

## BUYING A MODEL A in the USA

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### BEFORE YOU GO

1. Get Email/Fax copy of Title
2. Buy Transport insurance (~\$30) for a few weeks from ICBC
  - a. Covered on private property or trailer only
  - b. Can't drive or park on public property
3. Print advertisement
  - a. To show Customs on way down
  - b. To prove purchase price is true on way back
4. Print up a simple Agreement of Sale (with blank for purchase price)
  - a. 2 copies – for you and for seller
  - b. Customs and ICBC will ask for this
5. Ask if VIN is visible and matches Title
  - a. Customs may check this
  - b. ICBC will check this
  - c. For "Collector" plates, body must be from a factory
6. Take out Cash

### ON THE WAY DOWN

1. Stop at both Customs to declare cash of \$10,000 or more
  - a. Show proof that car is for sale (to prove why you are carrying that much cash)

### BUYING

1. Confirm "Clear Title"
  - a. = no liens

2. Agree on a price
3. Transfer Title
  - a. No need to go to an insurance office or motor vehicle branch
  - b. No transfer forms
  - c. The owner just signs the Title and it's yours!  
Owner, not Seller
4. Fill out your Agreement of Sale and sign it.

#### BRINGING IT BACK – Export / Import

1. Car must stay in USA for 72 hours after paperwork is submitted
  - a. Leave it at Ben Tillak's place in Blaine (arrange beforehand with Ben)
2. Contact Customs Broker to get ITN (Internal Transaction Number)
  - a. \$80 at Jones & Jones Customs Brokers (vs \$150)  
Ph. 360-332-6090 - Matt
  - b. Email your documents
  - c. 1 hour – sends ITN
3. Fill out and fax/email "US Customs Vehicle Export Cover Sheet" with Title, and Agreement for Sale to US Customs (email: [Blaine-OFOExport@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:Blaine-OFOExport@cbp.dhs.gov))
4. US Customs replies with date the car can be exported
5. Take car and original documents that you submitted in (3) to US Border Customs office
  - a. Truck Crossing only
  - b. Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 3:30 pm only
  - c. They stamp and you leave (may look at car/check VIN)

## IN CANADA

1. Stop at Canadian Customs
  - a. Show Agreement of Sale
  - b. They may check VIN
  - c. Pay GST and get Import document
2. Take car to Safety Inspection
  - a. Villa Automotive (Minder Dhillon)  
5150A Still Creek Ave, Burnaby, 604-298-4012  
2 hours.....\$100
3. Take car home
4. Go to ICBC
  - a. Get Storage insurance (\$30 for 1 year, refundable)
  - b. Transfer ownership to yourself
  - c. Pay PST
5. Fill out ICBC form for “Collector”, “Modified Collector”, or “Vintage” license plates. (Car body must have been from a factory – not fiberglass)
  - a. Take 10/11 pictures
  - b. submit form and pictures to ICBC
  - c. take to ICBC head office (N.Van) for faster turnaround
  - d. 1 day to 3 weeks
6. ICBC will send plates to your local ICBC Autoplan office
  - a. OR....go to N.Van to pick your plates and buy your insurance