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Shipping Secrets Revealed: The Ultimate Checklist to Transport Your Wheels (or Anything Else) Smoothly!

Ready to ship your vehicle, but worried about getting lost in a sea of confusing documents?

This ultimate checklist is your map to navigating the murky waters of vehicle shipping paperwork.

Inside this guide, you'll discover:

- Essential documents for all vehicles
- Vehicle-specific requirements (cars, motorcycles, atvs and utvs, boats, trucks, golf carts, RV and trailers, and heavy equipment)
- Bonus tips and tricks

So, grab this checklist and let's chart a course for a smooth and stress-free shipping adventure!





ESSENTIAL DOCUMENTS FOR ALL VEHICLES:

THE BIG THREE:

- ☐ **TITLE**
Proof you own the vehicle.
- ☐ **REGISTRATION**
Shows it's legal to drive.
- ☐ **ID**
Matches the name on the title and registration.

SUPPORTING CAST:

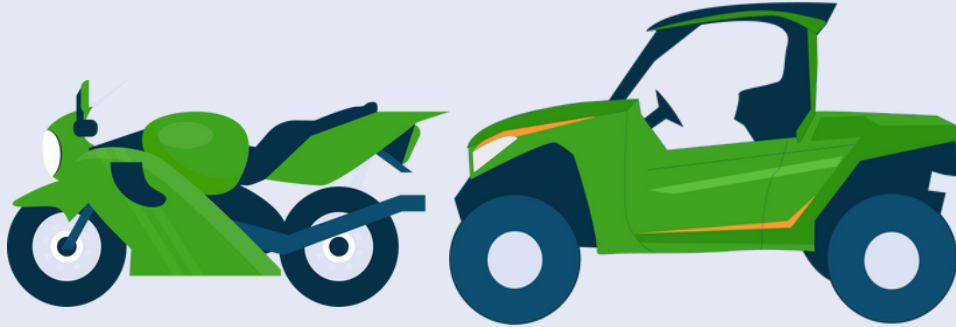
- ☐ **INSURANCE**
Proof of coverage during transport.
- ☐ **EMISSIONS CERTIFICATE**
(if required by state)
- ☐ **LIEN RELEASE**
(if applicable)
- ☐ **BILL OF SALE**
(for recently purchased vehicles)



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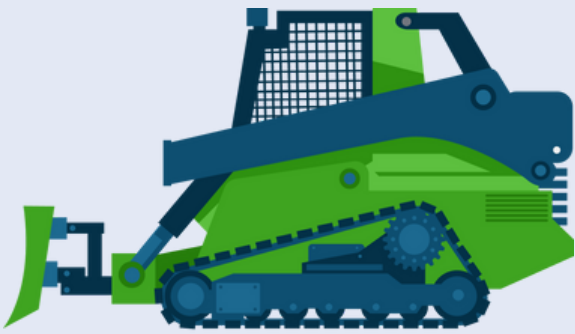
CHART YOUR COURSE:

Specialized Checklists for Every Vessel!



Motorcycles

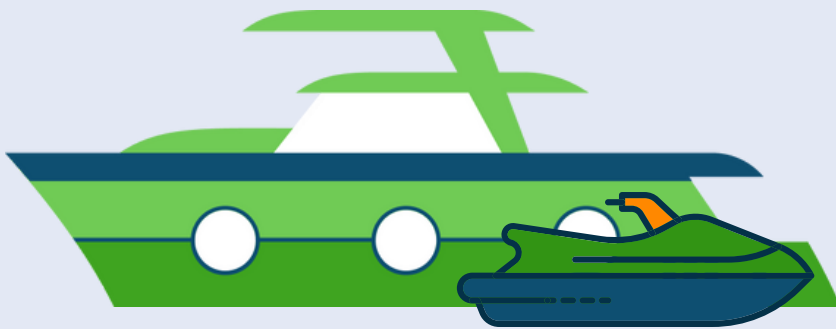
ATVs/UTVs



Heavy Equipment



RVs & Trailers



Boats & Watercraft



Golf Carts



Trucks



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MOTORCYCLE SHIPPING DOCUMENT CHECKLIST



THE BIG THREE:

- ☐ **TITLE**
- ☐ **REGISTRATION**
- ☐ **ID**

SUPPORTING CAST:

- ☐ **INSURANCE**
A safety net for unexpected bumps in the road.
- ☐ **EMISSIONS CERTIFICATE (IF APPLICABLE)**
Show your bike runs clean, even when stationary.
- ☐ **LIEN RELEASE (IF APPLICABLE)**
Clear the path of any financial roadblocks.
- ☐ **BILL OF SALE (IF RECENTLY PURCHASED)**
Proof of your recent motorcycle acquisition.

BONUS GEAR:

- ☐ **MANUFACTURER'S CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN (MCO)**
Helpful for brand-new bikes.
- ☐ **TRIP PERMIT (IF CROSSING STATE LINES)**
Temporary registration for smooth border crossings.
- ☐ **PRE-SHIPMENT PHOTOS**
Document your bike's condition before it sets sail.



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ATV/UTV SHIPPING DOCUMENT CHECKLIST



THE BIG THREE:

- ☐ **TITLE**
- ☐ **REGISTRATION**
- ☐ **ID**

SUPPORTING CAST:

- ☐ **INSURANCE**
A safety net for unexpected bumps and jumps.
- ☐ **PROOF OF OWNERSHIP (IF NO TITLE)**
Bill of Sale or Manufacturer's Statement of Origin.
- ☐ **LIEN RELEASE (IF APPLICABLE)**
Clear the path of any financial roadblocks.
- ☐ **PRE-SHIPMENT PHOTOS**
Document your ATV/UTV's condition before it sets sail.

BONUS GEAR:

- ☐ **TRAIL PERMITS (IF REQUIRED)**
Check specific destination regulations.
- ☐ **MANUFACTURER'S WEIGHT CERTIFICATE**
If exceeding size limits, it will ensure smooth trailer loading.
- ☐ **DISCONNECTION/REFUELING CERTIFICATION**
Required for some enclosed trailers.



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HEAVY EQUIPMENT SHIPPING DOCUMENT CHECKLIST



THE BIG THREE (DON'T LEAVE WITHOUT THEM!):

- ☐ **BILL OF SALE OR TITLE**
- ☐ **PERMIT OR LICENSE**
- ☐ **INSURANCE**

SUPPORTING CAST:

- ☐ **MANUFACTURER'S WEIGHT CERTIFICATE**
Ensures smooth trailer loading and legal compliance.
- ☐ **INSPECTION REPORTS**
Recent proof equipment is good-working and safe to travel.
- ☐ **MAINTENANCE RECORDS**
Documentation of past repairs and upkeep.
- ☐ **LIEN RELEASE (IF APPLICABLE)**
Clear the path of any financial roadblocks.

BONUS GEAR:

- ☐ **ROUTE APPROVAL (IF EXCEEDING HEIGHT/WIDTH LIMITS)**
Some bridges and roadways need pre-approval.
- ☐ **OVERSIZE LOAD PERMITS (IF REQUIRED)**
Don't get stuck under a low bridge! Check route specifics.
- ☐ **ESCORT VEHICLES (IF NECESSARY)**
For wide or slow-moving equipment, ensure safe passage.



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RVS & TRAILERS SHIPPING DOCUMENT CHECKLIST



THE BIG THREE:

- ☐ **TITLE**
- ☐ **REGISTRATION**
- ☐ **ID**

SUPPORTING CAST:

- ☐ **INSURANCE**
A safety net for unexpected bumps and jumps.
- ☐ **PROOF OF OWNERSHIP (IF NO TITLE)**
Bill of Sale or Manufacturer's Statement of Origin.
- ☐ **LIEN RELEASE (IF APPLICABLE)**
Clear the path of any financial roadblocks.
- ☐ **PRE-SHIPMENT PHOTOS**
Document your RV/trailer's condition before they set sail.

BONUS GEAR:

- ☐ **TRIP PERMITS (IF CROSSING STATE LINES)**
Temporary registration for smooth border crossings.
- ☐ **WEIGHT CERTIFICATE (IF EXCEEDING SIZE LIMITS)**
Ensures safe and legal trailer loading.
- ☐ **WINTERIZATION CERTIFICATE (DURING COLD WEATHER)**
Protects your pipes from unexpected chills.
- ☐ **PROPANE TANK CERTIFICATION (IF APPLICABLE)**
Some states require proof of empty or properly secured tanks.

BOATS & WATERCRAFT SHIPPING DOCUMENT CHECKLIST



THE BIG THREE:

- ☐ **TITLE**
- ☐ **REGISTRATION**
- ☐ **ID**

SUPPORTING CAST:

- ☐ **INSURANCE**
A lifejacket for unexpected waves and bumps in the road.
- ☐ **MANUFACTURER'S CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN (MCO)**
Helpful for newer vessels.
- ☐ **LIEN RELEASE (IF APPLICABLE)**
Clear any financial anchors before setting sail.
- ☐ **PRE-SHIPMENT PHOTOS**
Document your boat's condition before it hits dry land.

BONUS GEAR:

- ☐ **MARINE SURVEY (IF REQUIRED)**
Proof of seaworthiness for larger vessels or insurance purposes
- ☐ **TRAILER WEIGHT CERTIFICATE (IF EXCEEDING SIZE LIMITS)**
Ensures safe and legal land travel.
- ☐ **WINTERIZATION CERTIFICATE (DURING COLD WEATHER)**
Protects your engines from unexpected chills.
- ☐ **DANGEROUS GOODS MANIFEST (IF APPLICABLE)**
For any flammable or hazardous materials onboard.



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GOLF CARTS SHIPPING DOCUMENT CHECKLIST



THE BIG THREE:

- ☐ **PROOF OF OWNERSHIP**
Title or Bill of Sale works!
- ☐ **REGISTRATION (IF APPLICABLE)**
Some states require a tag for street-legal carts.
- ☐ **ID**
Matches the name on the title.

SUPPORTING CAST:

- ☐ **LIEN RELEASE (IF APPLICABLE)**
Clear the path of any financial roadblocks.
- ☐ **BILL OF SALE (IF RECENTLY PURCHASED)**
Proof of your recent golf cart acquisition.
- ☐ **PRE-SHIPMENT PHOTOS**
Document your cart's condition before it sets sail.

BONUS GEAR:

- ☐ **MANUFACTURER'S CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN (MCO)**
Helpful for newer carts.
- ☐ **WEIGHT CERTIFICATE (IF EXCEEDING SIZE LIMITS)**
Ensures safe and legal loading.
- ☐ **DISCONNECTION/REFUELING CERTIFICATION**
Required for some enclosed trailers.
- ☐ **BATTERIES REMOVED (IF ELECTRIC)**
Avoid potential fire hazards during transport.



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TRUCK SHIPPING DOCUMENT CHECKLIST



THE BIG THREE:

- ☐ **TITLE**
- ☐ **REGISTRATION**
- ☐ **ID**

SUPPORTING CAST:

- ☐ **INSURANCE**
A safety net for unexpected bumps and potholes.
- ☐ **PROOF OF EMISSIONS TESTING (IF REQUIRED)**
Show your truck runs clean, even when burning rubber.
- ☐ **LIEN RELEASE (IF APPLICABLE)**
Clear the path of any financial roadblocks.
- ☐ **PRE-SHIPMENT PHOTOS**
Document your truck's condition before it sets sail.

BONUS GEAR:

- ☐ **WEIGHT CERTIFICATE (IF EXCEEDING SIZE LIMITS)**
Ensures safe and legal travel for heavy haulers.
- ☐ **PERMITS (IF HAULING OVERSIZED/HAZARDOUS MATERIALS)**
Don't get stuck under a bridge or cause a chemical explosion!
- ☐ **TRIP PERMITS (IF CROSSING STATE LINES)**
Temporary registration for smooth border crossings.
- ☐ **ESCORT VEHICLES (IF NECESSARY)**
For wide or slow-moving trucks, ensure safe passage.



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Level Up Your Shipping Game: BONUS TIPS AND TRICKS

- ☐ **PACK IT IN, PACK IT SAFE**
Secure loose items in your vehicle to avoid bumps and bruises (both internal and external). Think padding, straps, and maybe even some bubble wrap love for fragile stuff.
- ☐ **FUEL FRENZY**
Don't leave your ride a thirsty traveler! Top off your vehicle's fuel tank just enough to avoid attracting hungry gas-sniffing gremlins during transport.
- ☐ **PICTURE PERFECT**
Snap some pre-shipment photos of your vehicle from all angles.
- ☐ **PAPER TRAIL PROWESS**
Keep copies of all your essential documents readily accessible. Bonus points for digital backups!
- ☐ **TALK TECH**
Many shipping companies offer online tracking tools. Embrace the tech magic and watch your vehicle sail across the digital map, stress-free!
- ☐ **COMPARE AND CONQUER**
Don't get caught in the price vortex! Compare quotes from multiple shipping companies before you set sail.
- ☐ **SEEK THE EXPERTS**
Consider using a reputable vehicle shipping service to handle the heavy lifting and guide you through the process with ease.

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Bon Voyage!
Your Shipping Adventure Awaits!