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Your guide to shipping vehicles into Canada



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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO. The information provided here is for guidance only and may be subject to change at any time. Always check the relevant customs authorities websites for the latest rules and regulations before arranging to ship out your vehicle. Our company cannot be held responsible for any changes to overseas customs procedures.

Autoshippers are part of the 1st Move International group of companies. We have been shipping cars for private individuals for over 20 years and we are members of the British International Freight Association (BIFA) and the British Association of Removers.



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Canada Vehicle Shipping and Import Guide

Please find our Canada car shipping guide to import requirements and Canadian customs rules and regulations. We are pleased to provide these guidance notes to help you understand what will be required when you ship your car to Canada and the charges you should expect to pay when your car arrives. While we hope that this covers everything you need please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions, need any assistance or would simply like to speak to one of our experienced team about any aspect of shipping your car.

Before You Go

When planning to ship your vehicle to Canada, the first and most important thing you must ascertain is whether your vehicle will be accepted for import into Canada in line with vehicle import regulations. Canada have stringent import requirements in regard to safety standards that must be met when any vehicle is imported into Canada.

The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) work with Transport Canada to ensure that all vehicles imported into Canada are done so in line with safety standards and applicable import regulations. It is important for you to know that your vehicle will be accepted into Canada before shipment as it is the responsibility of the importer to make sure that their vehicle is admissible for importation. If you ship an inadmissible vehicle to Canada your vehicle will be denied entry and you will be liable for all storage and disposal/re-export costs incurred.

While the CBSA and Transport Canada prohibit the importation of vehicles not manufactured for sale in either Canada or the United States of America, there are circumstances where vehicles manufactured for other foreign markets may be privately imported. Such circumstances include:

- Where the vehicle is in excess of 15 years old.
- If the vehicle is a bus manufactured before January 1st 1971.
- When the vehicle being imported is not of a regulated class. (eg. mobile homes designed to be towed or motorcycle side cars)
- Where the vehicle is a returning Canadian compliant vehicle being re-imported back into Canada. (evidence will be required)
- If the vehicle is a returning U.S compliant vehicle originally owned in the United States.

There is no provision made in the Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Act to permit vehicles that are sold in a country other than the U.S or Canada to be modified or altered to meet Canadian safety requirements.

Vehicles manufactured for sale in foreign markets that have been modified to meet U.S safety and emission regulations will be classed as 'Grey Imports' and are not permitted to be imported into Canada.

Vehicles Over 15 Years Old

Vehicles that are over 15 years old qualify for exemption from the RIV program where the importer is able to satisfactorily demonstrate the age of the vehicle, for instance by providing a copy of the vehicles licence document (V5) as evidence of the age of the vehicle.

While vehicles over the 15 year threshold may be permitted entry into Canada there are regulations governing registering your vehicle that should be considered. Registration requirements vary from province to province so it is also important that you are aware of specific requirements where you will be registering and using your car. Further information on registering your vehicle can be found below.

Temporary Imports

If you intend to temporarily import your car for your personal use during a period of visitation or temporary residence in Canada, your vehicle is not required to comply with Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations. Further details and information on regulations that apply to visitors and temporary residents in Canada can be found in the CBSA Guide for Visitors and Temporary Residents here.

When shipping a vehicle to Canada temporarily you may be required to arrange shipment under a Carnet de Passage (Carnet) to avoid payments / deposits being made to Canadian customs in regard to import duty and tax when your vehicle is imported for its temporary stay. You can obtain a Carnet to cover the shipment of your vehicle from the RAC who provide full details of how to apply on their website below :

<http://www.rac.co.uk/travel/driving-abroad/carnet-de-passage/>

Cleaning Your Car For Shipment

In addition to documentary and customs requirements on arrival, you must also make sure that your vehicle is well cleaned prior to shipment from the UK to Canada. On arrival in Canada your vehicle may be subject to customs / quarantine examination and should your vehicle be found to carrying contaminants (such as mud, plant or other organic matter) additional cleaning may be required before your vehicle can be released from customs control. Should customs ordered cleaning be required you will be notified by our agents who will also advise any such cleaning costs when known. When cleaning your car before shipment there are a few areas to which attention should be paid and that are frequently overlooked including:

- Wheels and tyres. (including the spare wheel and the spare wheel housing)
- Up under wheel arches and around mud guards.
- The corners of the engine bay, radiator and cooling fan checking for insects and plant matter.
- Corners of dashboard area and under seats.

Arranging Shipment

Arranging shipment of your vehicle to Canada couldn't be easier. To declare your vehicle to UK customs for shipment all we will need from you is:

- A copy of the vehicles licence document (V5) - we will not need the original.
- A clear copy of the photo page of your Passport.

Arriving In Canada

When your vehicle has shipped from the UK we will provide you with copy shipping documentation, the bill of lading, covering shipment of your vehicle. The bill of lading is not raised until the vessel carrying your car has sailed from the UK as in addition to detailing shipping details it also comprises evidence of your vehicle being exported from the UK. In addition shipping to your documentation, we will also re-confirm the details of the vessels including anticipated arrival date in Canada and provide contact details for our receiving agents at destination. Our agents will contact you when your car arrives to make arrangements with you for completing customs import formalities.

Port & Shipping Line Charges

On arrival at the port there will be charges to pay to the shipping line and receiving agents for services in regard to unloading your car from the ship, handling it at the port and completing customs clearance. Please see the following table for an indication of standard destination charges you should expect to pay in Canada when your vehicle arrives.

	Shipping by 20' container	Shipping by Ro Ro	Compulsory	Optional
Port Charges	CA\$295	CA\$250	X	
Transport to warehouse and container unloading	CA\$475	n/a	X	
Customs clearance	CA\$150	CA\$150	X	
Customs examination	CA\$1000	CA\$800		X

Duty & Tax

When vehicles are imported into Canada there will be customs duty and tax to pay to Canadian customs. Both import duty and tax are calculated as a percentage based on the declared value of your vehicle. As part of the documentary process of importing your car in Canada you will be required to complete CBSA Form B4E on which you provide details of your vehicle including the declared value in Canadian dollars. The value of your vehicle will be based on the purchase price of the car in instances where the original invoice or bill of sale for the vehicle is available, in the absence of which the value will be derived from the Canadian Black book, equivalent to the Glass guide or Parkers guide here in the UK. You can check the book value of your vehicle on the Canadian Black Book website below :

<http://www.canadianblackbook.com/black-book-values>

While our agents will provide you with any customs documentation that you will be required to complete when your car arrives, you can find a copy of CBSA form B4E below :

<http://www.cbsa.gc.ca/publications/forms-formulaires/b4-eng.pdf>

While there are duty free exemptions available when importing Canadian and U.S manufactured vehicles and Mexican made vehicles over 10 years old, eligible vehicles imported into Canada from all other foreign countries will be subject to both import duty and Canadian goods and service tax (GST). Customs duty is calculated at the below rate based on the declared value of the vehicle while GST is calculated at the below rate based on the declared vehicle value plus the duty amount.

	Rate
Import Duty	6.1 %
Goods and Service Tax (GST)	5 %

Further information on duty and tax, additional details relating to exemptions available for Canadian, U.S and Mexican vehicles and contact details can be found on the CBSA website below :

<http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/pub/bsf5048-eng.html#s5>

Registration

When your vehicle has been cleared through Canadian customs and all applicable import duties and taxes have been paid, you will need to register your vehicle for permanent use on Canadian roads.

Regulations, vehicle registration fees and procedures vary in Canada dependent on the province or territory when you will be registering and using the vehicle. On the following page you will find links to provincial government websites for further information on their specific requirements when registering your vehicle.

We strongly advise that you contact the appropriate provincial vehicle registration office before shipping your vehicle as while regulatory requirements to import your vehicle into Canada may be satisfied at the port, there may be additional documentary requirements or certification required in the province you intend to register your vehicle that you should be aware of in advance.

Links to provincial government websites for information in registering your vehicle

Alberta	http://www.servicealberta.gov.ab.ca/572.cfm
British Colombia	http://www2.gov.bc.ca/en/services_finder/details.page?return_type=dcr&content_desc=ICBC%20Motor%20Vehicle%20Registration%20and%20License
Manitoba	http://www.mpi.mb.ca/en/Reg-and-Ins/Registration/Pages/reg-overview.aspx
New Brunswick	http://www.snb.ca/e/1000/1011e.asp
Newfoundland & Labrador	http://www.servicenl.gov.nl.ca/drivers/DriversandVehicles/vehicleresistration/index.html
Northwest Territories	http://www.dot.gov.nt.ca/_live/pages/wpPages/issuingoffices.aspx
Nova Scotia	http://www.novascotia.ca/snsmr/rmv/licence/default.asp
Nunavut	http://www.gov.nu.ca/edt/information/overviewcontact-information-transportation
Ontario	http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/dandy/vehicle/index.shtml
Prince Edward Island	http://www.gov.pe.ca/highwaysafety/index.php3?number=17802&lang=E
Quebec	http://www.saaq.gouv.qc.ca/en/vehicle_registration/index.php
Saskatchewan	http://www.sgi.sk.ca/individuals/registration/guidelines/index.html
Yukon	http://www.hpw.gov.yk.ca/mv/mwehreg.html

We hope you have found this guide useful however, if you have any questions about shipping your car to Canada or if you would like any further information about what happens when your car arrives; please do not hesitate to get in touch and one of our team will be only too happy to help. You can call us on UK Freephone 0800 389 0784 or International +44 (0) 117 982 8123