

Transportation from port

Moving a Kei car

Kei cars aren't built for sustained highway speeds, so be sure to transport yours from the port using a method, such as a flatbed or trailer, that keeps its wheels off the pavement, preventing them from spinning and potentially causing damage.

Towing

A 6' x 12' trailer should be able to haul most Kei vehicles.

Uhaul provides a standard tow trailer that should fit this requirement

6x12 Utility Trailer Rental

Select Equipment

6' x 12' Utility Trailer ▼



Ensure that you get the 6x12 utility trailer and **not the 6x12 Utility Trailer Rental with Ramp**. The trailer with the ramp has a narrower entrance and can potentially cause damage to the Kei when loading and unloading.

Also, ensure that the 6x12 utility trailer with no ramp has an open entrance. Some of the 6x12 utility trailers with no ramp have a narrow entrance like the trailer with the ramp.

IMAGES OF OPEN RAMP VS NARROW RAMP

Tiedowns

You will need a set of 4 tie-downs to secure the vehicle to the trailer. Since Kei cars weigh about 1500 pounds, this set of 4 tie-downs will be sufficient to secure the vehicle.

You can secure the car by putting the hooks through the holes on the rim and running the tie downs across the trailer

EXAMPLE OF SECURING A KEI CAR

Autotransport

If you're unable to tow the vehicle yourself, consider hiring a professional auto transport service. Because Kei cars are uncommon in the U.S., be sure to provide their exact weight and dimensions when requesting a quote.



Autotransport cost

The shipping company Montway Auto Transport describes the typical cost for auto transport.

“ Car shipping costs in 2025, specifically for open car shipping, are estimated around \$1.85/mile for short distances (1-500 miles) or \$555 for a 300-mile trip. Medium distances average about \$.91/mile (500-1500 miles) or \$910 for 1000 miles. Long distances (1500+ miles) are about \$.59/mile or \$1,180 for a 2000-mile trip. It’s important to note that car shipping costs may vary and the rates for enclosed car shipping will be higher.

Requirements for autotransport

You don’t need to be on-site when your vehicle is picked up. However, the transport company must have:

- A copy of your Delivery Order
- Clear instructions on where to collect the vehicle

Autotransport companies

There are two ways to find an auto transport company:

1. **Local Providers:** Call businesses located near your entry port to compare rates and services.
2. **Online Aggregators:** Use a freight-broker or auto-transport aggregator website to request multiple quotes at once, such as [Uship](#) or [Shiply](#)

By gathering several estimates and ensuring the carrier has your Delivery Order, you’ll streamline the shipping process and avoid any delays.

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