

Door-to-Door Car Shipping: Pre-Shipment Checklist

Ensure a smooth and secure journey for your car with this handy checklist before your door-to-door car shipping service arrives!

Cleaning Up for Inspection:

- **Wash your car thoroughly (interior and exterior).** A clean car allows for a proper pre-shipment inspection and helps identify any existing damage.
- **Remove all loose items from the interior.** This includes everything from phone chargers and sunglasses to personal belongings. Loose items can bounce around during transport and potentially damage your car's interior or themselves.

Securing Your Vehicle:

- **Double-check that all exterior parts are securely fastened.** This includes antenna masts, roof racks, spoilers, etc. Consider removing them temporarily if possible (check with the car shipping company for specific guidelines).

Fluid Check and Top-Offs:

- **Ensure all car fluids are at their recommended levels.** This includes engine oil, coolant, brake fluid, transmission fluid, and windshield washer fluid. Top off any fluids that are low.

Tire Pressure Matters:

- **Inflate all tires (including the spare) to the recommended pressure according to your car's owner's manual.** Don't forget to account for weather conditions, as hot or cold temperatures can slightly alter tire pressure.

Battery Boost:

- **Make sure your car battery has a full charge.** A dead battery can cause delays. Consider replacing an old battery before shipping.

Fuel Efficiency:

- **Leave a quarter to half tank of gas in your vehicle.** This ensures enough fuel for loading and unloading while minimizing weight and potential fire risk during transport.

Less is More:

- **Unless the car shipping company allows it, avoid leaving valuables or important documents inside your car.** Pack these items with your belongings for safekeeping.

Documentation is Key:

- **Take clear photos of any existing dents, scratches, or dings on your car's exterior.** Note down the mileage reading. These serve as a reference in case of any damage during transport.

Final Touches:

- **Disable car alarms or automatic toll payment systems.**
- **Review the car shipping company's instructions carefully and follow any specific requirements they may have for vehicle preparation.**

Bonus Tip: Download our comprehensive car shipping preparation guide (insert downloadable guide link here) for a deeper dive into the process.

By following this checklist and ensuring your car is in good working order, you can contribute to a stress-free car shipping experience!