

## MAINE VEHICLE BILL OF SALE

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I, \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Seller"), agree to sell, transfer and convey all rights, title and interest in the below described vehicle (the "Vehicle") to \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Buyer") for and in consideration of the total sum of \_\_\_\_\_, plus any applicable sales tax, paid by \_\_\_\_\_ and the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.

**Vehicle Information**

Model _____	Make _____	Year _____	Price _____
Body Style _____	Color _____	Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) _____	
Odometer Reading _____	Notes		

The condition of the vehicle is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Odometer Disclosure Statement**

Federal and state law require the mileage of the Vehicle to be provided upon transfer of ownership. Failure to complete this or providing a false statement may result in fines and/or imprisonment. The Seller certifies to the best of his or her knowledge that the Vehicle's odometer reading now reads: \_\_\_\_\_ miles.

The odometer reading **reflects the actual mileage of the Vehicle described above.**

**Certification**

The Seller certifies to the Buyer that the Seller is the legal and rightful owner of the Vehicle and has full right and authority to convey the same. **The undersigned Seller declares under penalties of perjury that the statements herein contained are true and correct to the best of his or her knowledge, information and belief.**

The undersigned Buyer accepts receipt of the Vehicle described herein and understands and acknowledges that the Vehicle is sold in "AS IS" condition without any guarantees or warranties of any kind, either express or implied.

**Seller Information**

Full Name _____	Signature _____	Date _____
Address _____, _____, _____, _____		
Telephone _____	E-mail _____	

**Buyer Information**

Full Name _____	Signature _____	Date _____
Address _____, _____, _____, _____		
Telephone _____	E-mail _____	

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## **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

### **WHAT IS A VEHICLE BILL OF SALE?**

A Vehicle Bill of Sale is a formal written document used to describe and document the transfer of ownership of a motor vehicle from a seller to a buyer. This legal document is appropriate for individual items rather than commercially produced items sold in large quantities. The document itself usually outlines the rights and responsibilities of each party in relation to the sale and is created before any money or possession changes hands.

Generally, this document includes the names and details of both the seller and the buyer, information about the goods to be sold, and the date and price of the sales transaction. Both parties typically sign the document and both parties should retain a copy for their records. You should check your local regulations and state law as some require the Vehicle Bill of Sale to contain certain provisions and/or formalities such as a notary acknowledgement for the signatures.

A Bill of Sale can include seller's warranties or no warranties. If the Bill of Sale includes warranties, then those typically relate to the condition of the product, the existence of any liens or encumbrances and whether any repairs or replacements will be made within a certain period of time. One that does not include warranties is typically referred to as an "as-is" sale. This means that the product is sold and received as it is presented without any additional guarantees or warranties relating to the condition of the product. The buyer accepts any faults or imperfections that exist with the item at the time of the purchase.

In most cases, a Bill of Sale will not allow a buyer to return an item even if damaged. However, a seller may not lie or misrepresent the condition of an item before it is sold or attempt to hide any flaws from a buyer or else this could invalidate the terms of the sale.

### **WHAT CAN IT BE USED FOR?**

A Bill of Sale can be used for a variety of different items but is often used when ownership of the following is being transferred: Cars, motorcycles, boats, recreational vehicles, aircrafts or other vehicles.

### **WHO CAN USE A BILL OF SALE?**

Anyone who intends to sell or buy an item of value should consider using a Bill of Sale. Whether you are the seller or the buyer, this document should be of interest to you as the document aims to protect the rights of both parties.

If you are selling or purchasing an item with a high value, a used (second-hand) item, an item via trading websites, private sales, or a vehicle owned by a private individual, then a Bill of Sale is particularly effective and appropriate. If you are unsure whether to use a Bill of Sale, it may be a good idea for you to consult with a legal professional before completing the deal so that you can determine whether this document is the right choice for your needs.

An alternative to a Bill of Sale is a Sales Agreement. A Sales Agreement is suitable in circumstances where warranties or further guarantees are necessary or if the parties intend to set up a more complicated payment arrangement such as installment payments over a long period of time.

### **WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?**

For both the seller and the buyer, the Bill of Sale is a useful document for accounting and tax purposes and can be submitted as evidence in related matters. The document records the fact of the transfer of ownership as well as captures the date and the price of the sale. In particular, if the ownership is ever challenged in the future, this information is vital and essential to establishing ownership and showing that the transfer was properly completed.

