



Property Tax
Form 50-259

Dealer's Vessel, Trailer and Outboard Motor Inventory Declaration/Confidential

Year _____

Send original to: Appraisal District name and address _____

Phone (Area code and number) _____

Send copy to: County Tax Office and address _____

Phone (Area code and number) _____

INSTRUCTIONS: If you own an inventory subject to the provisions of Tax Code Sec. 23.124, you must file this dealer's vessel, trailer and outboard motor inventory declaration with the chief appraiser and a copy with the county tax assessor-collector not later than February 1 of each year. If you were not in business on January 1, you must file this statement not later than 30 days after starting business. Failure to file this form is a misdemeanor offense punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500. Each day during which you fail to comply is a separate offense. **SEE BACK OF FORM FOR MORE INFORMATION ON FILING AND PENALTIES.**

STEP 1: OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS

Owner's name _____

Current mailing address (number and street) _____

City, town or post office, state, ZIP code _____ Phone (Area code and number) _____

Person completing application _____ Title _____

STEP 2: REQUIRED INFORMATION ABOUT THE BUSINESS

Name of each business at one location (attach additional pages if necessary) _____

Address of this location (street, number, city, state and ZIP code + 4) (attach additional pages if necessary) _____

Owner's dealer and manufacturer number(s) issued by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (attach additional pages if necessary) _____

STEP 3: INFORMATION ABOUT THE BUSINESS

Give appraisal district account number if available, or attach tax bill or copy of appraisal or tax office correspondence concerning this account. (Attach additional pages if necessary).

Starting date of business, if not in business on January 1 of this year. _____

STEP 4: OWNERSHIP STATEMENT

(Owner's name) is the owner of a dealer's vessel, trailer and outboard motor inventory.

STEP 5: BREAKDOWN OF SALES AND SALES AMOUNTS

Breakdown of sales (number of units sold) for the previous 12-month period corresponding to the prior tax year. If you were not in business for the entire 12-month period, report the sales for the months you were in business.

Net vessel, trailer and outboard motor inventory	Fleet sales	Dealer sales	Subsequent sales
Breakdown of sales amounts for the previous 12-month period corresponding to the prior tax year. If you were not in business for the entire 12-month period, report the sales for the months you were in business.			
\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Net vessel, trailer and outboard motor inventory	Fleet sales	Dealer sales	Subsequent sales

STEP 6: MARKET VALUE OF YOUR INVENTORY

State the market value of your net vessel, trailer and outboard motor inventory for the current tax year, as computed under Tax Code Sec. 23.124 (total annual sales from the inventory for the previous 12-month period corresponding to the prior tax year divided by 12 equals market value). If you were not in business for the entire 12-month period, report the number of months you were in business and the total number of sales for those months. The chief appraiser will determine your inventory's market value.

Net Vessel, Trailer and Outboard Motor Inventory Sales for Prior Year _____ Market Value for Current Tax Year _____

\$ _____ ÷ 12 = _____

STEP 7: SIGN THE FORM

sign here If you make a false statement on this report, you could be found guilty of a Class A misdemeanor or a state jail felony under Texas Penal Code Section 37.10.

Authorized signature _____

Date _____

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Instructions for Completing Dealer's Vessel, Trailer and Outboard Motor Inventory Declaration

Filing deadlines: You must file this declaration not later than February 1 each year. If you were not in business for the entire year, you must file this declaration not later than 30 days after starting your business. Be sure to keep a completed copy for your files and a blank copy of the form for next year's filing.

Filing places: You must file the original completed declaration with the county appraisal district's chief appraiser. You must file a copy of the original with the county tax assessor-collector. The addresses and phone numbers for both offices are at the top of the form.

Filing penalties: Failure to file this form is a misdemeanor offense punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500. Each day that you fail to comply is a separate offense. In addition, a tax lien attaches to your business personal property to secure the penalty's payment. The district attorney, criminal district attorney or county attorney shall collect the penalty, with action in the county in which you maintain your principal place of business or residence. You also will forfeit a penalty of \$1,000 for each month or part of a month in which this declaration is not filed.

Review of records: The chief appraiser may examine your books and records for (1) the document issued by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for your dealer and manufacturer number; (2) documents to determine if this declaration applies to you; and (3) sales records to check information on this declaration. To examine your records, the chief appraiser must deliver personally a written request to your records custodian. You have at least 15 days to respond to the request, or you may seek court action for relief from complying with the request. Failure to comply with the request is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500. Each day that you fail to comply is a separate violation.

Step 1: Owner's name and address. Give the corporate, sole proprietorship or partnership's name, including mailing address and telephone number of the actual business location as required by the inventory declaration (not of the owner).

Step 2: Required information about the business. Give the name of the business if different from the corporation or individual's name. The address here is the actual physical location of the business.

Step 3: Information about the business. Include your business' account number from the appraisal district's notice of appraised value. Give the date your business opened if not in business January 1 of this year.

Step 4: Ownership statement. Give the owner's name.

Step 5: Breakdown of sales and sales amounts. Complete the boxes on number of sales and sales amounts for the preceding year. The top row of boxes is the number of units sold in each category. The bottom row of boxes is the dollar amount sold in each category. The categories include:

- Vessel, trailer and outboard motor inventory – sales of vessels, trailers and outboard motors. A vessel has the meaning in Sec. 31.003, Parks and Wildlife Code, and does not include those more than 65 feet in length (excluding sheer) and canoes, kayaks, punts, rowboats, rubber rafts or other vessels under 14 feet in length when paddled, poled, oared or windblown. An outboard motor has the meaning in Section 31.003, Parks and Wildlife Code. A vessel also includes a trailer designed to carry a vessel and is a trailer or semi-trailer defined by Transportation Code Section 501.002.
- Fleet sales – vessels, trailers or outboard motors included in the sale of five or more vessels, trailers or outboard motors from your inventory to the same buyer within one calendar year.
- Dealer sales – sales of vessels, trailers or outboard motors to another dealer.
- Subsequent sales – dealer-financed sales of vessels, trailers or outboard motors that, at the time of sale, have dealer financing from your inventory in this same calendar year. The first sale of a dealer-financed vessel, trailer or outboard motor is reported as a vessel, trailer and outboard motor inventory sale, with sale of this same vessel, trailer or outboard motor later in the year classified as a subsequent sale.
- Net vessel, trailer and outboard motor inventory – Vessel, trailer and outboard motor inventory less fleet sales, dealer sales and subsequent sales.

Step 6: Market value of your inventory. Enter the sales amount in the net vessel, trailer and outboard motor inventory breakdown (see Step 5, the first box in the second row) and divide by 12 to yield your market value for this tax year. If you were not in business for the entire preceding year, the chief appraiser will determine your inventory's market value based on the sales that you do report in Step 5.

Step 7: Sign the form. Sign and enter the date if you are the person completing this declaration.



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	Month & Year	Page ____ of pages ____
Send original with payment to: County Tax Office name and address		Phone (area code & number)
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STEP 1: OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS

Owner's name	Owner's phone (area code & number)
Current mailing address (number and street)	
City, town or post office, state, ZIP code	
Person completing statement	Title

STEP 2: INFORMATION ABOUT THE BUSINESS

Give appraisal district account number if available or attach tax bill or copy of appraisal or tax office correspondence concerning your account. If unavailable, give the street address at which the property is located.

Name of each business

Account number

Inventory location (number, street, city, state, ZIP code + 4)

STEP 3: PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT EACH VESSEL, TRAILER OR OUTBOARD MOTOR SOLD DURING THE REPORTING MONTH (continue on additional sheets as needed)

Description of Vessel, Trailer or Outboard Motor Sold				Purchaser's Name	Type of Sale ¹	Sales Price ²	Unit Property Tax ³
Date of Sale	Model Year	Make	Identification Number				
(See last page for footnotes.)							

Instructions

If you are an owner of an inventory subject to Sec. 23.124, Tax Code, you must file this dealer's vessel, trailer and outboard motor inventory tax statement as required by Sec. 23.125.

Filing deadlines: You must file this statement on or before the 10th day of each month. If you were not in business for the entire year, you must file this statement each month after your business opens, but you do not include any tax payment until the beginning of the next calendar year. However, if your dealership was the purchaser of an existing dealership and you have a written contract with the prior owner to pay the current year vessel, trailer and outboard motor inventory taxes owed, then you must notify the chief appraiser and the county tax assessor-collector of this contract and continue to pay the monthly tax payment. Be sure to keep a completed copy of the statement for your files and a blank copy for each month's filing.

Filing places: You must file the original completed statement with your monthly tax payment with the county tax assessor-collector. You must file a copy of the original statement with the county appraisal district's chief appraiser.

Filing penalties: Late filing incurs a penalty of 5 percent of the amount due. If the amount is not paid within 10 days after the due date, the penalty increases for an additional penalty of 5 percent of the amount due. Failure to file this form is a misdemeanor offense punishable by a fine not to exceed \$100. Each day that you fail to comply is a separate offense. In addition, a tax lien attaches to your business personal property to secure the penalty's payment. The district attorney, criminal district attorney or county attorney shall collect the penalty, with action in the county in which you maintain your principal place of business or residence. You also will forfeit a penalty of \$500 for each month or part of a month in which this statement is not filed after it is due.

Annual property tax bill: You will receive a separate tax bill(s) for your vessel, trailer and outboard motor inventory for each taxing unit that taxes your property, usually in October. The county tax assessor-collector also will receive a copy of the tax bill(s) and will pay each taxing unit from your escrow account. If your escrow account is not sufficient to pay the taxes owed, the county tax assessor-collector will send you a tax receipt for the partial payment and a tax bill for the amount of the deficiency. You must send to the county tax assessor-collector the balance of total tax owed. You may not withdraw funds from your escrow account.

Step 1: Owner's name and address. Give the corporate, sole proprietorship or partnership's name, including mailing address and telephone number of the actual business location as required by the inventory tax statement (not of the owner).

Step 2: Information about the business. Give the address of the actual physical location of the business. Include your business' name and the account number from the appraisal district's notices.

Step 3: Information on each vessel, trailer or outboard motor sold during the reporting month. Complete the information on each vessel, trailer and outboard motor sold, including the date of sale, model year, model make, identification number, purchaser's name, type of sale, sales price and unit property tax. The footnotes include:

¹ **Type of Sale:** Place one of the following codes by each sale reported:

VTM - vessel, trailer and outboard motor inventory - sales of vessels, trailers and outboard motors. A vessel has the meaning in Sec. 31.003, Parks and Wildlife Code, and does not include those more than 65 feet in length (excluding sheer) and canoes, kayaks, punts, rowboats, rubber rafts or other vessels under 14 feet in length when paddled, poled, oared or windblown. An outboard motor has the meaning in Section 31.003, Parks and Wildlife Code. A vessel also includes a trailer designed to carry a vessel and is a trailer or semi-trailer defined by Transportation Code Section 501.002. Only this type of sale has a unit property tax (see below).

FL - fleet sales - vessels, trailers and outboard motors included in the sale of five or more vessels, trailers or outboard motors from your inventory to the same buyer within one calendar year.

DL - dealer sales - sales of vessels, trailers or outboard motors to another dealer.

SS - subsequent sales - dealer-financed sales of vessels, trailers and outboard motors that, at the time of sale, have dealer financing from your vessel, trailer and outboard motor inventory in this same calendar year. The first sale of a dealer-financed vessel, trailer or outboard motor is reported as a vessel, trailer or outboard motor inventory sale, with sale of this same vessel, trailer or outboard motor later in the year classified as a subsequent sale.

² **Sales Price:** The price as set forth on the Application for Texas Certificate of Number/Title, for Boat/Seller, Donor or Trader's Affidavit for a vessel or the Application for Texas Certificate of Title for an Outboard Motor/Seller, Donor or Trader's Affidavit for an outboard motor, or the Application for Texas Certificate of Title, or the price that would appear if those forms were used.

³ **Unit Property Tax:** To compute, multiply the sales price by the unit property tax factor. For fleet, dealer and subsequent sales that are not included in the net vessel, trailer and outboard motor inventory, the unit property tax is \$-0-. The unit property tax factor is the aggregate tax rate divided by 12 and then by \$100. Calculate your aggregate tax rate by adding the property tax rates for all taxing units in which the inventory is located. Use the property tax rates for the year preceding the year in which the vessel, trailer or outboard motor is sold. If the county aggregate tax rate is expressed in dollars per \$100 of valuation, divide by \$100 and then divide by 12. Dividing the aggregate rate by 12 yields a monthly tax rate and by \$100 to a rate per \$1 of sales price.

⁴ **Total Unit Property Tax for This Month:** Enter only on last page of monthly statement.

Step 4: Total sales. Provide totals on last page of statement of the number of units and the sales amounts for vessels, trailers and outboard motors sold in each category.

Step 5: Sign the form. Sign and enter the date if you are the person completing this statement.