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National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS)

Working Together to Fight Vehicle Theft & Fraud

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**National Attorneys General Association
Fall Consumer Protection Conference**

Phoenix, AZ



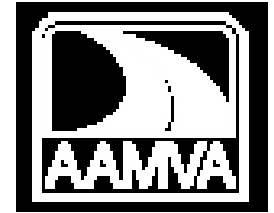
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- Consumers
- State Titling Agencies
- Law Enforcement
- Insurance Companies
- Towing Operations
- Salvage Auctions
- Scrap Recyclers
- Auto Dismantlers

**Multiple
Stakeholders**



Cooperation Brings Success



The Basics: Share Information

NMVTIS is:

- A national electronic system
 - ❑ Designed to protect consumers from fraud and unsafe vehicles
 - ❑ Implemented to deter and prevent title fraud and other crimes
 - ❑ Intended to keep stolen vehicles from being resold & titled elsewhere
- A interconnected database for all 50-States & Consumers
 - ❑ Allowing states to exchange vehicle title information
 - ❑ Creating instant and reliable confirmation of vehicle title validity
 - ❑ Including data submitted by states, insurance and vehicle owners
- A tool for states and law enforcement
 - ❑ Operated by the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators
 - ❑ Oversight by the U.S. Department of Justice



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WHEN: Anti-Car Theft Act of 1992 & Improvements Act of 1996

- NMVTIS is created in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 30502 (PL 102-519 & PL 104-152)
- Establishes an electronic means for verifying and exchanging title, brand, theft, and other data among state DMVs, law enforcement, prospective and current purchasers, and insurance carriers
- Designated AAMVA as the third party to operate the system

WHY: Enable Tougher Law Enforcement Against Auto Theft

- Get state DMVs to link up their systems to catch attempts at title fraud
- Ensure “junk” or other state-designated brands are not lost (i.e. washed) when a vehicle moves from state to state
- Prevent junk/salvage vehicles from being used to generate clean title from a cloned VIN
- Give law enforcement a mechanism to track VINs and who is selling/buying them

HOW: U.S. Department of Justice Rules Issued January 30, 2009

- Law requires the system must be self-sufficient paid for by user fees
- Federal grants provided seed money to encourage states to get linked up*
- Technical assistance provided to states from BJA and AAMVA
- A Federal Advisory Board provides regular input and recommendations

*States receiving grants: AL, AZ, AK, CA, CO, CT, DE, GA, HI, KS, MS, NM, NY, ND, OR, PA, RI, SC, VT, DC, WI



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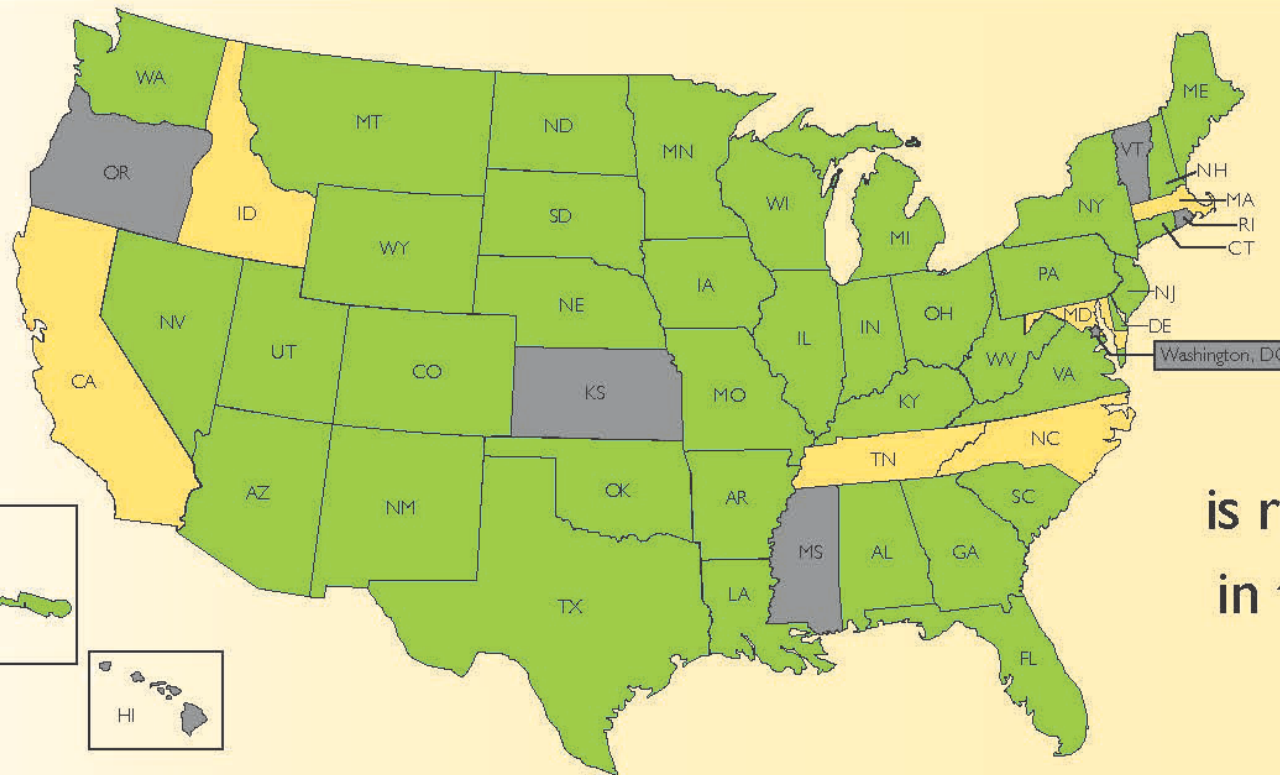
What is the value of NMVTIS to Law Enforcement, States, and the Public?

- Improves ability to identify vehicle theft rings and combat other criminal enterprises involving vehicles
 - Reduces title fraud (VIN cloning)
 - Reduces odometer fraud
 - Reduces “brand washing”
- Protects states from fraud and reduces the use of stolen vehicles for illicit purposes
- Increases accuracy of state DMV data
- Increases consumer protection

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State Motor Vehicle Administration Overall Compliance



Currently,
96% of
the U.S.
DMV data
is represented
in the system*

- 38 States Participating**—states that provide data and inquire into the system before issuing new titles
- 6 States Providing Data Only**—states providing data but not making inquiries
- 7 States in Development** (includes the District of Columbia)



Status of States in Development

#	State	Scope of Development	Status	Implementation Date
1.	District of Columbia	Fully integrated online	Development	June, 2016
2.	Hawaii	Batch data provision	On Hold	TBD
3.	Kansas	Batch data provision/online inquiry	On Hold – State Reviewing artifacts	TBD
4.	Mississippi	Batch data provision	Vendor Procurement	Summer, 2017
5.	Oregon	Batch data provision	On Hold	TBD
6.	Rhode Island	Batch update/ Batch or SWI Inquiry	Batch update (Development) Batch or SWI Inquiry (Analysis)	Spring, 2016 TBD
7.	Vermont	Batch update and SWI Inquiry	On Hold	TBD



Status of States Providing Data Only

#	State	Scope of Development	Status	Implementation Date
1.	California	TBD	TBD - funding	TBD
2.	Idaho	Partially integrated online	Restart - Feb 2016	TBD
3.	Maryland	Rewrite	Planning	2017
4.	Massachusetts	TBD	TBD	TBD
5.	North Carolina	Online Inquiry	On Hold	TBD
6.	Tennessee	Batch data provision	Development	TBD



More than 1.2 Billion Records Collected

Record Type	As of Dec '15	As of Dec '14	Variance
✓ Current Title	497M	480M	4%
✓ Title History	538M	474M	14%
✓ Brands	106M	100M	6%
✓ Junk/Salvage and ✓ Insurance(Total Loss) (JSI)	97M	82M	18%
Total Records	1.2B	1.1B	11%



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Who Inputs Data into NMVTIS?

State DMVs

- Must submit vehicle title information every 24 hours
- Make inquiry into the system following title verification practices that must be designed to include NMVTIS queries

"Salvage" Industry

- Includes scrap recyclers, auto dismantlers, salvage auctions, towing operations, salvage yards
- Report every 30 days an inventory of junk vehicles bought, sold, & exported
- Transmission of data is through approved 3rd-party data consolidators

Insurance

- Report every 30 days an inventory of all vehicles of current model or any of the four prior model years that were sold as salvage or junk
- Report all VIN's of "totaled" vehicles

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Alternative Methods of Reporting?

•Email?

NO



•Fax?

NO



•Mail?

NO



Approved 3rd-party data consolidators are encouraged to arrange for alternative options for reporting entities, but the law requires all data ultimately be transmitted to NMVTIS through established electronic protocols.

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Who has access to retrieve NMVTIS data?

One VIN In, One Report Out
Every search requires a VIN

Law Enforcement

- Access to all information for investigations

State DMVs

- Access to information for title administration purposes

Consumers

- May purchase VIN reports for vehicle history

- **Consumer Access Portal providers** are restricted from downloading and sorting bulk NMVTIS data for resale/reuse and must only use the data in accordance with the Anti-Car Theft Act.

Data is not shared outside of NMVTIS unless the data owner has entered into a new or pre-existing agreement that allows access to that data



Law Enforcement Access Tool

- **WHY?**
 - ❑ Investigating vehicles involved in violent crimes, smuggling and fraud
 - ❑ Identifying Vehicle Theft Rings
 - ❑ Increasing the ID of other criminal enterprises
- **How? Access through:**
 - ❑ FBI's Law Enforcement Enterprise Portal (LEEP)
 - ❑ CJIS Portal via Regional Information Sharing Systems Networks (RISSnet)

National Motor Vehicle Title Information System

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- ▶ ABOUT NMVTIS

ELEVATED

NMVTIS

- ▶ FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
- ▶ BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE
- ▶ AAMVA
- ▶ NICB
- ▶ DOJ REGULATIONS
- ▶ FAQ

Welcome to the NMVTIS Law Enforcement Interface

Enter a Vehicle Identification Number in the field below and check the databases to search.

SEARCH FOR

VIN: 1B4GP54R0TB381483

☐ NMVTIS
☐ VIN Analyzer
☐ NICB Flood Vehicle Database
☐ NICB Additional Data

☒ Select All

(-) NMVTIS SEARCH

MOST CURRENT INFORMATION ON FILE

Vehicle Identification Number	1B4GP54R0TB381483
Make	DODGE
Model Year	1996
Title Number	A8249003
Title Issue Date	5/4/2006
Titling Jurisdiction	(+) Louisiana
Title Transaction Date	5/10/2006
Odometer Reading	0
Additional History	1
Number of Brand Records	2

PREVIOUS TITLE INFORMATION

Title Number	A5414927
Title Issue Date	6/26/2002
Titling Jurisdiction	(+) Louisiana
Title Transaction Date	8/29/2004
Odometer Reading	101,251 Miles



Differing Enforcement Roles

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- Educational Outreach
- Conduct Office-Based and Site Visit Monitoring
- Federal Civil Penalty for non-reporting
 - Evidence required includes “police logs”, inventory records, other documentation that shows VINs & dates that autos were processed
- Assess Penalties of up to \$1,000 per violation

State & Local Departments

- Information sharing role
 - There is no responsibility at the state or local level to enforce Federal NMVTIS
 - Except when state law is enacted to incorporate NMVTIS – GA, TN, SC, NC, FL, MS, IA
- Act as a “force multiplier” in support of the program
- May coordinate with and report violators to DoJ



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DOJ's Civil Enforcement Program

- GOAL: Voluntary compliance
- Failure to report is punishable by a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 per violation
- 200+ non-reporting cases reviewed in 36 states
- More than 1.5 million additional VINs reported as a result of enforcement

Penalties Imposed as of May 2016

Academy Auto Recycler - \$35,560
Allstate Insurance - \$855,500
Auto Owners Insurance - \$274,560
CBH Trucking & Salvage - \$7,990
GEICO Insurance - \$758,000
Liberty Mutual Insurance - \$50,760
Nationwide Insurance - \$59,040
USAA Insurance - \$64,440

Enforcement Update



Educating Consumers

Public Service Announcement

- 4-5 minute video will explain:
 - why NMVTIS was created,
 - what information is contained in the system, and
 - the benefits to obtaining a NMVTIS vehicle history report.
- In partnership with Public Broadcast Service (PBS)
- Release across the country in early 2017

Other Educational Avenues

- Automotive Dealers
- CarFax, etc.
- Insurance Industry





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Comprehensive information, FAQs,
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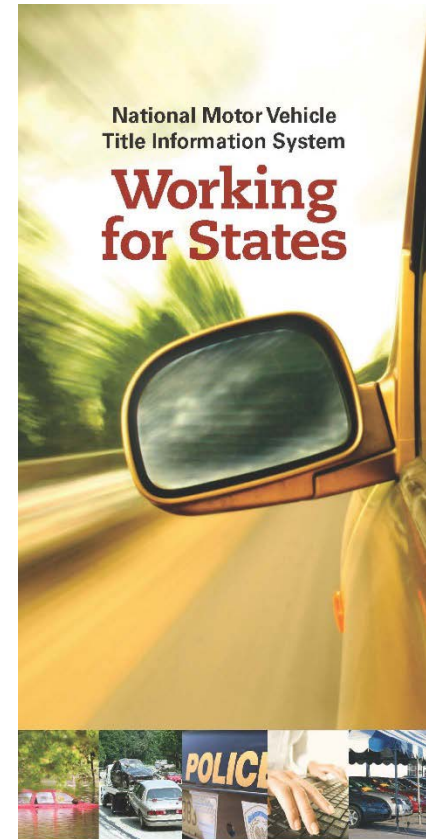
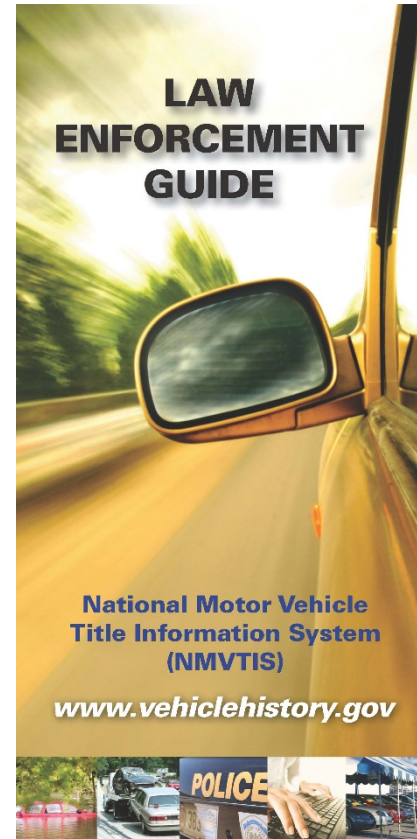
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