

Canada → USA Shipping Checklist

CBP 7501 prepared by us, duty guidance, and border requirements for cross border car shipping

Quick Overview

US Canada Auto Transport prepares the U.S. Customs entry for your vehicle import into the United States. We compile and complete the CBP entry packet (including CBP Form 7501) and any required

EPA (3520-1) and DOT (HS-7) declarations. You won't fill out forms at the border—we coordinate clearance and keep you updated.

What We Handle

- ✓ Prepare the CBP entry packet (CBP 7501) and coordinate customs clearance.
- ✓ Prepare EPA 3520-1 and DOT HS-7 declarations when applicable to your vehicle/VIN.
- ✓ Coordinate carrier paperwork and timing at the border/terminal.
- ✓ Provide duty/tax guidance and expected timelines; share copies of filed documents for your records.

Documents You Provide (Upload clear photos/scans)

- Bill of Sale (proof of purchase) or gift/transfer documentation.
- Canadian Registration (proof of prior registration).
- Government ID (passport/driver's license).
- Lienholder Letter of Authorization (only if there is an active lien).
- Any additional information we request to complete EPA/DOT declarations (if applicable).

Duty & Compliance Notes

- Import duty may apply, especially for foreign-made vehicles—even if the vehicle is a gift.
- Some vehicles require EPA/DOT conformity or exemptions. We'll advise based on your VIN and vehicle age.
- No 72-hour export notice is required for Canada → USA imports (that rule applies to vehicles exiting the U.S.).

Vehicle Preparation

- Remove personal items (policies vary by carrier/route).
- Photograph all sides and note existing damage before pickup.
- Factory ride height preferred; note any aftermarket modifications.
- Fuel at ~¼ tank; secure loose parts/antenna.
- Provide one set of keys to the driver.

Pickup Day Tips

- Be available for driver communication; confirm access/meeting point for a large truck.
- Have documents and keys ready; Bill of Lading (BOL) issued at pickup.
- Verify condition notes on the BOL before signing.

Border & Clearance (Canada → USA)

- We coordinate with the carrier and the port/entry point for your U.S. Customs clearance.
- We provide your completed CBP entry packet and any required EPA/DOT declarations; keep copies for your records.
- Follow any final instructions from our team or CBP; if anything additional is needed, we'll advise immediately.

Delivery

- Inspect the vehicle at delivery; compare with your pickup photos.
- Note any transit damage on the BOL before signing.
- Settle final payment per your booking (if COD/terminal).

Helpful Links

CBP Form 7501 — official CBP page <https://www.cbp.gov/document/forms/form-7501-entry-summary-continuation-sheets>

CBP: Importing a Motor Vehicle <https://www.cbp.gov/trade/basic-import-export/importing-car>

EPA Form 3520-1 — official EPA page <https://www.epa.gov/importing-vehicles-and-engines/publications-and-forms-importing-vehicles-and-engines>

DOT/NHTSA HS-7 — declaration download

<https://www.nhtsa.gov/es/document/declaration-form-hs7>

US Canada Auto Transport – Customs & Documents

<https://www.uscanadaautotransport.com/us-canada-customs-documents/>

Note: Requirements can vary by vehicle age/VIN and route. We'll confirm exactly what applies when you request a quote.