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#### Buying a Car from the US



Buying a Car from the US

1. If you are thinking of taking advantage of the strong Canadian dollar there are a few rules that you should be aware of before proceeding;
  - a. You cannot buy a new model;
  - b. The vehicle must be at least six months old;
  - c. The vehicle must have been previously sold as used.

Currently, there are several outstanding Canadian law suites against US manufactures regarding new car sales but for the most part the manufacturers will not sell them directly to Canadian citizens.

2. The price for an American vehicle will very by state and type of vehicle. You may also need to make changes to meet Canadian requirements depending on your province. For instance, all New York state models have daytime running lamps, where as Virginia state models do not, further there can also be odometer issues.
3. If you purchase a demo model, than you must pay the GST and PST taxes at the border. On some models you must also pay duties but this varies by make and model. To be certain of all applicable charges it is best to contact Customs and Excise Canada for the specific model regulations. In order to have the vehicle shipped, you must have valid insurance and get a US trip permit or have a dealer plate that allows for travel.
4. Once the vehicle is in Canada, you must take it to a verification station for mileage check and a physical presence check (making sure the car exists). Currently in Canada, this service is only available through Canadian Tire at a cost of \$200.00.
5. Once all these steps are completed, then the vehicle can be licensed in Canada.



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