

Traffic Department KPSM

On August 21st 2014, the Police Public Relation Department sent out a notice to the community of Sint Maarten regarding persons wanting to purchase a used or second hand motor vehicles such as a car, a motorcycle or a scooter. This notice was published in the local newspapers, on local websites and the Police Face book page.

The first reason for sending out this notice was to inform the public of the numerous motor vehicles that were reported stolen. Many of these vehicles were resold at a price below the actual value of the vehicle. The buyers of these vehicles had no idea that these vehicles were stolen until later during a police investigation the vehicles resulted to indeed be stolen.

Secondly the notice is to help protect the innocent buyer who intends to purchase a vehicle not knowing it is stolen and might stand a great chance in loosing all rights to that vehicle and never having his or her hard earned money refunded.

In the notice information was given which documents the buyer should request from the seller and what to look out for when comparing information such as the VIN-number on the documents to that on vehicle. If the buyer does not trust the situation he or she should NOT purchase the vehicle and ask some-one with more knowledge in field for assistance. The purchasing of a used or second hand vehicle remains sole responsibility of the buyer.

Make use of this information and protect yourself from becoming a victim.

Below you will find more information on this topic and pictures to enlighten the information.

VIN stands for Vehicle Identification Number. This number is also called chassis number or frame number. This number gives the vehicle a unique identity. It is the "fingerprint" of the vehicle and it is stamped or engraved into a fixed part of the vehicle. This number exists, in a few exceptions, of 17 characters and has been internationally established since 1980.

The VIN number of all motor vehicles on St Maarten should match that on the Inspection Documents. This number is also stated on the insurance policy.

The unique vehicle identification number must be affixed by the manufacturer. This can be done in various ways, for example cold stamped or by means of laser beams.

Here are some examples of vehicle identification numbers:



In addition, there is also an identification tag

WHAT IS THE IDENTIFICATION TAG?

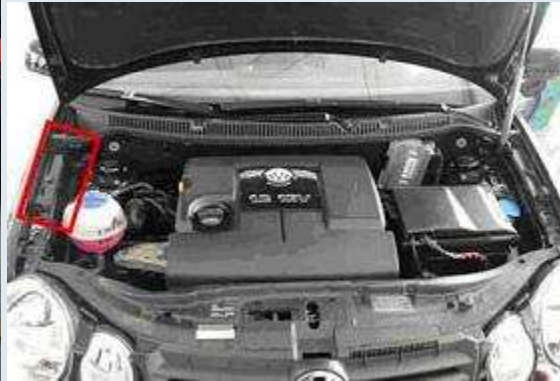
The manufacturer shall in indelible characters give all the details of the car (Brand and type of vehicle, weight of the vehicle, chassis number, etc ...) which will appear on the identification tag. The identification tag is in an easily accessible location on the vehicle, welded, riveted, or on a plastic sticker that self-destructs when removing,

Here are some examples of identification tags:



WHERE TO FIND THE TAGS?

Each manufacturer places both, the unique vehicle identification number and the identification tag at a location of their choice on the vehicle. The location varies from brand to brand. For example, in front under the hood, somewhere in the trunk, at the feet of the front passenger, at the feet of the rear passenger on the right, etc...



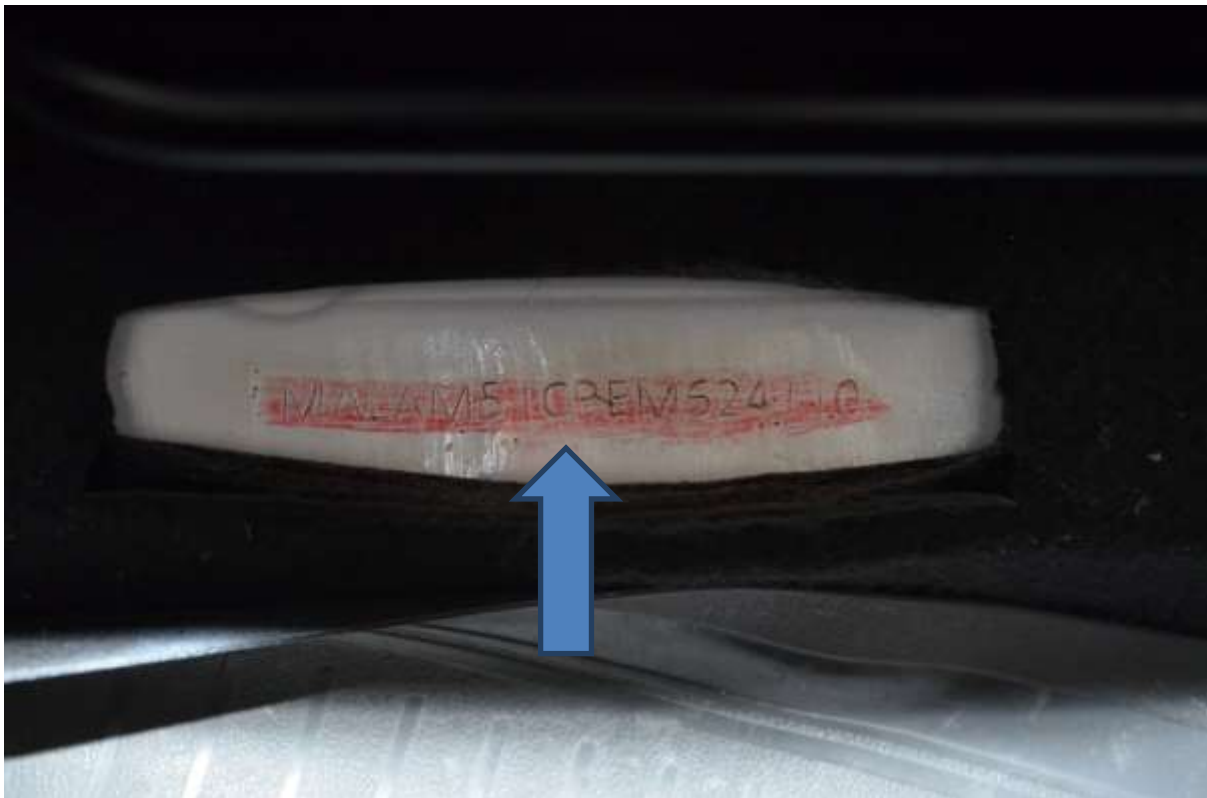
In many cars an additional tag will be attached behind the windscreen bearing the vehicle identification number.

This image is not valid as an official means of identification of a vehicle.





Another example of a VIN number on the left and the identification tag on the right. They should correspond



Here is an example of an edited and falsified VIN number. Pay very close attention when checking this. There are those individuals who are quite good in manipulating this number and making it look legitimate.



The VIN number located on the base plate of the front passenger's seat. This number has been ground away.





Above is an example of an identification tag on the door jamb on the driver side of the vehicle. The VIN number on this tag must correspond with the VIN number which is stamped or by means of laser beam onto the vehicle.

On the Inspection Card the VIN number will be registered as Engine number. (See example below)

INSPECTION CARD
St. Maarten

93,181
Tax Plate Number: _____

MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION

Brand KIA Type SPORTAGE Year Model 2013 Max. Weight 2

Motor Nr. KNAPG811CD7505552 Type B Seats 5 Legal Charges _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ **SUCKER GARDEN**

Year Expires On _____

Period of Validity: 2 01-Oct-2015

People are obliged by changing of owner and by alteration in the details of the vehicle statement to be done by the inspection expert and then on behalf of the motor vehicle tax, the Insular receiver to be notified of this.

Approved The Expert _____

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MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION Nr:93,181
 Sint Maarten Neth. Ant.

received from: _____ Inspection Date: October 01, 2013

Inspection : Naf 37.50

<input type="checkbox"/> MAKE OF VEHICLE	<input type="checkbox"/> YEAR	<input type="checkbox"/> VIN	<input type="checkbox"/> TYPE	<input type="checkbox"/> COLOR
KIA	2013	KNAPC811CD750552	SPORTAGE	MINERAL SILVER

V. 2.0
 Ownerid:32,270

Nr:93,181

reden van tijdelijke afkeuring

<input type="checkbox"/> horn	<input type="checkbox"/> c.v. joint
<input type="checkbox"/> wiper	<input type="checkbox"/> rubber on pedals
<input type="checkbox"/> mirror	<input type="checkbox"/> brakes l-v r-v
<input type="checkbox"/> side mirror	<input type="checkbox"/> brakes l-a r-a
<input type="checkbox"/> seat	<input type="checkbox"/> handbrake
<input type="checkbox"/> body/rust	<input type="checkbox"/> steering
<input type="checkbox"/> gastankcap	<input type="checkbox"/> signallight
<input type="checkbox"/> exhaust/smoking	<input type="checkbox"/> headlight
<input type="checkbox"/> tires	<input type="checkbox"/> rearlight
<input type="checkbox"/> battery clamps	<input type="checkbox"/> stoplight
<input type="checkbox"/> tint	<input type="checkbox"/> numberlight
<input type="checkbox"/> oil leak	<input type="checkbox"/> windshield
<input type="checkbox"/> wheel alignment	<input type="checkbox"/> suspension
<input type="checkbox"/> Spare tire/jack/wrench	Taxis/Buses

Print Date: October 02, 2013
 9:47:30 am

Make: KIA
 Model: SPORTAGE
 Year: 2013
 Type: B
 VIN: KNAPC811CD750552
 Motor Nbr: _____
 Max pers: 5.00
 Max Weight: 2
 Coach color: MINERAL SILVER
 Roof color: MINERAL SILVER
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On the inspection sheet the VIN number will be registered as such: That number will have to match with the numbers on the vehicle. (See example above)