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Re: Caution when purchasing used cars

Due to the recent flooding in Texas and Louisiana, the Mississippi Department of Revenue would like to caution residents to exercise due diligence in purchasing used cars. Consumers need to be aware that some states issue Certificates of Destruction on the vehicles that have flooded in their state. If a vehicle has a Certificate of Destruction and/or a brand of "Junk", "Parts Only" or "Non-Repairable" issued by ANY state, these vehicles cannot be titled or tagged in the State of Mississippi.

There are several websites available to check the vehicle history before purchasing a vehicle such as AutoCheck, Carfax and NICB.org. While these services provide a consumer another mechanism to make an informed decision in purchasing a used car, you should have a trusted mechanic look at the vehicle as well.

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<http://www.dor.ms.gov/Pages/Title-FAQs.aspx>