

NYSDEC Truck Scrapage Guidance

This document describes vehicle scrapage requirements required to meet the VW Settlement funded vehicle scrapage eligibility.

Truck Destruction Requirements

Vehicle scrapage is required to fulfill the requirements under the VW Settlement vehicle replacement criteria¹. Failure to follow this guidance may impact your ability to receive funding under this program. Please contact NYSDEC staff listed at the end of this document for any questions.

“Scrapped” shall mean to render inoperable and available for recycle, and, at a minimum, to specifically cut a 3-inch hole in the engine block for all engines. If any Eligible Vehicle will be replaced as part of an Eligible project, scrapped shall also include the disabling of the chassis by cutting the vehicle’s frame rails completely in half.

To destroy the engine:

- Cut or drill a minimum 3-inch diameter hole through the engine block.

To destroy the chassis:

- Cut or shear both the chassis rails between the two axles.

The vehicle must arrive at the scrapage location with the chassis attached, the engine intact, and in drivable condition. Do not remove anything from the truck except for personal items. The program cannot process grant funding reimbursements until the scrapage is satisfactorily completed and photographed.

Failure to comply with scrapage instructions may result in the denial of your grant funds.

There are 3 pieces of information required by DEC for the VW Settlement funded scrapage process:

1. The completed NYSDEC Vehicle Scrapage Certification.
2. Before photos (minimum image size of 1200 x 1800 pixels or 4 x 6 inches).
3. After photos (minimum image size of 1200 x 1800 pixels or 4 x 6 inches).

¹ <https://www.vwcourtsettlement.com/wp-content/uploads/documents/DOJ/Approved%20Appendix%20D-2.pdf>

Step-by-Step Instructions

Before Photos

Take a series of “before” photos of the truck.

1. Vehicle (side view)
2. Vehicle engine (allow some of the truck color to show in this shot)
3. Intact chassis (allow some of the truck color to show in this shot)
4. Engine Vehicle Identification Number (VIN #) plate
5. Engine plate showing the engine serial number

After Photos

After the engine and chassis have been permanently disabled, you will need to take “after” photos of the scrapped truck showing the following:

- Engine destruction – at least two shots that are close-up from different angles, and another photo back a few feet showing that a 3 inch hole has been cut or drilled into the engine block (with a little of the truck color showing in the photos).
- Area of the cut chassis – a close up of the cut (show a little of the color of the truck), and another photo a little further back from the truck.

Photos Examples

See scrappage photos below for examples of good engine destruction and chassis cut.



Example of visible destruction of the engine block



Example of complete engine hole



Example of chassis cut in half



Example of chassis completely cut