North Dakota
Special Mobile Equipment
Special Mobile Equipment is defined as every vehicle not designed or used primarily to transport property or haul product and only incidentally operated or moved over a highway (North Dakota Century Code 39-01-01 (82)).

Some trucks and trailers are considered Special Mobile Equipment and are not titled in North Dakota. Other examples meet the necessary requirements and are permitted to be titled.

This presentation provides several examples of each and defines whether it should or should not be titled in North Dakota.
A trailer is defined as every vehicle without motor power designed to carry property or passengers wholly on its own structure and to be drawn by a motor vehicle (North Dakota Century Code (39-01-01(95))).

The following trailers SHOULD BE TITLED in North Dakota.
Cable/Reel Trailer
Carries products or goods.
Coil Trailer
Carries products or goods.
Fuel Tank Trailer
Carries products or goods.
Portable Fuel Station
Carries products or goods.
Water Tank
Carries products or goods.
Trailers

Trailers that do not meet the definition outlined in North Dakota Century Code should not be titled.

The following trailers SHOULD NOT BE TITLED in North Dakota.
Air Compressor

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.
Barge Trailer

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.
Boat Trailer

Trailers used to transport recreational vehicles are not required to be titled NDCC 39-04-19(4).
Booster Axle Trailer
Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.
Car Dollies

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods. NDCC 39-04-19(4)

DO NOT TITLE
Combine Header Trailer
Implement of husbandry designed and adapted exclusively for agricultural, horticultural, or livestock raising operations.
Converter Gears/Dollies
Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.
DOT Tow Plow Trailer

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.
Drywall Texture Spray Trailer
Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.
Electrical Box Trailer
Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.
Evco Swivel Mounted Trailer

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.
Filter Pod Trailer

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.
Flare Stack
Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.
Flip Axles

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.
Frac Tank Trailer

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.
Generator
Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.
Heat Tech Heaters
Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.
Hydro Seeder

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.
Light Tower
Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.
Log Splitter
Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.
Office Job Site Trailer
Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.
Pipe Wrangler Hydraulic Catwalk

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.
Portable Bathroom & Shower
Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.
Portable Ground Heating Trailer

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.
Power Swivel

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.
Pressure Washer
Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.
Pup Trailer

Must be used in conjunction with another trailer; cannot be used with a semi tractor alone.
Scissor Lift

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.
Seed Tender Trailer
Implement of husbandry designed and adapted exclusively for agricultural, horticultural, or livestock raising operations.
Self-Enclosed Fuel Station
Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.
Sno Cub

Does not meet the definition of a trailer.
Snowmobile Trailer

Trailers used to transport recreational vehicles are not required to be titled.
Snubbing Trailer
Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.
Stack Movers
Implement of husbandry designed and adapted exclusively for agricultural, horticultural, or livestock raising operations.
NDCC 39-01-01 (31)
Towable Boom Trailer
Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.
Tree Spade

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.
Utility Trailer

Not exceeding 1,500 lbs. gross weight and not for hire or commercial use NDCC 39-04-18(2m).
Vacuum Excavator

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.
Wood Chipper

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.
Trucks

Some trucks are used as equipment but more than incidentally operated or moved over a highway. These trucks may be titled in ND if it meets all Motor Vehicle safety equipment requirements, has a title or MCO and the registration weight does not exceed 105,000 lbs.

Pictures of the truck, a weight ticket or other information may be requested by Motor Vehicle to verify the truck meets these requirements and is registered correctly.

The following trucks SHOULD BE TITLED in North Dakota.
Bucket Truck

Meets all Motor Vehicle safety equipment requirements and has a title or MCO. Registration weight cannot exceed 105,500 lbs.
Cement Mixer Truck

Meets all Motor Vehicle safety equipment requirements and has a title or MCO. Registration weight cannot exceed 105,500 lbs.
Coil Truck

Meets all Motor Vehicle safety equipment requirements and has a title or MCO. Registration weight cannot exceed 105,500 lbs.
Concrete Pump Truck

Meets all Motor Vehicle safety equipment requirements and has a title or MCO. Registration weight cannot exceed 105,500 lbs.
Cranes (not oversized)

Meets all Motor Vehicle safety equipment requirements and has a title or MCO. Registration weight cannot exceed 105,500 lbs.
Digger Derrick

Meets all Motor Vehicle safety equipment requirements and has a title or MCO. Registration weight cannot exceed 105,500 lbs.
Hydro Vac Truck

Meets all Motor Vehicle safety equipment requirements and has a title or MCO. Registration weight cannot exceed 105,500 lbs.
Hot Oil Truck

Meets all Motor Vehicle safety equipment requirements and has a title or MCO. Registration weight cannot exceed 105,500 lbs.
Line Grooving Truck
Meets all Motor Vehicle safety equipment requirements and has a title or MCO. Registration weight cannot exceed 105,500 lbs.
Snubbing Truck
Meets all Motor Vehicle safety equipment requirements and has a title or MCO. Registration weight cannot exceed 105,500 lbs.
Wireline Truck

Meets all Motor Vehicle safety equipment requirements and has a title or MCO. Registration weight cannot exceed 105,500 lbs.
Trucks

Trucks that do not meet all Motor Vehicle safety requirements or are oversize or over width cannot be titled in North Dakota.

The following trucks SHOULD NOT BE TITLED in North Dakota.
Boom Crane

Does not meet all Motor Vehicle safety equipment requirements.
Hay Truck

Implement of husbandry designed and adapted exclusively for agricultural, horticultural, or livestock raising operations.
Military Tanks

Does not meet all Motor Vehicle safety equipment requirements.
Oversized Crane

Oversize and over width. Doubled shipping weight exceeds 105,500 lbs.
Scissor Lift Truck
Does not haul product or goods.
Self-Propelled Scraper

Does not meet all Motor Vehicle safety equipment requirements.
Work Over Rig

Does not meet all Motor Vehicle safety equipment requirements.
Mobile Bleachers
North Dakota considers Special Mobile Equipment as every vehicle not designed or used primarily to transport property or haul product and only incidentally operated or moved over a highway (NDCC 39-01-01 (81)).

Trailers designed to carry products or goods should be titled.

Trucks that meet all Motor Vehicle safety equipment requirements and do not exceed the weight limit of 105,500 lbs. should also be titled.

Equipment that does not meet these requirements should not be titled in North Dakota.
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Please contact the Motor Vehicle Division or visit our website with questions regarding Special Mobile Equipment.

Phone: 701-328-2725
Website: http://www.dot.nd.gov/public/licensing.htm

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