North Dakota
Special Mobile Equipment

Included in this PDF are examples of some trucks and trailers that are considered Special Mobile Equipment and are not titled in North Dakota.

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- NDCC 39-01-01(32)
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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 (84)).

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.

Trailers

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(97)).

The following trailers **SHOULD BE TITLED** in North Dakota.

Cable/Reel Trailer

Carries products or goods.

DO TITLE

Coil Trailer

Carries products or goods.

DO TITLE

Fuel Tank Trailer

Carries products or goods.

DO TITLE

Portable Fuel Station

Carries products or goods.

DO TITLE

Pup Trailer

Carries products or goods.
Like a semi trailer, but smaller

DO TITLE

Updated from do not title
as of 3.21.2024

Water Tank

Carries products or goods.

DO TITLE

Trailers Continued…

Trailers that do not meet the definition outlined in North Dakota century Code should not be title.

The following trailers ***SHOULD NOT BE TITLED*** in the State of North Dakota.

DO NOT TITLE

Air Compressor

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.

DO NOT TITLE

Barge Trailer

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.

DO NOT TITLE

Boat Trailer

Trailers used to transport recreational vehicles are not required to be titled NDCC 39-04-19(4).

DO NOT TITLE

Booster Axle Trailer

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.

DO NOT TITLE

Burn (BurnBoss) Trailer

Equipment that doesn’t haul products or goods. Moved from burn site to burn site only.

DO NOT TITLE

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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.

DO NOT TITLE

Concrete Mixers

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.

DO NOT TITLE

Converter Gears/Dollies

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.

DO NOT TITLE

DOT Tow Plow Trailer

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.

DO NOT TITLE

Drywall Texture Spray Trailer

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.

DO NOT TITLE

Electrical Box Trailer

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.

DO NOT TITLE

Evco Swivel Mounted Trailer

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.

DO NOT TITLE

Fiber Optic Splice Trailer

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.

DO NOT TITLE

Filter Pod Trailer

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.

DO NOT TITLE

Flare Stack

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.

DO NOT TITLE

Flip Axles

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.

DO NOT TITLE

Food Carts

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.

DO NOT TITLE

Forklifts and Bobcat Type

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.

DO NOT TITLE

Frac Tank Trailer

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.

DO NOT TITLE

Generator

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.

DO NOT TITLE

Heat Tech Heaters

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.

DO NOT TITLE

Hydro Seeder

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.

DO NOT TITLE

Light Tower

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.

DO NOT TITLE

Log Splitter

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.

DO NOT TITLE

Mobile Bleachers

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods

DO NOT TITLE

Mobile Training Tower

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods

DO NOT TITLE

Mud Pump

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.

DO NOT TITLE

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Mud Reclaimer

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.

DO NOT TITLE

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Office Job Site Trailer

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.

DO NOT TITLE

Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicle (MRAP)

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.

DO NOT TITLE

Yard Trucks

Not certified for Road Use.

DO NOT TITLE

Pavement Marking Machine

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.

DO NOT TITLE

Pipe Wrangler Hydraulic Catwalk

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.

DO NOT TITLE

Portable Bathroom & Shower

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.

DO NOT TITLE

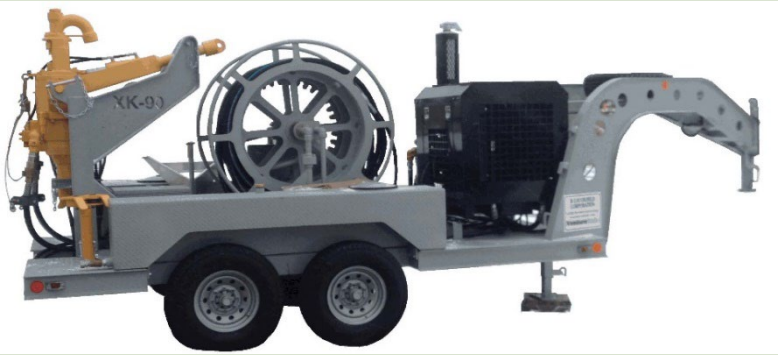
Portable Ground Heating Trailer

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.

DO NOT TITLE

Power Swivel

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.



DO NOT TITLE

Pressure Washer

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.

DO NOT TITLE

Scissor Lift

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.

DO NOT TITLE

Seed Tender Trailer

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

DO NOT TITLE

Seed Cleaning Trailer

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

DO NOT TITLE

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Self-Enclosed Fuel Station

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.

DO NOT TITLE

Smoker/Grills

Does not meet all Motor Vehicle safety equipment requirements.

DO NOT TITLE

Sno Cub

Does not meet the definition of a trailer.

DO NOT TITLE

Snowmobile Trailer

Trailers used to transport recreational vehicles are not required to be titled unless for commercial use NDCC 39-04-18(2m).

DO NOT TITLE

Snubbing Trailer

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.

DO NOT TITLE

Stack Movers

Implement of husbandry designed and adapted exclusively for agricultural, horticultural, or livestock raising operations.
NDCC 39-01-01 (32)

DO NOT TITLE

Street Sweepers

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.

We do title them If they look like a truck/or can drive on the highway

DO NOT TITLE

DO TITLE

Towable Boom Trailer

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.

DO NOT TITLE

Tree Spade

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.

DO NOT TITLE

Utility Trailer

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

DO NOT TITLE

Vacuum Excavator

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.

DO NOT TITLE

Woodchipper

Equipment that cannot haul products or goods.

DO NOT TITLE

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.

DO TITLE

Cement Mixer Truck

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

DO TITLE

Coil Truck

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

DO TITLE

Concrete Pump Truck

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

DO TITLE

Cranes (not oversized)

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

DO TITLE

Digger Derrick

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

DO TITLE

Hydro Vac Truck

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

DO TITLE

Hot Oil Truck

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

DO TITLE

Line Grooving Truck

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

DO TITLE

Snubbing Truck

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

DO TITLE

Wireline Truck

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

DO TITLE

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.

DO NOT TITLE

Boom Crane

Does not meet all Motor Vehicle safety equipment requirements.

DO NOT TITLE

Catwalk

Pulled behind a pickup to move rolling pipe to a well site.

DO NOT TITLE

Hay Truck

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

DO NOT TITLE

Military Tanks

Does not meet all Motor Vehicle safety equipment requirements.

DO NOT TITLE

Oversized Crane

Oversize and over width. Doubled shipping weight exceeds 105,500 lbs.

DO NOT TITLE

Scissor Lift Truck

Does not haul product or goods.

DO NOT TITLE

Self-Propelled Scraper

Does not meet all Motor Vehicle safety equipment requirements.

DO NOT TITLE

Work Over Rig

Does not meet all Motor Vehicle safety equipment requirements.

DO NOT TITLE

Terragator Sprayer

Does not meet all Motor Vehicle safety equipment requirements.

DO NOT TITLE

Special Mobile Equipment NDCC 39-01-01 (84)

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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.

Special Mobile Equipments

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

This presentation can be found on our website and will be updated periodically with new Special Mobile Equipment as it is received.