



Moving a Car to the United States from Canada

Step 1: Before you import to the U.S.

Determine conformity to regulations: Your vehicle must meet the U.S. standards as determined by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Transportation regulations.

[Importing a Motor Vehicle | U.S. Customs and Border Protection \(cbp.gov\)](#)

Obtain manufacturer letter: Vehicles that are less than 25 years old must comply with [Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards](#) in order to be imported permanently. Contact your vehicle manufacturer at least 2-3 weeks before import to ask for a letter stating that your vehicle complies with all applicable safety and emission regulations.

Gather all documents for your vehicle: In order to be cleared at Customs and Border Control, please gather all documents relating to your vehicle. This can include but is not limited to: the bill of sale, foreign registration, title (or other valid proof of ownership) and the shipper's or carrier's original bill of landing.

Clean undercarriage: The U.S. Department of Agriculture requires that the undercarriage of imported cars be free of foreign soil. It would be best to have your car cleaned thoroughly before import.

Complete necessary forms: When importing a vehicle, an [HS-7 Declaration Form](#) must be filed at time of import, as well as [Form 3520-I](#) from the EPA.

Step 2: At the border

Once you are at the port of entry into the U.S., make sure to have all your documentation with you (declaration and EPA forms, proof of ownership, manufacturer letter/certificate). An officer will help you file the entry at the border.

Step 3: After vehicle entry

After the vehicle has entered the U.S., you should receive a [CBP Form 7051 Entry Summary](#). Keep this form with you, as it will need to be presented to the Department of Motor Vehicles for licensing and registration purposes.