Mandatory National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) VIN Check for All Motorcycles

MVD Motor Carrier Services

Effective immediately, all motorcycles must be processed through the NHTSA VIN decoder manually. This is the recommended program capable of determining whether a motorcycle meets Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) and is eligible for use on public roads.

Exception: 49 CFR pt. 567 Motorcycles that are 25 or more years old.

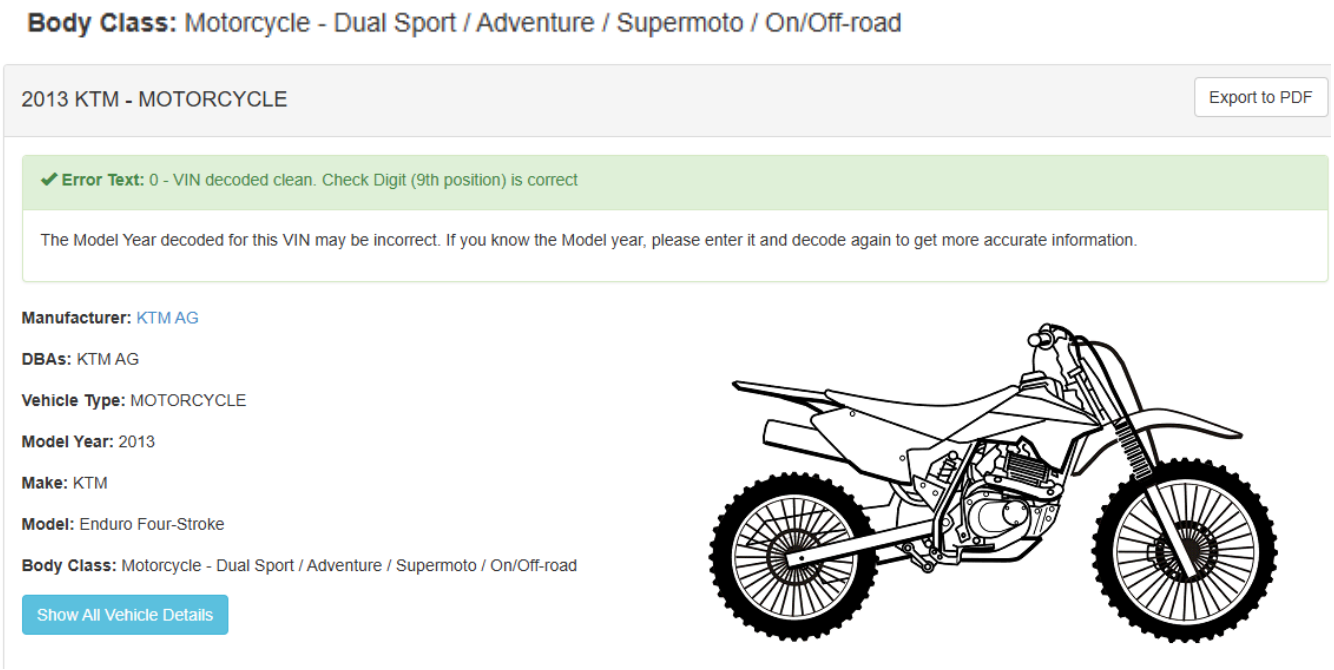
Please ensure that:

- Every motorcycle VIN is entered into the NHTSA VIN decoder.
- If NHTSA indicates the motorcycle does not meet FMVSS, it cannot be titled for on-road use.

Acceptable for Title and Registration

(Green) and **Body Class Dual On/Off Road**

Example:



Not Acceptable for Title and Registration

(Red) and **Body Class Off-road**

Example:

Body Class: Off-road Vehicle - Enduro (Off-road long distance racing)

Error Text: 0 - VIN decoded clean. Check Digit (9th position) is correct; 10 - Off-road Vehicle Warning – This is not a vehicle identification number (VIN) for a motor vehicle. This indicates that the manufacturer did not certify this product as complying with the Federal motor vehicle safety standards which are applicable to motor vehicles as defined at 49 U.S.C. 30102.

The Model Year decoded for this VIN may be incorrect. If you know the Model year, please enter it and decode again to get more accurate information.

Manufacturer: KAWASAKI MOTORS, LTD

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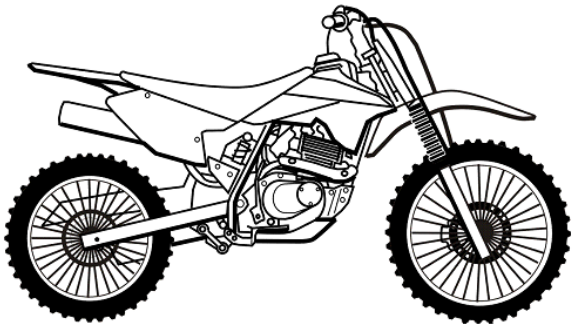
Vehicle Type: MOTORCYCLE

Model Year: 2025

Make: KAWASAKI

Model: KX65

Body Class: Off-road Vehicle - Motocross (Off-road short distance, closed track racing)



This step is critical to maintain compliance and ensure public safety. If you have any questions or encounter issues while using NHTSA VIN decoder, please contact County.Vehicle@iowadot.us.

Counties are not required to take any action to fix records for motorcycles that were previously titled and registered incorrectly at this time. The Iowa DOT is working on the process to assist customers that may have already been titled and registered incorrectly.

Thank you for your cooperation in implementing this requirement.