

Odometer Corrections

The Truth-In-Mileage Act affects the certifications required to obtain a new title for any vehicle that falls within the requirements of the law. One of the most common errors on a title application, second only to failure to record an odometer reading and notation, is the "not actual mileage" notation and how it is automatically carried from one Certificate of Title to another.

When an odometer reading is being certified, the new mileage cannot be less than it was on the previous Certificate of Title. Because the Secretary of State's office has the previous odometer reading on file, the office automatically checks the previous mileage against the new mileage reported on the application. If the new mileage is lower, the office automatically prints "not actual mileage" on the new title.

If an incorrect odometer reading or notation is printed on a title, an affirmation statement from both the buyer(s) and the seller(s) **at the point where the original odometer reading error occurred** are required. While research will prove where the error originated, this may or may not be the last buyer(s) and seller(s). Applicants must be prepared to obtain the affirmation statements from the appropriate sources as the error may have occurred before they owned the vehicle.

Affirmation statements must include the following:

- 1) Year, make and VIN;
- 2) Complete explanation of how the error occurred, including what the correct odometer reading should have been and whether the mileage is actual, not actual, or in excess of mechanical limits;
- 3) Printed name, address and signature(s) of the seller(s) and buyer(s) involved when the error occurred; and
- 4) Date of the affirmation statement.

To correct an erroneous odometer reading and/or notation after a title has been issued, a corrected title application must be submitted to the Secretary of State's office along with the current Certificate of Title, the above affirmation statement(s), and a \$95 title fee. **The application must show the current odometer reading, not what it should have been when the error occurred.** If ownership of a vehicle has been transferred, the erroneous odometer reading and/or notation may be corrected at the time of transfer, provided the required affirmation(s) is accompanied by the appropriate application, Certificate of Title, sales tax form and applicable fees.

Estimating or guessing the odometer reading and/or marking the "not actual" notation will result in a Certificate of Title with an invalid reading and/or notation, which will only delay correction to a later date.

Important Phone Numbers

Dealer/Remitter Helpline	866-825-7926
Dealer Licensing Section.....	217-782-7817
ERT Technical Support Helpline.....	217-524-5119
Title and Registration Questions	217-782-6877
TRP Helpline.....	217-524-4329
7-Day Drive-Away Permits.....	217-524-4329
Applications and Forms.....	217-782-7132