



Vermont Sales Tax Exemption Certificate
for
REGISTRABLE MOTOR VEHICLES OTHER THAN CARS AND TRUCKS
where seller does not collect purchase and use tax.
32 V.S.A. §9741(12)

**Form
S-3V**

BUYER	Buyer's Name		
	Address		
	City	State	Zip

SELLER	Seller's Name		
	Address		
	City	State	Zip

ITEM PURCHASED	Make	Date of Sale
	Model	Sales Price
	Vehicle ID Number	Trade-In Allowance
	Description	Net Sales Price

I certify the above vehicle will be registered with the Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles. Purchase and Use Tax under Chapter 219 of Title 32, Vermont Statutes Annotated will be paid at the time of registration. Therefore, this purchase is exempt from Sales Tax.



Signature of Buyer

Date

This form should be completed in duplicate for every sale on which no Purchase and Use tax or Sales tax is charged. One copy should be retained by the seller, and the other should be sent to:

Vermont Department of Taxes
PO Box 547
Montpelier, VT 05601-0547.

THIS FORM NEED NOT BE COMPLETED IF THE DEALER COLLECTS THE SALES TAX OR PURCHASE AND USE TAX.

A motor vehicle is subject to either the Purchase and Use tax (Title 32, Chapter 219) or the Sales and Use tax (Title 32, Chapter 233).

PURCHASE AND USE TAX

If the vehicle will be registered with the Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles, Purchase and Use tax is due. The tax is payable to the Department of Motor Vehicles at the time of registration. Registration of the vehicle exempts the transaction from sales tax.

SALES AND USE TAX

When the vehicle will not be registered with the Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles by the dealer, sales tax should be collected by the seller unless this certificate is completed. If the buyer registers the vehicle within three (3) years from date of purchase, any sales tax paid is refundable to the buyer.

EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE

This exemption certificate should be filled out by any buyer of a motor vehicle who intends to register the vehicle with the Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles within 90 days. This exemption certificate covers all motor vehicles that are registrable by the Department of Motor Vehicles **except cars and trucks**. It includes, but is not limited to, all-terrain vehicles, motorcycles, heavy equipment (backhoes, ditch diggers), tractors, or trailers pulled by a motor vehicle.

BUYER'S RESPONSIBILITY

The buyer certifies his/her intention to register the motor vehicle with the Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles as a true statement. If the vehicle is not registered, the buyer is liable for the Sales and Use tax.

SELLER'S RESPONSIBILITY

The seller must collect Purchase and Use or Sales and Use tax on sales of motor vehicles unless this exemption certificate is completed and retained.

A seller who accepts an exemption certificate in "good faith" is relieved of liability for collection or payment of tax upon transactions covered by the certificate. The question of "good faith" is one of fact and depends upon the conditions surrounding the transaction. A seller is presumed to be familiar with the law and the regulations pertinent to the business in which he deals.

In order for "good faith" to be established, the following conditions must be met:

- (a) The Certificate must contain no statement or entry which the seller knows, or has reason to know, is false or misleading.
- (b) The Sales and Use Tax Exemption Certification For Registerable Motor Vehicles form must be used.
- (c) The certificate must be dated and complete and in accordance with the published instructions.
- (d) The buyer's certificate must be issued prior to or at time of the purchase of the motor vehicle in duplicate. One copy should be retained by the seller and the other copy sent to the Vermont Department of Taxes quarterly.

Sales transactions which are not supported by properly executed exemption certificates shall be deemed to be taxable retail sales. The burden of proof that the tax was not required to be collected is upon the seller.

Certificates must be retained by the seller and be available for inspection by the Vermont Department of Taxes for three years from the date of the sale.

The Department and its auditors will treat as a taxable sale any transaction for which an exemption certificate was required and is not in the seller's possession at the time of the sale.

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