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Vehicle & DMV Notarization Packet — VIN Verification, Pickup Authorization, Official HSMV Forms

Prepared for: Individuals handling a vehicle title transaction, out-of-state vehicle purchase, or authorizing someone else to pick up/register a vehicle on their behalf

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The direct answer

Two different HSMV forms cover most vehicle-notarization needs, and they're easy to mix up. HSMV 82042 verifies the VIN and odometer reading, used when a title has an issue or an out-of-state vehicle needs a Florida VIN check. HSMV 82053 is the power of attorney form that lets someone else handle title transfer, registration, or pickup on the owner's behalf. EMC notarizes both, using the actual current HSMV form, not a third-party template.

VIN verification (HSMV 82042)

A VIN verification confirms the vehicle identification number and odometer reading match the title and physical vehicle, most often needed for an out-of-state vehicle being titled in Florida, a rebuilt/salvage title, or a title with a discrepancy the tax collector's office flagged. Florida law lets certain officials verify a VIN, including a notary public, without requiring the vehicle to go through law enforcement inspection for routine cases.

Process:

1. Physical inspection of the VIN plate against the title/registration paperwork (in person only; this one can't be done by RON since the notary has to see the actual vehicle).
2. Odometer reading recorded at the time of inspection.
3. Completion of HSMV 82042 with the verified VIN, odometer reading, and notarization.
4. Signed form ready to submit with the title application at the tax collector's office.

VIN verification checklist

- ☐ Vehicle available for physical inspection (we come to it; the vehicle doesn't need to come to us).
- ☐ Current title or registration paperwork on hand to cross-reference against the physical VIN.
- ☐ Government-issued photo ID for the person requesting the verification.
- ☐ Confirm with your county tax collector's office in advance whether they require anything beyond the standard HSMV 82042 for your specific title situation (salvage titles sometimes have extra requirements).

Vehicle pickup / power of attorney authorization (HSMV 82053)

This form lets you authorize someone else, a family member, a dealership representative, a shipping/transport agent, to sign title documents, complete registration, or pick up a vehicle and its title on your behalf. It's an official HSMV form, not something EMC drafts; we notarize the owner's signature on the form as required.

Process:

1. Confirm the correct current HSMV 82053 form (link above) and that it matches the specific transaction (title transfer vs. registration vs. physical pickup can call for slightly different handling by the receiving tag office).
2. Verify the vehicle owner's identity against government-issued photo ID.
3. Notarize the owner's signature per the form's requirements.

4. Hand back the completed form, ready for the authorized person to present at the tag agency or to the dealership/transport company.

Pickup authorization checklist

- ☐ Bring the vehicle title or registration information (VIN, plate number) so the form is filled out accurately.
- ☐ Confirm exactly what the authorized person needs to do (pick up only, sign title transfer, complete registration) since some tag offices want the authorization worded to match the specific task.
- ☐ Government-issued photo ID for the vehicle owner signing the form.
- ☐ If this is for an out-of-state or international vehicle shipment, confirm with the receiving party whether they also need the form apostilled (see our Apostille & Declaration of Domicile packet if so).

What EMC does not do

We don't determine which HSMV form fits your specific title situation if it's unusual (a lien in dispute, a probate/inherited vehicle, a commercial fleet transfer); those go back to the tax collector's office or your attorney for guidance on the right paperwork. We verify what's in front of us and notarize what's required, correctly.

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Common questions

Can a VIN verification be done remotely? No. HSMV 82042 requires physical inspection of the vehicle and the VIN plate, so this one is in-person only, though EMC comes to the vehicle rather than requiring you to bring it anywhere.

Does the pickup authorization need witnesses? Requirements vary by the receiving tag agency and the specific transaction; we confirm the current requirement for your form and situation before the signing, not after.

Can EMC notarize a bill of sale too? Yes, a standard vehicle bill of sale notarization is a straightforward acknowledgment and can be handled in the same

appointment as a VIN verification or pickup authorization if needed.

Next step

Tell us which form you need (VIN verification, pickup authorization, or both) and whether the vehicle is available for inspection at a specific address, and we'll confirm timing.

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Official form sources (verified 2026-07-09)

[HSMV 82042 — Vehicle Identification Number and Odometer Verification](#)

Official Florida Dept. of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles form.

[HSMV 82053 — Power of Attorney for a Motor Vehicle, Mobile Home, Vessel or Vessel with Trailer](#)

Official HSMV form authorizing someone else to handle title/registration on the owner's behalf. Principal signature only; witnesses/notarization requirements vary by transaction, confirm with the tag agency.

[HSMV 82040 — Application for Certificate of Title With/Without Registration](#)

Referenced for context; distinct form from 82042 and 82053, listed here so the three aren't confused with each other.

WHAT THIS IS AND ISN'T

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