



Quote Checklist

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Before you request a quote

Exact pickup and delivery ZIP codes (not just city names)

Year, make, model and trim of every vehicle

Modifications: lift kits, oversized tires, roof racks, spoilers

Running or non-running (inoperable) condition

First available date and any hard delivery deadline

Open or enclosed transport preference

Residential access notes: gated community, low branches

Questions to ask every broker or carrier

Is this an all-in price, or can it change after dispatch?

When is the deposit charged, and is it before or after a carrier is assigned?

What is the carrier's cargo insurance limit for my transport type?

Is the carrier's FMCSA authority active, and what is the MC number?

How are vehicles secured — soft-tie straps or frame hooks and chains?

What is the realistic pickup window for my lane, not the best case?

Who do I call while the vehicle is in transit?



Red flags of a lowball quote

- A price hundreds below every other quote on the same lane
- A deposit demanded before any carrier has been assigned
- No written confirmation of the total price and payment terms
- Pressure to book today or the price disappears
- Vague answers about insurance limits or the carrier's identity
- A quote that never mentions season, lane, or vehicle size

Preparing the vehicle for pickup

- Fuel tank at roughly one quarter
- Remove toll transponders and parking passes — we are not responsible for tolls or fees incurred in transit
- Remove all loose interior items and personal belongings
- Wash the exterior so existing damage is visible
- Photograph all four sides, the roof, wheels and odometer
- Disable alarms and note any starting quirks in writing
- Fold in mirrors, retract or remove antennas
- Check for fluid leaks and top off tire pressure

At pickup and delivery

- Walk the vehicle with the driver before it is loaded



Confirm every existing scratch, chip or dent is on the Bill of Lading

Keep your signed copy of the Bill of Lading

Inspect in daylight at delivery before signing anything

Note any new damage on the Bill of Lading before the driver leaves

Take delivery photos matching your pickup photos

Pay the carrier only per the agreed terms

Keep this checklist with your pickup photos and Bill of Lading. Preparation is the best protection against delivery-day disputes.

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