

Auto Transport 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.