

**Motor Vehicle Procedure Manual**  
**Vessel and Title**  
Homemade Vessel Titling Requirements

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**Legal Authority**

[Section 328.01, Florida Statutes](#), provides for the titling of vessels.

[Section 328.07, Florida Statutes](#), provides Hull Identification Number requirements for homemade vessels.

**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 processing applications for a homemade vessel certificate of title.

**Documentation Required and Special Instructions**

- A. All of the following documentation must be submitted and completed by the customer(s) when applying for a Florida Certificate of Title:
  1. Form [Application for Certificate of Vessel Title – HSMV 82040 VS](#).
  2. Form [Vessel Statement of Builder – HSMV 87002](#).

3. A bill of sale

- a. Form [Notice of Sale and/or Bill of Sale for a Motor Vehicle, Mobile Home, Off-Highway Vehicle or Vessel – HSMV 82050](#), must be submitted if purchased from the builder.

4. Verify the Florida sales tax or specify the sales tax information on form [HSMV 82040 VS](#). Sales tax must be collected according to the purchase price of the vessel and the purchase price of all materials where sales tax was not already collected.

B. Hull Identification Number

A hull identification number may be assigned by FLHSMV, pursuant to Section 328.07, Florida Statutes and shall be clearly imprinted in the transom or on the hull by stamping, impressing, or marking with pressure, or displayed on a plate in a permanent manner.

### Miscellaneous Information

- A. A documentation check list is attached to this procedure as Exhibit A.
- B. Per [Section 327.02\(16\), Florida Statutes](#), “Homemade Vessel” means a vessel built after October 31, 1972, for which a federal hull identification number is not required to be assigned by the manufacturer pursuant to federal law, or a vessel constructed or assembled before November 1, 1972, by an entity other than a licensed manufacturer for its own use or the use of a specific person. A vessel assembled from a manufacturer’s kit or constructed from an unfinished manufactured hull is considered to be a homemade vessel if such a vessel is not required to have a hull identification number assigned by the United States Coast Guard. A rebuilt or reconstructed vessel may not be construed to be a homemade vessel.

### Revision(s) to Procedure

**07/24: Removed requirement of Certificate of Inspection from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, from Documentation Required and Special Instructions section and Exhibit A.**

06/26/23: Added instructions for the new Form HSMV 82040s

10/10/22 Added the procedure to the new format. Statutory Review. Added Historical Revisions section, links to statute and forms. Added form HSMV 82050 and the definition of "Homemade Vessel".

**HOMEMADE VESSEL CHECK LIST**

Forms:

\_\_\_\_\_ [HSMV 82040 VS](#)

\_\_\_\_\_ [HSMV 87002](#)

And:

\_\_\_\_\_ A bill of sale, [HSMV 82050](#) if purchased from the builder.

\_\_\_\_\_ Verify Florida sales tax or specify the sales tax information on form [HSMV 82040 VS](#).

\_\_\_\_\_ Title Fees.