

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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Re: NJ Lemon Law/Manufacturer Buyback Power of Attorney and Odometer Statement Requirements

The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission is providing clarification regarding Power of Attorney (POA) and Odometer Disclosure Statement requirements for Lemon Law and manufacturer buyback transactions. These guidelines ensure full compliance with federal odometer disclosure regulations.

When a manufacturer repurchases a vehicle under New Jersey's Lemon Law, the seller (original owner) must transfer the title using one of the following two methods:

- **Direct Signature:** The seller signs the title and completes the odometer disclosure section personally
- OR
- **Limited Power of Attorney:** The seller appoints a representative via a limited POA. If this method is chosen, the seller **must** also sign a separate, standalone Odometer Disclosure Statement (OS/SS-2).

If the manufacturer hires a service provider or claims management company to manage the buyback process, the manufacturer must provide the service provider with a Power of Attorney to sign the title on behalf of the manufacturer.

A third party may sign an odometer statement as the buyer/transferee in place of the manufacturer only if the third party has physical custody of the vehicle to verify the odometer reading and has been provided with a Power of Attorney from the manufacturer that specifically conveys that authority.

Implementation and Grace Period:

These requirements are effective immediately. However, NJ MVC is offering a 120-day grace period through July 30, 2026. Title applications that do not comply after this date will be rejected and returned for correction.

Please share this information with your staff. You may visit the NJ MVC website for forms and additional guidance: [NJ MVC | Lemon Law](#).