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Whether you purchase a vehicle when you arrive at your Korean duty station or ship a vehicle over yourself through a Vehicle Processing Center (VPC) will depend on your grade, branch of service, destination duty station and orders.



VOLVO

If you do purchase a vehicle overseas, you may opt to buy it at the AAFES/NEXCOM Exchange car dealership on base or through another dealer that specializes in military sales, such as Volvo Car Korea.

Dealers, such as Volvo Car Korea Co., often offer military personnel prices below the retail price, with direct delivery to service members in Korea.

Conversely, should you plan to bring your vehicle with you, keep in mind that typically only grades TSgts and above are entitled to bring one vehicle with them to Korea. In addition, it is best to call your next duty station or ask your sponsor before you decide to ship your vehicle since some installations do not authorize POVs. The expense of shipping your automobile and off-base parking may be your responsibility.

If you do not have an entitlement to ship a vehicle, it is your responsibility to make sure that the shipment goes smoothly. Initially, the transportation office will do the paperwork and inform you of the nearest port. Once you have your orders, you should contact the port for information on advance shipments, and what steps need to be taken prior to shipment, including removing all dirt from the vehicle, getting written permission from the leinholder to ship the vehicle outside the United States, and any modifications to the engine or exhaust systems necessary to comply with Korean emission laws.

Military personnel have up to one year from their overseas travel date to ship a vehicle. Furthermore, all vehicles shipped overseas from the U.S. are entitled to return shipment from overseas, however this may not apply to vehicles purchased overseas.

Do not use your car to ship property. Theft from cars in transit is very common. In fact, it is advisable not to leave anything in the car including jumper cables, tools or car seats. These items should be shipped with your hold baggage. In addition, you should remove your radio if you can.

# POV



## in KOREA

Do not fill up your gas tank before you ship your vehicle as it will only be drained at the port that your car is shipped from. Your car should arrive in Korea approximately 60-90 days after it is shipped from an East Coast port.

There are three VPCs: Seoul, Taegu and Pusan. You must locate the nearest processing center and arrange to pick up your vehicle once it arrives. You will need your Military ID card or driver's license, DD Form 788 (Private Vehicle Shipping Document) and three copies of your shipping orders. If the car is picked up by another person, that person must show a letter of authorization or Power of Attorney papers. It is a good idea for the person picking up the vehicle to bring along an extra set of keys.

When you pick up your car, wash it thoroughly and check it over carefully for any new scratches, dents or nicks that may have occurred during transport. These should be claimed prior to signing the car off.

You must register your car with a USFK Vehicle Recorder within 10 days of arriving into Korea. The same applies to mopeds and motorcycles. To register your POV, you will need: an ID card, proof of insurance and ownership, Korean customs import document (3702-55B), valid USFK driver's license (a current driver's license is required to obtain a Korean license), copy of orders authorizing shipment or DD Form 788 (private vehicle shipment document), vehicle safety inspection certificate that is less than 30 days old, and an application for vehicle registration (USFK Form 31 EK). The registration is good for one year. To renew it, you will have to show a new safety inspection sheet to the vehicle recorder.

If you will be stationed in Area 1, you will have to request special permission to own or operate your vehicle.

Since the accident rate is high in Korea and they have no-fault insurance, it is imperative military personnel have automobile insurance coverage when operating their vehicle.

For more information on shipping your POV to and from Korea, consult your sponsor, transportation office or go to the Military Traffic Management Command website at <http://www.defenselink.mil/specials/itsyourmove>.