Vessel Titling – Quick Reference Guide

Please note that the new vessel titling law **does not include outboard motors or boat trailers**. We are only titling the hull of the vessel. Outboard motors and boat trailers **are not** titled in Alabama.

To determine if a vessel qualifies to be titled, look at the last 4 digits of the HIN. It decodes in the following manner:

- The letter (9th digit) represents the month of manufacture.
- The number (10th digit) represents the last digit of the year of manufacture. It must be manufactured in 2024, unless the vessel is 26 ft or longer. If it is 26 ft or longer, the manufacturer date doesn't matter.
- The last two (11th & 12th) digits represent the model year of the vessel.

In addition to the qualifications above, if a vessel is less than 18 ft in length it is **only** titled if it is propelled by an engine of 75 horsepower or greater.

Examples:

- TII86321A424 Manufactured in January 2024 qualifies for titling
- BDF19953<mark>B424</mark> Manufactured in February 2024 qualifies for titling
- BUJ25947L324 Manufactured in December 2023 does not qualify for titling, unless the vessel is 26 ft or longer
- BUJ88349K324 Manufactured in November 2023 does not qualify for titling, unless the vessel is 26 ft or longer

