



Open Transport Quote Checklist

Built for open-carrier shipments - the standard 7-10 car hauler used for most moves.

Use it to compare open quotes accurately and avoid surprise charges.

Before you request an open transport quote

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

Year, make, model and trim of the vehicle

Ground clearance - anything under 4 inches may not clear open ramps

Modifications: lift kit, oversized tires, roof rack, camper shell

Running or non-running condition (rolls, brakes and steers?)

Earliest date the vehicle is available for pickup

Whether a top-load position is worth the small premium to you

Questions to ask on every open quote

Are you a broker or a carrier? Ask for the MC and USDOT numbers.

Is the price all-in, or is a broker fee added later?

When is the deposit charged - at booking or only after dispatch?

What is the carrier's cargo insurance limit, and can I see the certificate?

Is the vehicle secured with soft-tie straps over the tires or chains on the frame?

Top load or bottom load, and does that change the price?



What is the realistic pickup window, and what happens if it slips?

What open transport does and does not cover

Your vehicle rides outdoors and is exposed to weather and road debris

Light road film and dust on arrival is normal, not damage

Rock chips are rare but possible - top load reduces the exposure

Convertibles should have a sound, fully sealed soft top

Cargo coverage on our open carriers is \$250,000

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Preparing the vehicle for an open carrier

Wash the vehicle so existing damage is visible on the inspection report

Photograph all four sides, roof, wheels and the odometer with a timestamp

Leave roughly a quarter tank of fuel

Remove toll transponders and parking passes - you remain responsible for any tolls incurred

Remove all personal items; carriers are not licensed to haul household goods

Disable alarms and provide one working key

Fold in mirrors, retract or remove antennas, secure loose spoilers

Secure or remove aftermarket body kits and light bars



Note any fluid leaks or battery issues for the driver

At pickup and delivery

Walk the Bill of Lading with the driver and mark every existing blemish

Keep your own copy of the signed Bill of Lading

Inspect in daylight at delivery before signing off

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

Confirm the final payment amount and accepted payment methods in advance