



Loading a car to an ocean container

Preparation.

The first step to having a successful loading process is preparation. Make sure you have the following ready. (a) the required paperwork to ship your vehicle overseas (b) the fuel tank must have less than a ¼ (c) schedule a tow truck (d) get straps to secure the vehicle to the container floor (e) arrange for proper parking/loading area.

Arrival of Container

Our dispatch center will coordinate the arrival of the container to the designated location. as soon as the container arrives, verify that the container number is shown on the side of the container or on the right side container door. Record this number for your records



Loading

Since the container is about 5 feet above ground you need to call a flatbed tow truck to lift the car. The tow truck then back it to the container where then the car can be rolled in to the container.



Securing the car to prevent it from moving during transit.

One of the most important steps is securing the car. Once the car is inside the container you need to secure it with straps to the hooks at the bottom of the container. In this shot, you'll see how 2 x 4 wood blocks are screwed down to the floor of the container and around each wheel to prevent the car from moving during transit. As an added securing step, tie down straps that can be tightened by tensioning ratchets, are tied between the car and the floor of the container.



Final Steps

Once the car is fully secured, **the battery needs to be disconnected**. Make sure you see that the driver has a seal to close the door after you have finished loading. Close the container doors, place the seal on the door, and send the container on its way.



Record the container & seal number

Make sure you record the container number and seal number on a separate sheet of paper and provide this information to our dispatch department. The booking instructions we send to the shipping company will include a request for the driver to bring along a seal.

