

6 STOPS ON THE ROAD TO IMPORTING A VEHICLE INTO CANADA FROM THE US

So, you've found a kicking-good deal on a vehicle over the border. Now what? BorderBuddy lays out the 6 essential steps you'll need to follow to get it home.

START

STEP 2

OBTAIN all required documents to get that sweet deal into Canada.

STEP 4

PRESENT the original title and ITN to U.S. Customs.

STEP 6

COMPLETE the inspection and register the unit.

STEP 1

CONTACT Transport Canada BEFORE you buy to ensure that bargain you found can actually be imported.

STEP 3

FILE ITN and 72 hours of prior notice with U.S. Customs.

STEP 5

PRESENT the prepared import documents to Canada Customs.

GOAL

STEP 1 CONTACT

Nothing worse than laying out cash and then discovering to your horror that it violates Canada's complex and stringent safety standards. Make sure you have all the vehicle specs and then call them directly at 1-800-333-0371. Don't get stung!

STEP 2 OBTAIN

So, Much, Paperwork. You'll need to work with the seller because they must sign the original title, and provide both a recall clearance letter and bill of sale. Any outstanding recalls on the vehicle could derail your deal.

STEP 3 FILE

Your ITN is the Internal Transaction Number issued to you during the export/import process. It's vital that the ITN accompany the request to start the 72-hour export notice.

STEP 4 PRESENT

At this stage of the process, timing is everything! BorderBuddy removes the guesswork by advising you when you are ready to cross. When you do, the original title and documents prepared by BorderBuddy must be presented at U.S. Customs in person.

STEP 5 PRESENT

Once you are finished with U.S. Customs, you'll present your import documents on the Canadian side. (Don't give up now! You're almost done.)

STEP 6 COMPLETE

As we said above, Canadian standards are stricter than the U.S. so passing an inspection is vital and can be done by any licensed mechanic.

Sure, it looks like a daunting list of things to do, but call one of our BorderBuddy experts today and they'll walk you through every one of them to ensure you get that cross-border bargain.

Try BorderBuddy's simple-to-use Import a Vehicle Calculator so you'll know all the import duties/taxes BEFORE you even make a purchase.

<https://app.borderbuddy.com/calculator2/public;importtype=vehicle>