating that the vehicle was originally manufactured

outside the United States but has been brought into compliance or was already in compliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) and environmental protection standards. Any modifications made to ensure the vehicle meets the requirements of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Equipment and Inspection Regulations (Title 67 Pa. Code, Chapter 175) will also be issued an "M" (Modified) brand on the title.

The Enhanced Vehicle Safety Inspector or Certified Document Reviewer shall advise the customer to check box "L. Other" on Form MV-426B, which requires them to provide a detailed explanation of how the vehicle is configured, constructed, and/or equipped. The customer must explain that the vehicle was imported, manufactured more than 25 model years ago, and whether any modifications were made to ensure compliance with Pennsylvania Vehicle Equipment and Inspection Regulations.

The Enhanced Vehicle Safety Inspector or Certified Document Reviewer shall mark the "Modified" box under the "Certified Document Reviewer" section and write "and/or F" next to "Modified". If the vehicle did not require any modifications and was already in compliance at the time of import, the inspector or document reviewer shall cross out the word "Modified" and write "F" brand only.

*Reference: R24-01 Bulletin*

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



### Form MV-426B Listed Applicants

**Q** When reviewing the MV-426B applications, must the applicant be listed on the certificate of title/salvage certificate?

**A** Yes, the applicant must be listed on the certificate of title/salvage certificate. The applicant's name must appear on the salvage certificate, either on the front or signed over on the back.

If the applicant's name is listed under the reassignments and not on the front of the title/certificate of salvage then an MV-1 form and a bill of sale, showing that the vehicle was purchased by the applicant, must be include in the completed MV-426B packet.

### Signing Requirements And Responsibilities

According to the Enhanced Vehicle Safety Inspection Regulations (PUB 645), there are several important requirements regarding who is responsible for signing the MV-426B application and what driver's license documentation the station should record.

**Applicant:** This refers to the individual(s) requesting that the branded title be issued in their name. If the vehicle is to be titled in the name of a business, the application should be signed by an owner or corporate officer of the business.

**Driver's License Documentation:** The enhanced inspection station is required to make copies of the driver's license for the person(s) signing the MV-426B application, whether it is the individual applicant or a business owner/corporate officer. Corporate officers can include roles such as President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, CEO, CFO, and COO.

The MV-426B must be signed by the applicant at the time of the inspection. The responsibility of signing the form for an application cannot be fulfilled by delivery persons, runners, or any other individual not authorized under these guidelines.

### Both Station And Inspector Must Be Certified To Conduct Specific Types Of Inspections

In order for a station to conduct a specific type of inspection, it must be approved for that inspection type and have at least one inspector certified in that same category.

Even if an inspector holds the specific certifications, the inspection cannot be performed unless that station is also certified for the desired inspection types.

The authorized inspection types must be listed on the station's certificate of appointment. PennDOT will issue this certificate only when it is satisfied that the station is properly equipped and staffed with certified personnel to perform inspections and adjustments.





## Matching Body Panel Color Requirement

Body panels must match the vehicle's color. As stated in PUB 645, "Reconstructed, flood, and recovered theft vehicles must be restored to their original operating condition as designed by the vehicle manufacturer and must conform to the original manufacturer's specifications and appearance. This includes (but is not limited to) airbags, seat belt/restraint systems, emissions components, etc."

There is no allowance for exceptions to this requirement. Notably, the requirements for antique vehicles specify that a vehicle must be maintained or restored to a condition substantially conforming to manufacturer specifications, allowing for minor defects and rust. **However, this exception does not apply to reconstructed vehicles under the regulations.**

Reference: PUB 645, pg. 13

## Supporting Documentation Requirements: Applicable Fees

Once the vehicle has successfully passed the physical inspection, the inspecting mechanic or certified document reviewer must examine the documentation presented by the vehicle owner to support titling the vehicle. When completing the MV-426B application package it must include all applicable fees.

Section G of form MV-426B is for calculating fees for any unpaid sales tax for vehicle purchase, insurance buy-back (retention) or any items purchased without tax collected (such as online purchases).

Residents of Allegheny County must pay an additional 1% sales tax on purchases of a motor vehicle, trailer, semi-trailer, mobile home, motorboat, aircraft or similar tangible personal property. Residents of the City of Philadelphia must pay an additional 2%. When the purchaser residence is listed within the City of Philadelphia or Allegheny County, sales tax is to be calculated at 7% or 8%.

G FEE CALCULATIONS			
<b>NOTE:</b> Vehicle purchases, including vehicle buy-backs from insurers, are taxable; motor vehicle repair services (including labor), accessories, parts, supplies and equipment are taxable.			
A. Purchase/Buy-back Price (if applicable)	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>	Plate to be Issued by PennDOT
B. Sales Tax Paid on Purchase/Buy-back Price Listed in A or Sales Tax Exemption Code	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transfer Previous Issued Plate #: _____
C. Purchase/Buy-back and/or Price of Parts for which Sales Tax has NOT been Paid (if applicable)	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transferred From Title #: _____
D. Total Taxable Amount from Line C	\$	Transfer and Renewal of Plate #: _____	
E. Sales Tax Due <small>Sales Tax Due 6% (7% for Allegheny County residents and 8% for City of Philadelphia residents of Line D)</small>	\$	Transferred From Title #: _____	
F. Title Fee (\$67)	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of Insurance Attached	
G. Registration Fee <small>(Refer to Form MV-203 located on our website at <a href="http://www.penn.gov">www.penn.gov</a>)</small>	\$		
H. Registration Renewal Fee <small>(Refer to Form MV-203 located on our website at <a href="http://www.penn.gov">www.penn.gov</a>)</small>	\$	Unladen Weight: _____	
I. County Fee <small>(For a listing of participating counties, refer to "Fee for Local Use - Participating Counties" Fact Sheet found on our website at <a href="http://www.penn.gov">www.penn.gov</a>)</small>	\$		
J. Number of Duplicate Registration Cards (at \$2 each)	\$	Registered Gross Weight (if applicable): _____	
K. Registration Plate Transfer Fee (\$10)	\$		
L. Lien Recording Fee (\$33)	\$	Registered Gross Comb. Weight (if applicable): _____	
M. TOTAL FEES DUE Add Lines E through K	\$		

If the vehicle was purchased outside Pennsylvania, within the previous 6 months, the applicant must show proof of sales tax paid in the form of a sales tax receipt, notarized bill of sale or notarized letter from the seller indicating the amount of sales tax paid.

Refer to Form REV 227, "Pennsylvania Sales and Use Tax Credit Chart," to determine if the customer may claim a tax credit for sales tax paid in another state. This chart can be found online at [www.revenue.pa.gov](http://www.revenue.pa.gov).

NOTE: Applicants exempt from Pennsylvania sales tax will list the appropriate Sales Tax Exemption reason code in Sections 1A and/or 1B. (See exemption codes listed on the reverse side of Form MV- 1.

If you have enhanced safety inspection questions or topics you'd like to be covered in future issues, please let us know. We welcome your suggestions. Contact the Inspection Operator Hotline at **888-265-5909**.

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## Completing Form MV-426B

Form MV-426B: Application For Reconstructed, Specially Constructed, Collectible, Modified, Flood, Recovered Theft Vehicles and Street Rods is required to title any of the above branded title.

Only those safety inspection stations appointed and under contract with PennDOT as an Enhanced Vehicle Safety Inspection Station, may perform inspections for compliance with all applicable equipment and inspection regulations for the purpose of titling the vehicle in Pennsylvania on the following vehicles: reconstructed, flood, specially constructed, recovered theft, collectible, modified vehicles and street rods. Forms must be completed by an Enhanced Inspector/Certified Document Reviewer (Sections D - G, H). Sections A-C, H are to be completed by the applicant.

A fillable PDF version of the form is available online at: [www.dmv.pa.gov](http://www.dmv.pa.gov). Scan the QR code below to download the form.



Be sure that all sections are completed. The form must be signed by the applicant, Enhanced Inspector / Certified Document Reviewer. Form MV-426B also contains three additional pages of instructions, explanations and a checklist.

### DOCUMENTATION NEEDED FROM THE VEHICLE OWNER

**Before filling out MV-426B: Application For Reconstructed, Specially Constructed, Collectible, Modified, Flood, Recovered Theft Vehicles and Street Rods, examine documentation presented by vehicle owner.**

#### Acceptable proof of ownership:

- Pennsylvania Certificate of Title
- Pennsylvania Certificate of Salvage
- Out-of-state or jurisdiction salvage certificate
- Out-of-state title showing something similar to Pennsylvania branded title (reconstructed, rebuilt, specially constructed, etc.) indicating vehicle was branded in another state or jurisdiction
- Manufacturer's certificate/statement of origin (MCO/MSO)
- Bill of sale (for specially constructed only) that were never titled in this or any other jurisdiction

#### Unacceptable proof of ownership:

- New York Form 907A
- Any title, certificate of origin, statement of origin or certificate of salvage that indicates to be used for parts only; is not suitable to be rebuilt or titled; or is not designed, constructed or intended for use on public roadways.

# Enhanced Inspection Items To Retain

For each Enhanced Inspection performed, PennDOT requires that paper copies of applications and other items related to the inspection must be stored in a secured area and be retained for auditing purposes.

Please refer to Bulletin R22-01 for instructions on what supporting documentation is needed for each application.

## WHAT DOCUMENTS DO I NEED TO RETAIN FOR AN ENHANCED INSPECTION?

### REQUIRED ITEMS:

- Copies of the front and back of the proof of ownership document. (See pages 22-23 in PUB 645 for acceptable proof of ownership documents.)
- Completed MV-426B application (filled out by Certified Document Reviewer and/or Enhanced Inspector)
- Copies of receipts for components listed as replaced on MV-426B
- Detailed description of how vehicle was configured and assembled (for specially constructed, collectible, modified and street rods)
- Clear, color photographs of the vehicle (front, rear, both sides) at the time of the enhanced vehicle safety inspection

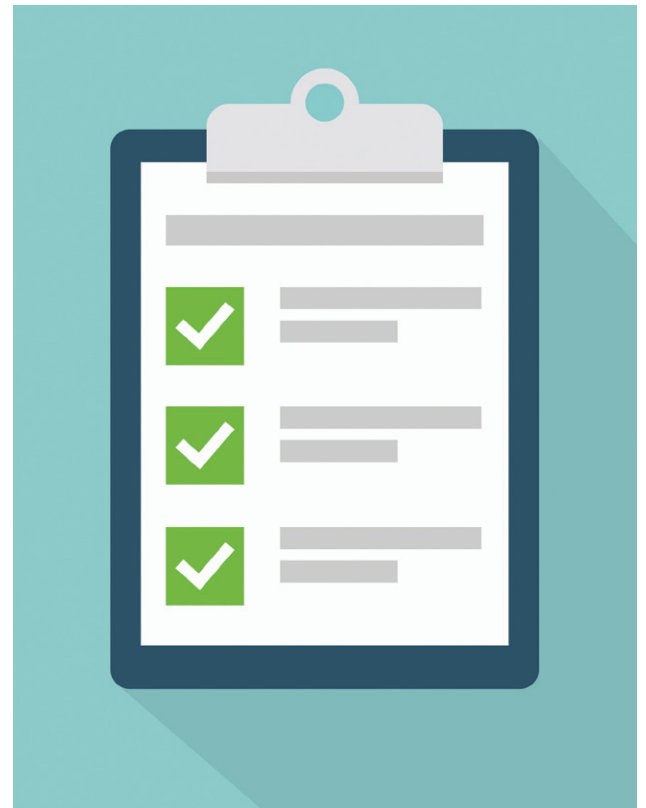
(Each photo must be signed and dated by the Certified Enhanced Vehicle Safety inspector that performed the inspection and must be taken with the enhanced inspection station in the background of the photograph.)

### ADDITIONAL ITEMS, IF APPLICABLE:

- Appraisal Report (for flood/recovered theft vehicles where the damage does not exceed the replacement value of the vehicle)
- Bill of sale (if applicant's name is not on the front of the title/salvage certificate)
- Power of attorney (for person signing on behalf of purchaser or seller)
- Retention (buy back) letter from insurance company (if vehicle is totaled)
- Certified weight slip (if not on title / salvage certificate for truck, trailer)
- Form MV-41 (if replacement VIN plate is required)

### APPRAISAL REPORTS MUST CONTAIN:

- Name and signature of licensed appraiser
- Appraiser's license number
- Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)
- Amount of damage (in dollars)
- Actual cash value of vehicle PRIOR to flood, theft, etc.



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