

Motor Vehicle Procedure Manual
Title and Lien
Vehicle Title Determination Process

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Legal Authority

Section 316.003(46), Florida Statutes, defines motor vehicle as “Except when used in s. 316.1001, a self-propelled vehicle not operated upon rails or guideway, but not including any bicycle, electric bicycle, motorized scooter, electric personal assistive mobility device, mobile carrier, personal delivery device, swamp buggy, or moped. For purposes of s. 316.1001, “motor vehicle” has the same meaning as provided in s. 320.01(1)(a).”

Section 320.01(1)(a), Florida Statutes, defines motor vehicle as “An automobile, motorcycle, truck, trailer, semitrailer, truck tractor and semitrailer combination, or any other vehicle operated on the roads of this state, used to transport persons or property, and propelled by power other than muscular power, but the term does not include traction engines, road rollers, motorized scooters, micromobility devices, personal delivery devices and mobile carriers as defined in s. 316.003, special mobile equipment as defined in s. 316.003, vehicles that run only upon a track, bicycles, electric bicycles, swamp buggies, or mopeds.”

Section 320.60(10), Florida Statutes, defines motor vehicle as “any new automobile, motorcycle, or truck, including all trucks, regardless of weight, including “heavy truck” as defined in s. 320.01(10) and “truck” as defined in s. 320.01(9), the equitable or legal title to which has never been transferred by a manufacturer, distributor, importer, or dealer to an ultimate purchaser; however, when legal title is not transferred but possession of a motor vehicle is transferred pursuant to a conditional sales contract or lease and the conditions are not satisfied and the vehicle is returned to the motor vehicle dealer, the motor vehicle may be resold by the motor vehicle dealer as a new motor vehicle, provided the selling motor vehicle

dealer gives the following written notice to the purchaser: “THIS VEHICLE WAS DELIVERED TO A PREVIOUS PURCHASER.” The purchaser shall sign an acknowledgment, a copy of which is kept in the selling dealer’s file.

Section 319.14(1)(c)5, Florida Statutes defines kit car as “a motor vehicle assembled with a kit supplied by a manufacturer to rebuild a wrecked or outdated motor vehicle with a new body kit.”

Description and Use

This procedure provides information and instructions to assist employees of the tax collector, license plate agent and the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV) in determining if a vehicle can be legally titled in Florida and if so the appropriate title brand designation.

General Information

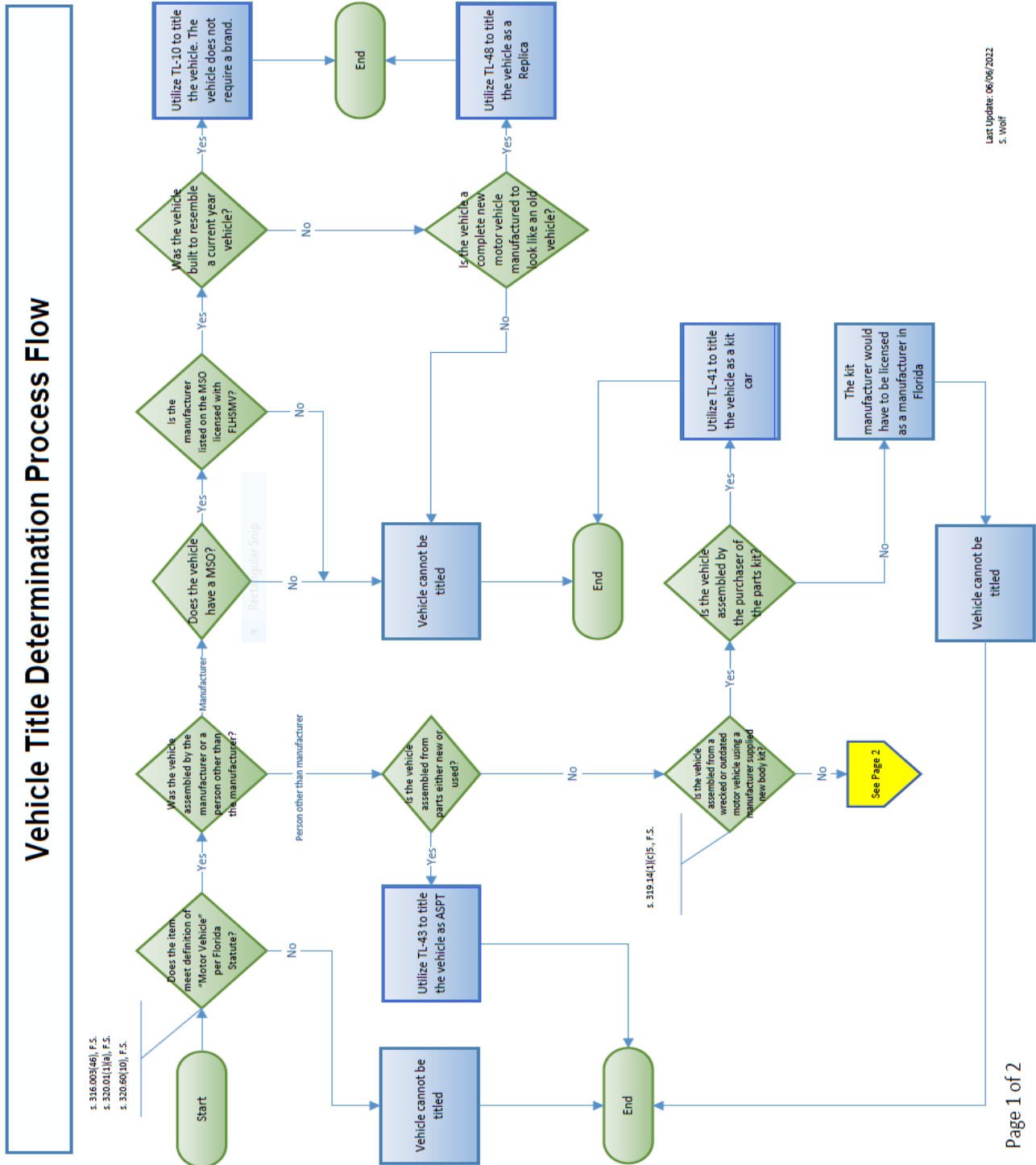
- A. The attached flow chart should be referenced when determining if a vehicle can be legally titled in Florida.**
- B. If the outcome of using the process flow results in the utilization of a specific title procedure, that procedure, and any accompanying title brand, is the only authorized method for titling the vehicle.**
- C. If the outcome of using the process flow results in a “Vehicle cannot be titled” result no Florida title shall be issued or transferred.**

Revision(s)

07/11/22: Created new procedure.

Exhibit A Vehicle Title Determination Process Flow Chart w/Links

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Vehicle Title Determination Process Flow

