

ShipYourCarNow

Auto Transport Services

Car Shipping Preparation Checklist

Complete every item before the carrier arrives on pickup day.

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1. WASH AND DOCUMENT CONDITION

- Wash exterior to reveal all existing damage
- Photograph all 4 sides and the roof
- Close-ups of all dents, paint chips, scratches
- Photograph interior and dashboard
- Photograph odometer reading
(date-stamped photos from your phone)

2. FUEL LEVEL AND MECHANICAL CHECKS

- Reduce gas tank to about a quarter full
(enough to load/unload, minimal extra weight)
- Check tire pressure - inflate to spec
- Check all fluid levels (oil, coolant, brakes)
- Inspect for any active fluid leaks
- Confirm battery holds charge, car starts
- Note spare tire location and condition

3. REMOVE PERSONAL ITEMS

- Remove all clothing and luggage
- Remove all electronics (laptops, tablets)
- Remove important documents and IDs
- Remove loose items from trunk and interior
- Remove spare parts, tools, aftermarket items
- Remove firearms, hazardous materials

IMPORTANT: Personal items are NOT covered by the carrier's cargo insurance. Ship valuables separately.

4. DISABLE ALARMS AND SECURITY SYSTEMS

5. REMOVE TOLL TAGS AND ELECTRONICS

- Remove E-ZPass / SunPass / all toll devices
(driver may travel toll roads during transit)
- Remove parking passes from windshield/dash
- Remove dash cam
- Remove charging cables and USB accessories
- Remove GPS devices and phone mounts

6. REMOVE EXTERNAL ACCESSORIES

- Remove bike racks and luggage racks
- Remove roof boxes and cargo carriers
- Fold in side mirrors
- Retract manual antenna
- Secure or remove loose exterior trim

7. KEYS AND DOCUMENTS

- Prepare a spare set of keys for the driver
- Have your photo ID ready
- Have vehicle registration ready
- Have proof of insurance ready
- Have authorization letter if someone else handles pickup

8. PICKUP DAY

- Confirm pickup window 24 hours in advance
- Park car in truck-accessible location
(75+ ft straight clearance, 14 ft overhead)
- Verify driver identity before handing over keys

"We treat every car that we ship as if it was our own personal vehicle.
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